



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the October 11, 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. 135th Street, Plainfield, IL in the Boardroom.

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

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – Trustee Paul stated we received a thank you letter from the Red Knights MC Illinois Chapter 23 for helping with their charity ride. We also received a thank you note from a resident thanking the following crew members: Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Teper, Jason Stone, Ray Crompton Chad Krnac, Kyle VanDuser, Paramedic Jack Jirgl, Lt. Drew Urbancic, Lt. Brandon Vainowski and Deputy Chief Vito Bonomo for helping her during her emergency. Another thank you note was received from a resident thanking Paramedic Marc Findlay and FF/PM Nick Sedlack for responding to a 911 call at her home:

A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve September 13, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Barnes to approve the September 13, 2022, closed session meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.

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

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

Old Business – Chief Stratton advised the Board that one snowplow bid was received from K&R Landscaping, Inc. After much discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to award K&R Landscaping the snow plowing bid for the district for two years with a possible one-year extension based on performance, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

Discussion and possible motion to approve moving the Board of Trustees meetings from evening to daytime. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to move the Board meetings from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. beginning December 13, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – 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 – Nothing to report.

Brad O'Sullivan, Governmental Accounting, presented the 2022 Tax Levy determination to the Board. He stated the 2022 Tax Levy request is \$18,957,965.52 or 7.39% over last year's extension. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to accept the 2022 Tax Levy as presented, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Stratton expressed to the Board the need to purchase two new servers to replace our outdated data processing system. The cost would be \$13,909.70. This is a budgeted item. After a brief conversation, **a motion was made by Trustee Barnes to purchase two new servers for \$13,909.70, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

There was a very lengthy discussion regarding the purchase of a new Pierce Pumper. The Board decided to table the topic until the November 8, 2022, meeting.

The 2023 insurance renewal proposal for employee benefits was tabled until the November 8, 2022, meeting. The Board would like more information before making a decision.

The extension of Chief Stratton's contract was tabled until the November 8, 2022 meeting.

The extension of Deputy Chief Bonomo and Deputy Chief Reynolds's contracts was tabled until the November 8, 2022 meeting.

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services for September 2022 was \$129,746.27 from Andres Medical. Billing income for September 2022 from USA Fire Recovery was \$5,337.42. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Stratton updated the Board on the following items:

- Five new Firefighters/Paramedics started on October 10, 2022. An additional Firefighter/Paramedic will start soon. They are currently going through two weeks of orientation.
- We are in the process of conducting Battalion Chief testing for the new eligibility list.
- Open House was held at St. 2 on September 24, 2022. It was a success; Fire Marshal Ryan Angelus and everyone involved did a great job.
- Michael Adduci, IT is researching companies to update our telephone system to save the district money.

Deputy Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- Station call-outs for September.

Deputy Chief Reynolds updated the Board on the following items:

- ISO re-certification has been an ongoing task. DC Reynolds will meet with an ISO Representative on Friday, October 21, 2022.
- The Fire Prevention Bureau has been busy this month with Fire Prevention talks and tours. By the end of the month, they will have had 20 fire drills, 40 fire safety talks, and 10 trunk-or-treat outings.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

A motion was made by Trustee Paul to adjourn to closed session at 6:44 p.m. to discuss any lawful purpose permitted by the Open Meeting Act, seconded by Trustee Barnes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski. Motion carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m. by a motion from closed session. The potential sale and/or lease of real estate or to establish a price for the sale of any property was discussed. No decisions were made.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul - yes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant