



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bill Barnes called the July 13, 2021 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Plainfield Fire Protection District to order at 6:04 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 Tom Paul – present; Trustee Ted Peszynski – present; Trustee Doug Shreve – present; Trustee Bill Barnes – present; Trustee Bob Baish – present.

Also in attendance were Chief Jon Stratton; Deputy Chief Vito Bonomo; Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds; Attorney Tom Gilbert; Brad O’Sullivan, Governmental Accounting; and Admin. Assistant Mary Jo Fazio.

In recognition of the June 4, 2021 Water Rescue; Chief Stratton, Deputy Chief Vito Bonomo, and Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds presented the following awards:

- Citizen Award for Valor – Five citizens that helped during the rescue.
- Certificate of Recognition – A Plainfield Police Officer and a Will County Sheriff.
- Unit Citation and CPR Safety Award – Plainfield Fire Protection Firefighters/Paramedics that were on the scene.

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – Trustee Paul read a thank you note from Heritage Woods of Plainfield thanking us for all we do and for keeping them safe. He also read thank you notes from the U.S. Department of Transportation for supporting the Illinois Rt. 126 re-route – 143rd Street East Extension project; Lake Havasu City Fire Department for donating a Stryker Power Load System and Cot and from Cub Scout Pack 99 for using the grounds at HQ.

A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve the June 8, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Baish. All in favor, motion carried.

Brad O’Sullivan, 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 Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Paul - 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 Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Paul - yes. Motion carried.

Old Business – No old business.

New Business – No Board of Review Notices were received.

No Annexations were received.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney's Report – Nothing to report.

Chief Stratton requested approval from the Board to renew Target Solutions annual membership. He explained the District uses this program to track and train all compliance training. He stated the annual cost is \$12,290.00. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to renew Target Solutions annual membership for \$12,290.00, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish - yes. Motion carried.**

Surplus obsolete Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment for possible sale or disposal. **A motion was made by Trustee Baish to surplus the obsolete SCBA's to possibly sell or dispose of, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish - yes. Motion carried.**

Surplus tower ladder (1919) for possible sale. Chief Stratton stated they would like to surplus 1919 to determine if there could be potential buyers. We are waiting on the final drawings for the new tower ladder. We are approximately 10 months out from the delivery of the new tower ladder. After a lengthy discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Paul to surplus tower ladder (1919) for possible sale, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Stratton stated due to a Lieutenant resigning, a Firefighter/Paramedic will be promoted to the open Lieutenant position from the Lieutenant Eligibility list. This will leave an open position for a Firefighter/Paramedic. He is requesting the Boards approval to hire one Firefighter/Paramedic from the Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility list. After a brief conversation, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve the hiring of one Firefighter/Paramedic from the eligibility list to fill the open position, seconded by Trustee Baish. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services was \$125,017.20 from Andres Medical. Billing income from USA Fire Recovery was \$2,614.56. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Stratton updated the Board on the following items:

- Met with engineers at St. 3 regarding the concrete work that needs to be completed. After the engineers submit their evaluation report, we will put out a Request for Proposal (RFP).
- Plainfield Fest is this weekend (July 16, 17 & 18, 2021).
- He thanked Admin. Assistant Nicole Irwin for making all the certificates for the water rescue recognition.
- He also thanked Deputy Chiefs Vito Bonomo and Mark Reynolds for all their help and for organizing the water rescue recognition. He stated he has two hard-working, great deputies.
- Gave an update on the lithium battery fire in Morris which started on June 29, 2021.
- Steve Rauter, Executive Director at Western Will County Communication Center (WESCOM) will be retiring in September 2021.

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Deputy Chief Vito Bonomo informed the Board there will be a Vehicle Committee meeting on July 28 to determine the specifications for the new squad that will replace 1926. Deputy Chief Reynolds stated he is working on the new fire reporting software (Image Trend) with DC Bonomo and Network Administrator Alex Medina.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

There being no further business or a need for closed session, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul. All in favor, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant