



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the October 10, 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 Ted Peszynski – present; Trustee Doug Shreve – present; Trustee Bob Baish – present; Trustee Tom Paul – present. Trustee Bill Barnes was absent.

Also in attendance were Chief Vito Bonomo; 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 ExxonMobil for participating in their Hydrofluoric Acid release drill; and Romeoville Fire Department for participating in the Drive-By parade for a resident with the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

He also read thank you notes from Phil Zaleski from Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, Camp I Am Me for our donation; Sheila Kuehni for celebrating her retirement from Wescom; from a resident for helping her and keeping her safe and from another resident who attended our Open House with her son and daughter who had a wonderful time.

A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve the September 12, 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 Peszynski to approve the September 12, 2023, close session meeting minutes, 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.

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 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.

The Decennial-Government Efficiency Act committee had to cancel the meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. They will schedule another meeting soon.

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 the General Assembly Veto Sessions will be from October 24-26 and November 7-9, 2023. He will update the Board on the outcome of these sessions.

James Howard presented the 2023 Tax Levy Determination to the Board. He stated the 2023 Tax Levy request is \$20,587,000.00 or 7.66% over last year's extension. After a brief conversation, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to accept the 2023 Tax Levy Determination as presented, 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.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to approve the 2023 insurance renewal proposal for employee benefits. This was tabled until the November 14, 2023, meeting.

The Board reviewed the proposal from American Fire Training Systems, Inc. for repairs/improvements to the training towers. The repairs/improvements are allocated in the 2024 budget. Chief Bonomo would like permission from the Board to start the project this year. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to move forward with the repairs/improvements for the training towers as presented, 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.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to surplus old nozzles and fittings for possible donation. After a discussion was held, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to surplus the old nozzles and fittings and donate them, 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.**

Board discussion and a possible motion to appoint the new Deputy Chief. President Baish requested a closed session at this time.

A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to adjourn to closed session at 11:25 a.m. to discuss any lawful purpose permitted by the Open Meeting Act – 5ILCS 120/2, 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.

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:45 p.m. by a motion from closed session. A discussion was had regarding the Deputy Chief position.

A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to appoint Battalion Chief Chuck Kraft as the new Deputy Chief, 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 September 2023 was \$132,227.00 from Andres Medical. Billing income for September 2023 from USA Fire Recovery was not received. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- Open House was on September 16, 2023. We had a record-breaking turnout. Ryan Angelus did a fantastic job organizing it along with everyone else that was involved.
- To re-chassis the ambulances, it would be approximately \$260,000.00 versus purchasing a new ambulance for \$360,000.00. He stated the warranty would remain in place.
- Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds has the committee ready for the Comprehensive Plan review.
- The interviews for the new Firefighter/Paramedic candidate list will be held on October 11, 2023.
- The last four Firefighters/Paramedics that were hired are off probation today. Congratulations to all of them.
- Updated the Board on the delivery and financing of the new engine, 1926.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn to closed session at 11:55 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 12:18 p.m. by a motion from closed session. A discussion was had concerning personnel issues. No decisions were made.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn the meeting at 12:19 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant