



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

Trustee Doug Shreve called the December 8, 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 Training Room A.

The teleconference number was duly posted on the agenda. The call-ins were Trustee Bill Barnes, and James Howard, Governmental Accounting.

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 Bill Barnes called in at 6:03 p.m. Trustee Paul was absent.

Also in attendance were Chief Jon Stratton; Deputy Chief Vito Bonomo; Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds; Attorney Tom Gilbert, IT Coordinator Alex Medina and Admin. Assistant Mary Jo Fazio.

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – Trustee Peszynski read thank you notes from the Mate family thanking our first responders for all their sacrifices and dedication during the pandemic; a resident for the care that was shown to their family; and from a resident thanking St. 4 and St. 1 Red Shift for their prompt response and excellent care that was given to a family member. Trustee Peszynski also read a letter congratulating Plainfield Fire on receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Finance Reporting.

A motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve the November 10, 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 Barnes – yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to approve the November 10, 2020 closed session minutes, seconded by Trustee Baish. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes. Motion carried.

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

Old Business – Seeking Board consideration and a motion to approve the 2021 employee 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 Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes - yes. Motion carried.**

James Howard explained to the Board the Potential General Obligation (Alternate Revenue Source) Refunding Bonds has been put on hold due to a glitch in the process.

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to renew Chief Stratton's contract. Attorney Tom Gilbert stated he reviewed Chief Stratton's contract and was satisfied with the wording as presented to him. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to accept Chief Stratton's contract as written for three (3) years, seconded by Trustee Baish. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to renew Deputy Chief Bonomo and Deputy Chief Reynolds contracts. Attorney Tom Gilbert stated he reviewed the Deputy Chief's contracts and was satisfied with the wording as presented to him. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to accept Deputy Chief Bonomo and Deputy Chief Reynolds contracts as written for two (2) years. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes. Motion carried.**

New Business – No Board of Review Notices were received.

No Annexations were received.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney's Report –Tom Gilbert discussed the TIF agreement that will be discussed later in the meeting. He also reviewed with the Board the procedure for going into closed session during a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Seeking a motion to renew a one-year subscription and support for the Barracuda Email Security System for \$15,850.00. Chief Stratton stated this is an annual renewal to keep our email up to date and secure. **A motion was made by Trustee Baish to renew the Barracuda Email Security System for \$15,850.00, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking a motion to approve the upgrade of the CAD & First Arriving AV infrastructure at all stations for \$76,000.00. Alex Medina, IT explained the upgrade to the Board. This is a budgeted item. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to approve the upgrade of the CAD & First Arriving AV infrastructure as presented in the amount of \$76,000.00, seconded by Trustee Baish. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking a motion to approve the upgrade of the Network (data & voice) cable infrastructure at all stations. Alex Medina explained the process of the cable infrastructure to the Board. This is a budgeted item. After a brief conversation, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve the upgrade of the Network (data & voice) cable infrastructure at all stations, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes. Motion carried.**

Attorney Tom Gilbert stated the Village is requesting a 12-year extension to the downtown Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) agreement that is already in place. There is no action to be taken on behalf of the Plainfield Fire Protection District.

Seeking Board approval for the 2021 Board meeting dates as presented. **A motion was made by Trustee Baish to accept the 2021 Board meeting dates as presented, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services was \$113,964.00 from Andres Medical. Billing income from USA Fire Recovery was \$3,384.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Stratton updated the Board on the following items:

- St. 3 Gear Extractor washer needs to be replaced. It would cost \$6,000.00 to fix it and \$2,800.00 to replace it. Paul Stauffer, Maintenance Supervisor is obtaining bids for a new one.
- The new Cascade system trailer has been delivered. This trailer allows the Firefighters to refill SCBA air cylinders at the scene.
- The Deputy Chiefs are conducting the annual review of the Policy Manual. Once they have completed the update, they will present it to the Board for their approval.
- There was a minor train derailment in town. The roads were opened approximately two hours after the derailment. CN did a great job!

Chief Stratton requested closed session for personnel issues and potential sale and/or lease of real estate.

Deputy Chief Bonomo informed the Board the new Tower Ladder drawings should be complete in January. The Vehicle Committee will review the drawings once they are received.

Deputy Chief Reynolds stated they are obtaining bids for air paks that will be purchased through a Grant. They conducted hands-on training with a couple of manufacturer's products. The committee will be meeting shortly to decide which company they will purchase from.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

A motion was made by Trustee Baish to adjourn to closed session at 6:47 p.m. to discuss personnel issues, and potential sale and/or lease of real estate, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes. Motion carried.

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The regular meeting reconvened at 7:02 p.m. by a motion from closed session. Personnel issues and potential sale and/or lease of real estate were discussed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m., seconded by Trustee Baish. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant