



# PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bill Barnes called the March 8, 2022 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. 135<sup>th</sup> Street, Plainfield, IL in the Boardroom.

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

Also in attendance were Chief Jon Stratton; Deputy Chief Vito Bonomo; Attorney Ericka Thomas; James Howard, Governmental Accounting, and Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Fazio.

**Open Forum** – Nothing from the audience.

**Correspondence** – Trustee Paul read a thank you letter from the Burton family and Valentine's greeting from McMahon's class.

**A motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve the February 8, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Shreve. All in favor.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve February 8, 2022, closed session meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Baish. All in favor.**

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 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.**

**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** – 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.

Station 3 Concrete Bids – Five sealed bids were received from the following companies:

P.T. Ferro Construction - \$310,365.00; Ed Fogarty Concrete - \$461,200.00; Davis Concrete - \$329,917.00; Advantage Paving - \$275,000.00; and Austin Tyler Construction - \$288,000.00. The Board suggested bringing in Advantage Paving and Austin Tyler to interview them. **A motion was made by Trustee Baish to allow the Chiefs to make the final decision after interviewing Advantage Paving and Austin Tyler and to hire a concrete testing company to inspect samples of the concrete, 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. This is a budgeted item.**

Chief Stratton informed the Board two letters of interest were received for the open Commissioner position. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to appoint Bob Dehm as the new Commissioner, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski- yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – abstained; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Stratton stated he would like approval from the Board to hire six additional Firefighters/Paramedics. He informed the Board that this is in the budget and would bring our staffing to full capacity. After much discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to hire an additional six Firefighters/Paramedics, 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.**

**Chief's Report** – It was reported that income from billing services was \$171,978.45 from Andres Medical. Billing income from USA Fire Recovery was \$2,768.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Stratton updated the Board on the following items:

- Wednesday, March 9, 2022, will be Chat with the Chiefs.
- The Irish Fest parade will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2022.
- The Police & Fire Academy will begin Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at the Police Department. This will be the first one held since COVID.
- We are currently working on the reevaluation of our ISO rating. It has been 5 years since our last evaluation.
- Foreign Fire Tax submitted a list of expenditure items for the Board's review.

Deputy Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- Reviewed the 911 calls from February 2022.
- The truck (tower ladder) is under construction. We are estimating an April/May delivery.
- The new ambulance is scheduled to be delivered in 2023.
- There are several districts/departments scheduled to use our outside training facility beginning late spring into the fall.

**Committee Reports** – Nothing to report.

**There being no further business or need for closed session, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul. All in favor, motion carried.**

**The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom Paul, Secretary*

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant