



# PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the June 13, 2023, meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Plainfield Fire Protection District to order at 11:10 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 Tom Paul – present; Trustee Bob Baish – present; Trustee Doug Shreve – present. Trustee Ted Peszynski arrived at 11:11 a.m. Trustee Barnes was absent.

Also in attendance were Interim Chief Vito Bonomo; Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds; Attorney John Motylinski; Brad O’Sullivan, Governmental Accounting; and Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Fazio.

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

**Correspondence** – Trustee Paul read thank you notes from the Aurora Fire Department for assisting with a structure fire and from the Plainfield Junior Woman’s Club for our support for the 2023 Clues for a Cause.

**A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve May 10, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve May 30, 2023, special meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul - yes. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve May 30, 2023, closed session meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve June 6, 2023, special meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve June 6, 2023, closed session meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – 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 Shreve 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 Paul - yes. Motion carried.**

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

Simon Grant, Director, Senior Vice President of Busey Bank reviewed the district's investment portfolio and rates with the Board.

**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 updated the Board on the legislative bills that are being considered by the Illinois General Assembly and Governor.

The Board received one letter of interest for the Commissioner position. The letter was received from Arnie Hartley. **A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to reinstate Arnie Hartley as a Commissioner for a three-year term, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to approve the Always Precision Building variance. Fire Marshal Ryan Angelus explained the requested variance to the Board. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve the Always Precision Building variance as presented, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Interim Chief Bonomo gave an outline of the comprehensive plan for Plainfield FPD. The Board tabled the discussion so they have time to review the plan in depth.

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services for May 2023 was \$124,387.11 from Andres Medical. Billing income for April 2023 from USA Fire Recovery was \$9,236.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Interim Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- The Foreign Fire Tax Board organized having the carpets cleaned at all stations, including Headquarters. They are having the air ducts cleaned at all stations and getting updated pictures of all members. The cost for all these items will be split with the District.
- The Foreign Fire Tax Board is looking into purchasing a calcium heart scanner.
- The new Hazmat squad is here from Todd's Towing. Personnel has been working on retrofitting it.
- We have been cleaning up the back training grounds.
- The new computers that were approved by the Board at the February 2023 meeting are being installed in all the ambulances.
- The Bid Specification package for the new Pumper Fire Engine (1941) is complete.
- Quad County, a used ambulance/fire apparatus dealer, will be looking at the ambulance the Board declared as surplus at the May 2023 meeting, to help us sell it.
- The Chiefs have been talking to all shifts/stations for short-term and long-term goals.
- BC Kraft is looking at options to purchase a new trailer for transporting vehicles.
- Employee physicals will be this week at Headquarters.
- The assessment center for the lieutenant's eligibility list is this week. The written test is on June 20, 2023.
- Bolingbrook Fire called to say our crews did an outstanding job assisting at the fire in Bolingbrook on Sunday, June 11, 2023.

Deputy Chief Reynolds updated the Board on the District's ISO rating. They gave us a retro-aggression rating of 2. They will give us a year to make the necessary improvements to receive a 1 rating. The Chiefs will meet with the ISO auditors today.

**Committee Reports** – Nothing to report.

**Other Reports** – Nothing to report.

**A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn to closed session at 11:50 a.m. to discuss any lawful purpose permitted by the Open Meeting Act – 5ILCS 120/2, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul - yes. Motion carried.**

**The regular meeting reconvened at 12:15 p.m. by a motion from closed session. A discussion was had concerning personnel issues and an ongoing investigation. No decisions were made.**

**There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor. Motion carried.**

**The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 11, at 11:00 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom Paul, Secretary*

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant