



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the August 8, 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. 135th Street, Plainfield, IL in the Boardroom.

A roll call attendance was taken as follows: Trustee Tom Paul – present; Trustee Bill Barnes – present; Trustee Bob Baish – present; Trustee Doug Shreve – present. Trustee Ted Peszynski 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 a thank you note from a resident who celebrated her 100th birthday. Fire Marshal Ryan Angelus, Lt. Brian Joseph, FF/PM Rocco Zoccoli, FF/PM Mike Lough and FF/PM Brad Sherwood visited her and brought her flowers. He also read a thank you from the family of Shirley Rouse; and Troy Fire Protection District for assisting with a structure fire.

Chief Bonomo informed the Board that he received a letter from Captain Chuck Casagrande, Bloomington Fire Department. Captain Casagrande wanted to acknowledge our Fire Explorers and their leader, FF/PM Brett Krasuski for their professionalism, and enthusiasm to learn. This group attended the Explorer Fire School at ISFI. Captain Casagrande requested a copy of our program, i.e., standard operating procedures, course curriculum, etc.

A motion was made by Trustee Barnes to approve July 11, 2023, 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. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve July 25, 2023, special 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. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve July 25, 2023, 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. 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 Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Simon Grant, Director, Senior Vice President of Busey Bank, updated the Board on the investment portfolio for the district.

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. Motion carried.

Old Business – Seeking Board consideration and a motion to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford Expedition. The Board did not accept any of the bids that were received. **A motion was made by Trustee Barnes to re-bid the 2024 Ford Expedition, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was made as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Bonomo stated he received two bids and is waiting to receive the third bid from companies that will remove the invasive pear tree species that are growing in the wetlands at Headquarters. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to authorize the Chief to select the tree removal service based on the lowest bid, not to exceed \$10,000.00, seconded by Trustee Barnes. A roll call vote was made as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Discussion and possible action on the bidding process for a new engine. Chief Bonomo informed the Board we had two companies take out bids. We only received one seal bid back and that was from McQueen Emergency for a Pierce Enforcer Pumper for \$1,148,340.00. The lead time is approximately 4 years out. After a lengthy discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Sheve to purchase the Pierce Enforcer Pumper from McQueen Emergency for \$1,148,340.00, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was made as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

New Business – No Board of Review notices were received.

No Annexations were received.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney's Report – Attorney John Motylinski reviewed changes to PSEBA benefits.

Chief Bonomo stated that Michael Adduci, Network Administrator received a quote from CDS Office Technologies to upgrade the Sierra Wireless system for seven of the vehicle computers. The amount is \$10,408.00 and this is a budgeted item. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Paul to approve the Sierra Wireless upgrade for \$10,408.00, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Annual renewal of Image Trend Software. Chief Bonomo stated that Image Trend is our reporting system for fire and EMS calls. Response times for calls are also tracked through this software. **A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to renew Image Trend for one year for \$22,495.18, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Renew the Advanced Gateway Security System. Michael Adduci explained to the Board he would like to have the two-year agreement approved because, in 2026, support for the system will end. The cost is \$13,058.55 for two years. After a brief conversation, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to renew the Advanced Gateway Security system for two years, seconded by Trustee Barnes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the proposal from Assured Partners for the District's liability, vehicle, and complete insurance package from August 23, 2023, to August 23, 2024, for \$81,868.00. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to accept the insurance proposal from Assured Partners as presented, seconded by Trustee Barnes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Trustee Baish suggested having the first Local Government Efficiency Act Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Headquarters. **A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to have the Efficiency Act Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Discussion and possible action on the appointment of the Fire Chief. After a brief comment, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to appoint Deputy Chief Vito Bonomo as the new Fire Chief for Plainfield Fire, seconded by Trustee Barnes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services for July 2023 was \$147,239.34 from Andres Medical. Billing income for July 2023 from USA Fire Recovery was \$6,040.89. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- Stated the applications are available online for Firefighter/Paramedic. Applications are due at the end of August.
- Battalion Chief Training, Chuck Kraft would like to replace the split tilt trailer due to safety hazards with a full tilt trailer. He is obtaining quotes for the best price. Chief Bonomo will keep the Board informed of any updates.
- Plainfield Fire participated in the National Night Out with the Police Department Tuesday, August 1, 2023. It was a great success.
- Chief Bonomo participated in the Plainfield-Shorewood Chamber of Commerce golf outing. Plainfield brought home the trophy.
- Updated the Board on July calls.

Deputy Chief Reynolds stated we will be presenting a check to the Camp I am Me organization at the September 12, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting. The amount will be \$20,000.00.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn to closed session at 11:46 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 Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 12:16 p.m. by a motion from closed session. A discussion was had concerning personnel issues and the potential sale of the property at St. 4. No decisions were made.

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Chief Bomono updated the Board on a Special Operations trailer that we surplused in error. The trailer is owned by Mabas Division 15. DC Reynolds spoke to the President and Vice President of Division 15. They stated they will surplus the trailer.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant