



# PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the July 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 Tom Paul – present; Trustee Bob Baish – present; Trustee Doug Shreve – present; Trustee Ted Peszynski - present. Trustee Barnes was absent.

Also in attendance were Interim Chief Vito Bonomo; 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 thank you notes from Naperville Fire Department for assisting with a structure fire, Resident, Richard Rodechero thanked Fire Marshal Ryan Angelus for helping catch his dog. And from a resident thanking St. 4 for their assistance with her medical emergencies and what a superior job Chief Stratton has been doing.

**A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to approve June 13, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Basih – yes; Trustee Paul - yes. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve June 13, 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.**

James Howard, 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 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 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 Basih – yes; Trustee Paul - yes. Motion carried.**

**Old Business** – Trustee Baish stated he would like to form a committee to review the comprehensive plan. He would like the committee to include: DC Mark Reynolds, Trustee Baish, Trustee Paul, a union member, and possibly other local business people.

**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 Illinois General Assembly bills.

Michael Adduci, Network Administrator, advised the Board that 12 sealed bids were received for the security camera project at Headquarters. He reviewed his top three bids that were received per his specifications. They were: Platinum CCTV for \$20,578.54; Current Technologies for \$27,982.17 and Heartland Business Solutions for \$35,631.08. After a lengthy discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to award the bid to Current Technologies for \$27,982.17 per Michael's recommendation, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Bonomo asked the Board for permission to begin the process of hiring a Firefighter/Paramedic. He said due to the long process, he would like to begin it now. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Paul to begin the process of hiring a Firefighter/Paramedic, 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.**

Chief Bonomo informed the Board the new ambulance is expected to be delivered in Spring 2024. He would like to order the power load and stretcher from Stryker for \$69,931.69 now so we will have it ready to be installed when the ambulance arrives. Payment would not be due until 2024. After a brief conversation, **a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to purchase the power load and stretcher from Stryker for \$69,931.69, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to approve the purchase of a new Ford Expedition for 1903. This was tabled until the August 8, 2023 meeting; after the sealed bids have been received.

The Board reviewed the quote from Fleet Safety Supply for the lighting package for the new Ford Expedition (1903). The price quoted is \$13,321.67. After discussing the details of the quote, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to purchase the lighting package from Fleet Safety Supply for \$13,321.67, 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.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to approve the removal of trees and tree stumps in the wetland at Headquarters. This was tabled until the August 8, 2023 meeting.

Chief Bonomo reviewed the Zoll One program with the Board; which is based on leasing the following Zoll equipment: monitors, AEDs, and auto pulses. This will be a 10 years lease and we would receive all new equipment in 2024. The equipment will be updated every five years. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve the Zoll One lease program to begin on January 1, 2024, seconded by Trustee Preszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Discussion and possible action on the bidding process for a new engine. This was tabled until the August 8, 2023 meeting, after the sealed bids have been received.

Procedure for filling the Fire Chief vacancy. Trustee Baish stated he would like Trustee Peszynski and Trustee Shreve to interview both Interim Chief Vito Bonomo and Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds for the position of Fire Chief. He requested Trustee Paul and Trustee Barnes to spend time talking with them as well. He also asked the Chiefs to send out a memo requesting any Lieutenant or Battalion Chief that is qualified to submit a letter of interest to Mary Jo Fazio by Monday, July 24, 2023, for the position of Deputy Chief.

Potential tax abatements in connection with the Village for the 143<sup>rd</sup> Steet project. Trustee Baish gave a presentation on the 143<sup>rd</sup> Street project. He asked that Interim Chief Bonomo write a letter stating we support the project in principle. He will update the Board when he has more information. **A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to approve the 143<sup>rd</sup> Street project in principle as presented, 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.**

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services for June 2023 was \$125,873.05 from Andres Medical. Billing income for June 2023 from USA Fire Recovery was \$5,004.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Interim Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- Continuing to clean the Headquarters/Training Grounds.
- We requested a quote from PT Ferro to resurface the gravel in the training area.
- We are researching a program called Train Flow. It would connect with Flow MSP. It is designed to signal when trains are approaching by the sound of the crossing bells. This would alert the crews when responding to calls.

Deputy Chief Reynolds updated the Board on the District's ISO rating. He met with the ISO auditors last month and is currently working on a list of items for correction that they gave him.

**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 Peszynski to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor.**

**There will be a Workshop meeting on Tuesday, July 25, at 11:00 a.m.**

**The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 8, at 11:00 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom Paul, Secretary*

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant