

## PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## **BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES**

Trustee William Barnes called the December 10, 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. 135<sup>th</sup> 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; Deputy Chief Vito Bonomo; Battalion Chief Vince Baudek, Attorney Tom Gilbert, Ottosen Britz; James Howard, Governmental Accounting and Admin. Assistant Mary Jo Fazio.

**Open Forum** – Nothing from the audience.

**Correspondence** – Trustee Paul read a thank you note from a resident thanking St. 3 Gold Shift for their assistance in helping their dog. He also read notes from Linden, New Jersey; Siro, Oklahoma and one from a resident in Plainfield stating how impressed they all were for helping out the little boy at his birthday party.

A motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve November 12, 2019, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor. Motion carried.

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, presented the Treasurer's report to the Board. A motion was made by Trustee Baish to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to pay the bills in the usual manner, 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.

Old Business – A motion was made by Trustee Baish to accept the Treasurer's report from the November 2019 meeting as it was 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.

New Business – No Board of Review notices were received.

No Annexations were received.

One new Tax Objection was received. Attorney Tom Gilbert stated his office will take care of it.

Attorney's Report – Nothing to report.

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Chief Stratton stated a quote was received from Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$10,010.00 for fire hose, nozzles and tips that were deemed out of service after doing a yearly hose inspection. After some discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve the purchase of the replacement hose, nozzles and tips in the amount of \$10,010.00, 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.

Seeking a motion to approve a new awing at St. 3. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve the purchase of a new awning at St. 3, 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.

Seeking a motion to renew a one-year subscription and support for the Barracuda Email Security System in the amount of \$10,637.50. Chief Stratton stated this is an annual renewal in order to keep our email up to date and secure. A motion was made by Trustee Baish to renew the Barracuda Email Security System in the amount of \$10,637.50, 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.

Attorney Tom Gilbert stated the FOIA policy was updated in order to stay current with the laws. He also stated the policy is posted on our website. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adopt the updated FOIA policy, seconded by Trustee Baish. All in favor, motion carried.

Seeking Board approval for the 2020 Board meeting dates. A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to accept the 2020 Board meeting dates as presented, seconded by Trustee Paul. All in favor, motion carried.

Seeking a motion to approve the proposed wage increase for non-union personnel. Chief Stratton requested closed session.

**Chief's Report** – It was reported that income from billing services was \$111,362.67 from Andres Medical. Billing income from USA Fire Recovery was \$6,664.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Stratton stated seven (7) new Firefighter/Paramedics were sworn in on December 9, 2019.

The final inspection/approval for the Engine will be on December 17 and December 18, 2019, at Pierce.

A second floor will be added to the pole barn in the training area.

**Committee Reports** – Nothing to report at this time.

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A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn to closed session at 6:26 p.m. to discuss workman's compensation, personnel issues, collective bargaining progress, potential sale and/or lease of real estate or to establish a price for the sale of any property, pending or threatened litigation and for any other lawful purpose permitted by the Open Meeting Act, seconded by Trustee Peszynski, all in favor. 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.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m. by a motion from closed session. Workman's compensation, personnel issues, and collective bargaining progress were discussed.

A motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve the wage increases as presented for non-union personnel with the exception of the Battalion Chiefs and Chiefs, 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.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant