

## PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## **BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES**

President Bob Baish called the April 11, 2023, meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Plainfield Fire Protection District to order at 11:00 a.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 Mark Reynolds; Attorney John Motylinski; 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 son of a resident that we responded to for a 911 call.

A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve March 14, 2023, meeting minutes, 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Barnes to approve the March 14, 2023, closed session meeting minutes, 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.

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 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.

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 Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve - yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – 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 – Attorney John Motylinski stated there is a modification to the Billing Statute. Currently, we must go out to bid for anything over \$20,000.00 in spending. The new Bill could potentially raise it to \$30,000.00 in spending. Another Bill going through legislation would allow for remote Board meetings (Zoom) if there is a Quorum.

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The Board reviewed the proposal for new nozzles for the engines for \$11,017.00. Chief Stratton explained that the existing nozzles on the engines are 12-15 years old and they will be used for training. He also stated this is a budgeted item. After some discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Paul to purchase new nozzles for the engines for \$11,017.00, seconded by Trustee Shreve. 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.

Deputy Chief Reynolds reviewed the changes to Ordinance 2023-0411, an Ordinance Adopting Fire Prevention Codes for the Plainfield Fire Protection District. After an extensive conversation, a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to adopt Ordinance 2023-0411, an Ordinance Adopting Fire Prevention Codes for the Plainfield Fire Protection District, 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 the Board's approval to surplus the additional side lot at Station 4. After a lengthy conversation, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to surplus the side lot at Station 4, 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.

Chief Stratton requested to change the May 9, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting to May 10, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. due to an award ceremony in Springfield. Lt. Pat Murphy, Lt. Eric Jensen, and FF/PM Rob Underhill will be receiving the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Firefighter Excellence Unit Citation Award, and FF/PM Matt Mullins will be receiving the Illinois State Fire Marshal Medal of Honor for putting someone else's life before his. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Paul to move the meeting from May 9, 2023, to May 10, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., seconded by Trustee Shreve. 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.

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services for March 2023 was \$158,582.69 from Andres Medical. Billing income for March 2023 from USA Fire Recovery was \$18,119.86. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Stratton updated the Board on the following items:

• Union contract negotiations will be starting soon.

Deputy Chief Reynolds stated he is working on an Intergovernmental Agreement between Plainfield Fire Protection District and the Village of Plainfield for Fire Prevention Code Enforcement.

**Committee Reports** – Nothing to report.

Other 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 11:30 a.m., seconded by Trustee Paul. All in favor, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant