



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

Trustee William Barnes called the May 12, 2020 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Plainfield Fire Protection District to order at 1:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance at the District Headquarters located at 23748 W. 135th Street, Plainfield, IL in Training Room A.

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

The teleconference number was duly posted on the agenda and no one called in other than Trustee Paul and James Howard from Governmental Accounting.

Also in attendance were Chief Jon Stratton; Deputy Chief Vito Bonomo; Assistant Chief Mark Reynolds; Attorney Tom Gilbert, Ottosen Britz; James Howard, Governmental Accounting via telephone; Admin. Assistant Mary Jo Fazio and IT Coordinator Alex Medina.

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – Trustee Baish read thank you notes from Homer Township Fire Protection District for assisting the with structure fires on April 2, 2020, and April 11, 2020; Wescom Dispatching Center for donating gloves, masks, sanitizer. He also read thank you notes from the Sheetz family, Henzel family, and Arndt family thanking the crews for participating in birthday parades.

A motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve the March 10, 2020 meeting minutes and the March 17, 2020 Special meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Peszynski, all in favor. Motion carried.

No meeting was held in April of 2020 due to the Covid 19 issues.

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, reviewed the Treasurer's report with the Board. **A motion was made by Trustee Baish to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul - yes. Motion carried.**

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

Old Business – Nothing to report.

New Business – No Board of Review notices were received.

No Annexations were received.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney's Report – Tom Gilbert reviewed how receiving the Fire Protection District's portion of property taxes may be managed in the future.

Chief Stratton reviewed with the Board the proposal to refinish the outside metal railings. The proposal is from Tuckers Painting & Decorating in the amount of \$18,360.00. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve Tuckers Painting & Decorating to refinish the metal railings not to exceed \$18,360.00, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the quote for the emergency light package that would be installed on the Battalion Chief's new vehicle. The total cost from Fleet Safety Supply is \$17,437.35. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Barnes to approve the emergency light package in the amount of \$17,437.35, seconded by Trustee Baish. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking Board approval to purchase a new ambulance. Chief Stratton stated the new ambulance would replace the 2015 Horton ambulance (1924). He also stated that this is a budgeted item. After a short conversation, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to purchase a new ambulance to replace 1924, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services was \$121,729.77 from Andres Medical. Billing income from USA Fire Recovery was \$4,512.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Stratton updated the Board on some of the actions that are being taken in the Fire District due to the Coronavirus. He said they bought blue light equipment that is used to sanitize the ambulances. This light has been used several times in the past months.

Chief Stratton mentioned a Commissioner's position will expire in June. He informed the Board that there is a letter on the website requesting letters of interest. The letters will be presented to the Board at the next meeting for their review and decision.

Deputy Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the hail damage claims for the roofs at Stations 1 & 4. The money received from the insurance company will be used to repair the roof at Station 1. Station 4 needs a new roof which was put in the 2020 budget. The installation of the roof at Station 4 will be completed by a company that is in the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance. This is a national government purchasing cooperative.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

There being no further business or a need for closed session, a motion was made by Trustee Baish to adjourn the meeting at 1:44 p.m., seconded by Trustee Peszynski, all in favor. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant