



# PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the September 12, 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 Bill Barnes – present; Trustee Bob Baish – present; Trustee Ted Peszynski - present. Trustee Doug Shreve was absent.

Also in attendance were 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.

Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds presented Phil Zaleski, Executive Director for Camp I Am Me, Illinois Fire Safety Alliance a check for \$20,000.00 from the Red White & Blue Charity Ball.

Chief Vito Bonomo presented a Citizen Life Savings award to Carol Lewis for performing the Heimlich on a neighbor and clearing the obstruction before the arrival of the paramedics.

**Correspondence** – Trustee Paul read a thank you note from the Plainfield Police Department thanking us for participating in National Night Out.

**A motion was made by Trustee Barnes to approve the August 8, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to approve the August 8, 2023, close 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 Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Barnes to approve the August 18, 2023, special meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul - yes. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Barnes to approve the August 18, 2023, closed session meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul - yes. Motion carried.**

Brad O’Sullivan, Governmental Accounting, reviewed the Treasurer’s report with the Board. **A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented, seconded by Trustee Barnes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Peszynski – 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 Barnes to pay the bills in the usual manner, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

**Old Business** – Seeking Board consideration and a motion to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford Expedition. Two bids were received. One was from Rod Baker Ford for \$52,818.26 and one from D’Orazio Ford for \$54,731.26. **A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to purchase the 2024 Ford Expedition from Rod Baker Ford for \$52,818.26, seconded by Trustee Barnes. A roll call vote was made as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

The Decennial-Government Efficiency Act committee had to cancel the meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Paul to re-schedule the meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Trustee Barnes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

**New Business** – One Board of Review notice was received. Attorney John Motylinski said there was no action to be taken.

No Annexations were received.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney’s Report – Attorney John Motylinski stated the General Assembly modified FOIA requests regarding the request for medical records. The changes will go into effect on January 1, 2024.

The Board reviewed the proposal from Dinges Fire Company for three new Thermal Imager Cameras. Chief Bonomo stated that our cameras are 5-7 years old and outdated. The cost for three is \$15,900.00. A fourth camera will be purchased in the future for \$5,300.00 after repairs are made to one of our existing ones. It will be used as a trade-in. Three bids were received. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Paul to purchase three cameras now, and the fourth after the repairs are made from Dinges Fire Company, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was made as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried. This is a budgeted item.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to approve the Fire Life & Safety Grant application as presented. **A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to approve the Fire Life & Safety Grant application for \$3,280.00, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to surplus the Battalion Chief’s 2015 GMC Yukon that was used as a reserve vehicle. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Barnes to surplus the 2015 GMC Yukon to potentially sell it, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to surplus nine (9) SE 2 Apple iPhones. Chief Bonomo stated these phones are obsolete. After some conversation, **a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to surplus nine SE 2 iPhones, seconded by Trustee Barnes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to surplus the 2013 split bed trailer for possible sale. **A motion was made by Trustee Paul to surplus the 2013 split bed trailer for possible sale, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was made as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services for August 2023 was \$165,710.00 from Andres Medical. Billing income for August 2023 from USA Fire Recovery was \$8,499.73. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Training Battalion Chief Chuck Kraft reviewed with the Board the proposed repairs and updates that are needed for our burn tower. He said the burn tower was installed in July 2015. He stated the usage has caused some wear and tear that is above the regular maintenance and has some potential safety issues. He will obtain quotes for the repairs that were presented, he will present them to the Board.

Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- There will be a meeting with Foster Coach on September 27, 2023, to discuss the re-chassis of our ambulances.
- The job descriptions are ready for the EMS Coordinator and HR Coordinator positions. We plan on posting them and accepting applications on October 1, 2023.
- Open House will be Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- We are getting pricing on pre-fabricated work that needs to be done with the drain behind St. 2.
- DC Reynolds is working on the Comprehensive Plan. He is putting together a committee. He will keep the Board updated on the progress.
- FF/PM Matt Mullins was nominated for the Michael O. McNamee Award of Valor through Firehouse Magazine. Matt was recognized by Firehouse Magazine for his actions while responding to an accident on December 31, 2022. Congratulations Matt!

**Committee Reports** – Nothing to report.

**Other Reports** – Nothing to report.

**A motion was made by Trustee Barnes to adjourn to closed session at 11:42 a.m. to discuss any lawful purpose permitted by the Open Meeting Act – 5ILCS 120/2, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

Trustee Barnes excused himself from the meeting at noon.

**The regular meeting reconvened at 12:07 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.**

**There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor.**

**The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom Paul, Secretary*

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant