



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bill Barnes called the November 9, 2021 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 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; Attorney Meganne Trela; James Howard, Governmental Accounting and Admin. Assistant Mary Jo Fazio.

Budget Hearing – A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to open the budget hearing, seconded by Trustee Baish. All in favor. President Barnes stated the notice of tonight’s hearing was published in the newspaper as required by law and a tentative copy of the budget has been made available to the public for 30 days for the calendar year 2022. He asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public, a motion was made by Trustee Baish to close the budget hearing, seconded by Trustee Paul. All in favor.

Open Forum – American Water Company presented a \$1,000.00 grant check to the Board. This grant money will be used for new nozzles on the ladder truck.

Correspondence – Trustee Paul read a thank you note from kindergarten students at Eichelberger School, thanking Ryan Angelus for his fire prevention presentation.

A motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve the October 12, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Shreve. 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.

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 Shreve – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – 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 Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.

Old Business – Chief Stratton informed the Board that since we did not receive any snowplow bids in the requested time frame, he contacted Fazio Landscaping, who has snowplowed for the district in the past. A proposal was given to Chief Stratton which included all four fire stations, Headquarters, and the training center. After some discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to contract Fazio Landscaping for the 2021-2022 snowplow season, seconded by Trustee Baish. 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.

Board consideration and a motion to approve the 2022 insurance renewal proposal for employee 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 with One Digital Health as presented, seconded by Trustee Shreve. 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.**

Evaluation and possible extension of Chief Stratton's contract. Two Trustees previously met with Chief Stratton for his evaluation. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to extend Chief Stratton's contract, 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.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney's Report – Meganne Trela had nothing new to report.

Ordinance No. 2021-1109A - Ordinance No 2021-1109A, an ordinance for the budget and appropriation of the Plainfield Fire Protection District for Fire Protection and Ambulance Service in Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022. **A motion was made by Trustee Baish to adopt Ordinance 2021-1109A, seconded by Trustee Shreve. 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.**

Levy Ordinance No. 2021-1109B – Ordinance No. 2021-1109B, an ordinance for the levying and assessing of taxes for the Plainfield Fire Protection District for fire protection, ambulance service, pension fund, and tort liability in the counties of Will and Kendall and the State of Illinois for the calendar year 2021. **A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adopt Levy Ordinance 2021-1109B as presented, seconded by Trustee Paul. 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.**

Ordinance No. 2021-1109C – Ordinance No. 2021-1109C, an ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2021 to pay debt service on general obligation refunding bonds (alternate revenue source), series 2015 of the Plainfield Fire Protection District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois. **A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to adopt Ordinance 2021-1109C, 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.**

Ordinance No. 2021-1109D – Ordinance No. 2021-1109D, an ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2021 to pay debt service on general obligation refunding bonds (alternate revenue source), series 2016 of the Plainfield Fire Protection District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois. **A motion was made by Trustee Baish to adopt Ordinance 2021-1109D, seconded by Trustee Paul. 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.**

Ordinance No. 2021-1109E – Ordinance No. 2021-1109E, an ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2021 to pay debt service on general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source), series 2008 of the Plainfield Fire Protection District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois. **A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adopt Ordinance 2021-1109E, 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 board consideration and approval for the annual IPRF Workman's Compensation insurance from January 1, 2022, to January 1, 2023. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to accept the annual IPRF Workman's Compensation insurance proposal from Corkill Insurance as presented, seconded by Trustee Shreve. 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.**

The Board reviewed the proposal from JHB Group, Inc. for a fire extinguisher training system for \$14,516.25. After a very brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to purchase the fire extinguisher training system for \$14,516.25 for fire prevention, 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 board consideration and a motion to surplus the Smith Workout Machine. **A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to surplus the Smith Workout Machine, seconded by Trustee Baish. 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 Board consideration and a motion to extend Deputy Chief Bonomo and Deputy Chief Reynolds contracts. Chief Stratton requested closed session.

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to approve proposed wage increases for non-union personnel. Chief Stratton requested closed session.

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services was \$157,343.93 from Andres Medical. Billing income from USA Fire Recovery was \$4,776.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Stratton updated the Board on the following items:

- Overtime is still up due to some members being on light duty or off duty due to injuries.
- Five of the six new hires are now off of probation. One resigned and we are in the process of hiring the next person on the Firefighter/Paramedic eligibility list.
- Final approval has been given for the tower ladder.

James Howard, Governmental Accounting reviewed the budget analysis and five-year forecast for the 12 months ended December 31, 2022, with the Board.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn to closed session at 6:44 p.m. to discuss any lawful purpose permitted by the Open Meeting Act, 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.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:04 p.m. by a motion from closed session. Personnel issues were discussed.

A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to extend Deputy Chief Bonomo and Deputy Chief Reynolds annual contracts, seconded by Trustee Baish. 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 approve the proposed wage increases for non-union personnel as presented with the staff's recommendation, 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 Baish to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m., seconded by Trustee Peszynski. All in favor, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant