



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

Trustee Doug Shreve called the October 13, 2020 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 motion was made by Trustee Baish to appoint Trustee Shreve as acting President for this meeting due to the absence of President Barnes, seconded by Trustee Peszynski, all in favor.

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

Also in attendance were Chief Jon Stratton; Deputy Chief Vito Bonomo; Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds; Attorney Meganne Trela, Ottosen Britz; James Howard, Governmental Accounting; and Admin. Assistant Mary Jo Fazio.

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – No correspondence was received.

A motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve the September 8, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve the September 8, 2020 closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, reviewed the Treasurer's report with the Board. **A motion was made by Trustee Paul 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 Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

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

Old Business – Seeking Board consideration and a motion to renew Chief Stratton's contract. This was tabled until the November 10, 2020 meeting.

New Business – No Board of Review Notices were received.

No Annexations were received.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney's Report – Meganne had nothing to report.

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, presented the 2020 Tax Levy determination to the Board. He stated the 2020 Tax Levy request is \$17,120,500.00. He also stated we are under Truth and Taxation so we don't have to publish it or have a hearing. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to accept the 2020 Tax Levy as presented, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

James Howard presented a summary of five Request for Proposals (RFP's) he received from interested Auditing Companies. Our contract is expired with the Auditor we currently use. After the Board reviewed RFP's, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to hire Illinois RFP Audit and Tax LLP as the new Auditing Company for three years for a total of \$27,000.00, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Stratton explained to the Board they would like to retrofit all the Nederman exhaust systems to the Plymovent exhaust systems. He would like to start at St. 1 since they are out of service. The other stations will be retrofitted in 2021 as a budget item. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to approve the retrofit of the Nederman exhaust systems at the stations to the Plymovent exhaust systems, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Stratton informed the Board three sealed snow plow bids were received for the 2020-2021 winter season. After reviewing the bids, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to hire C & C Construction and Management for the 2020-2021 winter season for all stations and Headquarters, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services was \$131,447.90 from Andres Medical. Billing income from USA Fire Recovery was \$7,462.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Stratton updated the Board on the following items:

- The fans that were ordered from the IPRF Grant have been received.
- The processing of nine new hire Firefighter/Paramedics is ongoing. We will have their swearing-in ceremony on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.
- On Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds will be sworn in.

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 6:38 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant