



# PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the November 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 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; and James Howard, Governmental Accounting.

**Budget Hearing** – A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to open the budget hearing, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. All in favor. President Baish 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 2023. He asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to close the budget hearing, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. All in favor.

**Open Forum** – Chief Stratton, Deputy Chief Bonomo, and the Union honored Adam Slick for his retirement after 15-plus years of service. Congratulations Adam.

**Correspondence** – Trustee Paul stated we received a thank you letter note from Ms. McMahon's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class, from Shorewood Elementary School.

**A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve October 11, 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 October 11, 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.**

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, reviewed the Treasurer's report with the Board. **A motion was made by Trustee Barnes to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, 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.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Paul to pay the bills in the usual manner, 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.**

**Old Business** – Deputy Chief Bonomo reviewed the leasing options for a Pierce Pumper with the Board. He stated the lease would have to be signed in seven days to keep the present lease pricing. He also stated the money is in the budget next year to purchase the pumper. The Board will decide on how to pay for it at the March 2023 meeting. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to purchase a Pierce Pumper and decide how to pay for it at a later date, 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 stated no additional information was provided for the 2023 insurance renewal for employee benefits. He stated there will be a 1.3% increase from last year. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Paul to accept the 2023 employee health benefits as presented, 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.**

Chief Stratton requested closed session for the possible action on the extension of his contract.

Chief Stratton requested closed session for the possible action on the extension of Deputy Chief Bonomo and Deputy Chief Reynolds's contracts.

**New Business** – No Board of Review Notices were received.

No Annexations were received.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney's Report – Tom Gilbert discussed a FOIA (Freedom Of Information Act) case from Springfield. He reminded everyone how important it is to answer FOIA requests in a timely manner. He also explained to the Board why there is a Tentative Budget Hearing and a Truth and Taxation Hearing at this evening's meeting.

**Ordinance No. 2022-1109A - Ordinance 2022-1109A an Ordinance for the Budget and making appropriations for the Plainfield Fire Protection District for Fire Protection and Ambulance Service in Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois for the calendar year ending December 31, 2023. A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adopt Ordinance 2022-1109A, seconded by Trustee Barnes. 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.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to purchase PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) gear. After a short conversation, **a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to purchase the PPE gear for \$51,402.00, 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.** This is a budgeted item.

Seeking board consideration and a motion to approve the annual IPRF Workman's Compensation insurance. Chief Stratton informed the board there will be a 13% increase in 2023 from 2022. He also stated this increase is in the 2023 budget. Following a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Barnes to approve the IPRF Workman's Compensation insurance as presented, 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.**

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

**Truth and Taxation Hearing – A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to open the Truth and Taxation hearing at 6:34 p.m., seconded by Trustee Shreve. All in favor. President Baish stated the notice of tonight’s hearing is for the Tax Levy for 2022 of the Plainfield Fire Protection District in the Counties of Will and Kendall and the State of Illinois, at the Plainfield Fire Protection District Administrative Campus located at 23748 W. 135<sup>th</sup> Street, Plainfield, Illinois 60544. He stated it was published in the newspaper as required by law. He asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public, a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to close the budget hearing at 6:37 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul. All in favor.**

**Levy Ordinance No. 2022-1109B** - Ordinance No. 2022-1109B an Ordinance for the levying and assessing of taxes for the Plainfield Fire Protection District, Ambulance Service, Pension Fund, and Tort Liability in the Counties of Will and Kendall and the State of Illinois for 2022. **A motion was made by Trustee Barnes to adopt Levy Ordinance 2022-1109B as presented, 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.**

**Ordinance No. 2022-1109C** – Ordinance No 2022-1109C an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2022 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 Shreve to adopt Ordinance 2022-1109C, 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.**

**Ordinance No. 2022-1109D** – Ordinance No. 2022-1109D an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the Year 2022 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 Shreve to adopt Ordinance 2022-1109C, 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.**

**Ordinance No. 2022-1109E** – Ordinance No. 2022-1109E an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the Year 2022 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding 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 2022-1109C, 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’s Report – It was reported that income from billing services for October 2022 was \$125,599.66 from Andres Medical. Billing income for October 2022 from USA Fire Recovery was \$5,684.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Stratton updated the Board on the following items:

- President Baish made a presentation at the Village meeting last night on behalf of Plainfield Fire for the 143<sup>rd</sup> Street extension. The extension passed with the Village’s approval.
- Swore in six new Firefighters/Paramedics on Friday, November 4, 2022.
- 1941 engine was hit while responding to a call on I-55. It is now back in service.
- We are hosting a Lithium Battery Class on Thursday, November 10, 2022.

Deputy Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- Station call-outs for October.

Deputy Chief Reynolds updated the Board on the following items:

- ISO re-certification has been an ongoing task. DC Reynolds met with the ISO Representative on Friday, October 21, 2022, for approximately 6.5 hours. We have a little more work to do for her.

**Committee Reports** – Nothing to report.

**A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn to closed session at 6:52 p.m. to discuss any lawful purpose permitted by the Open Meeting Act, 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. Motion carried.**

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:03 p.m. by a motion from closed session. Personnel and the potential sale and/or lease of real estate or to establish a price for the sale of any property were discussed.

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

**A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to extend Deputy Chief Bonomo and Deputy Chief Reynolds's contracts for two years, 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.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to extend Chief Stratton's contract for one year, 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.**

**There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 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, December 13, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom Paul, Secretary*

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant