



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

Trustee William Barnes called the November 12, 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Plainfield Fire Protection District to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance at the District Headquarters located at 23748 W. 135th Street, Plainfield, IL in the Board of Trustees Meeting Room.

A roll call attendance was taken as follows: Trustee Tom Paul - present; Trustee Bob Baish – present; Trustee Bill Barnes – present; Trustee Doug Shreve – present; Trustee Ted Peszynski – present.

Also in attendance were Chief Jon Stratton; Assistant Chief Mark Reynolds; Attorney John Motylinski, Ottosen Britz; Brad O’Sullivan, Governmental Accounting and Admin. Assistant Mary Jo Fazio.

Budget Hearing – A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to open the budget hearing, seconded by Trustee Baish. All in favor. President Barnes stated the notice of tonight’s hearing was published in the newspaper as required by law and a tentative copy of the budget has been made available to the public for 30 days for the calendar year 2020. He asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to close the budget hearing, seconded by Trustee Baish. All in favor.

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – Trustee Paul read thank you notes from Foster Coach for purchasing the new Horton Ambulance; from Newark Fire Protection District to Chief Stratton; and from Noah Ciarelette for sponsoring him in the Romeoville Fire Academy.

A motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve October 8, 2019, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Shreve, all in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve October 11, 2019, Special meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Peszynski, all in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve January 8, 2019; January 22, 2019, Special Closed Meeting; February 12, 2019; April 9, 2019; June 11, 2019; July 9, 2019, and August 13, 2019, closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor. Motion carried.

Brad O’Sullivan, Governmental Accounting, presented the Treasurer’s report to the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to pay the bills in the usual manner, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes– yes; Trustee Shreve –yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.

Old Business – Nothing to report.

New Business – Several Board of Review notices were received. Attorney John Motylinski stated no action is to be taken.

No Annexations were received.

No new Tax Objection Notices were received.

Attorney's Report – John Motylinski updated the Board on the consolidation of the Illinois Pension funds. He stated there is now a bill on the subject.

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to approve the employee 2020 insurance benefits. Chief Stratton presented the insurance renewal information to the Board. After a brief conversation, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to renew the employee insurance benefits as presented, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

Ordinance No. 19-1112A – Ordinance No. 19-1112A, an ordinance fixing the budget and making appropriations for the Plainfield Fire Protection District for fire protection and ambulance service in Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois for the calendar year ending December 31, 2020. **A motion was made by Trustee Baish to adopt Ordinance 19-1112A, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Levy Ordinance No. 19-1112B – Ordinance No. 19-1112B, an ordinance for the levying and assessing of taxes for the Plainfield Fire Protection District for fire protection, ambulance service, pension fund, and tort liability in the counties of Will and Kendall and State of Illinois for the calendar year 2019. **A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adopt Levy Ordinance 19-1112B as presented, seconded by Trustee Baish. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Ordinance No. 19-1112C – Ordinance No. 19-1112C, an ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2019 to pay debt service on general obligation refunding bonds (alternate revenue source), series 2015 of the Plainfield Fire Protection District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois. **A motion was made by Trustee Baish to adopt Ordinance 19-1112C, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Ordinance No. 19-1112D – Ordinance No. 19-1112D, an ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2019 to pay debt service on general obligation refunding bonds (alternate revenue source), series 2016 of the Plainfield Fire Protection District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois. **A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adopt Ordinance 19-1112D, seconded by Trustee Baish. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Ordinance No. 19-1112E – Ordinance No. 19-1112E, an ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2019 to pay debt service on general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source), series 2008 of the Plainfield Fire Protection District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois. **A motion was made by Trustee Baish to adopt Ordinance 19-1112E, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Stratton informed the Board two snow plowing bids were received. One was from Beutel Services, Inc. and the other from Fazio Landscaping, Inc. After reviewing the bids, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to split the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 snow removal between Keith's Lawn Service (Stations 1 & 4) and Fazio Landscaping (Stations 2-3 and HQ), seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Stratton asked the Board to approve the renewal of Deputy Chief Vito Bonomo's contract. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Paul to renew DC Bonomo's contract, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to promote one Firefighter/Paramedic to Lieutenant due to a position opening and hire one Firefighter/Paramedic to fill the open position. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to promote one Firefighter/Paramedic to Lieutenant and to hire a Firefighter/Paramedic to fill the open position, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Stratton requested the Board's approval to proceed with reviewing wage increases for non-union personnel. After a brief conversation, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to allow Chief Stratton to proceed with reviewing non-union personnel wage increases, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services was \$144,320.54 from Andres Medical. Billing income from USA Fire Recovery was \$5,644.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Stratton stated that a couple of people from the Vehicle committee will be at Pierce on November 21-22, 2019 to inspect the new engine. The final inspection should be in December 2019.

Chief Stratton asked the Board if they would mind sharing an office with the Commissioners. The Board had no objection to sharing office space.

The awning at Station 4 has been installed and Station 4 overhead doors have been painted.

There is a new Employee Assistance Program in place. They have been giving a presentation of the program to the crews.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report at this time.

There being no further business or a need for closed session, a motion was made by Trustee Baish to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant