



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the November 14, 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 – present.

Also in attendance were 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 William J. Anderson for responding to a garage fire at his residence; Silver Cross Hospital and St. Joe's Hospital Emergency Department for acknowledging ER Nurses week, and Eichelberger Kindergarten teachers and students for Fire Marshal Ryan Angelus' fire safety presentation. He also read a thank you from Wilmington Fire Protection District and Coal City Fire Protection District for our assistance in honoring Firefighter/Paramedic David Pollack.

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

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

James Howard, 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 Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – 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 Barnes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul - yes. Motion carried.

Old Business – Chief Bonomo reviewed the 2024 insurance proposal for employee benefits with the Board. He stated there would be a 3.25% increase from last year. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to accept the 2024 employee health benefits from One Digital 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; Trustee Peszynski - 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 stated there is not too much to report back on General Assembly Veto Sessions. He did mention a waiver needs to be signed by the Plainfield Fire Protection District union regarding the paid leave law.

James Howard from Governmental Accounting is seeking Board consideration and a motion to approve the transfer of \$4.5M to Busey Wealth Management. **A motion was made by Trustee Paul to approve the transfer of funds to Busey Wealth Management, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) Workman's Compensation insurance proposal for 2024. Chief Bonomo stated that it would be \$8,000.00 more a month due to Workman's Compensation claims and salaries. After some discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to approve the insurance 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; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the proposal from Knox Company for nine MedVaults to store narcotics on the ambulances. After some discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to purchase nine MedVaults for \$17,361.00, seconded by Trustee Barnes. **A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to approve proposed wage increases for non-union personnel. Chief Bonomo requested a closed session for discussion.

Seeking board consideration and possible action to extend Deputy Chief Reynolds's contract as presented. Chief Bonomo requested a closed session for discussion.

Seeking board consideration and possible motion to approve Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft's contract. Chief Bonomo requested a closed session for discussion.

Seeking board consideration and a motion to hire a person for Human Resources. Chief Bonomo requested a closed session for discussion.

Seeking board consideration and a motion to hire an EMS Coordinator. Chief Bonomo requested a closed session for discussion.

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services for October 2023 was \$184,976.00 from Andres Medical. Billing income for October 2023 from USA Fire Recovery was \$7,505.54. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- Bids for the drain repair behind Station 2 have been received. This project is on hold until Spring 2024.
- We currently have five Firefighters/Paramedics on Workman's Compensation.

- All promotions will be official on December 1, 2023. They are as follows: Pat Murphy from Lieutenant to Battalion Chief, Scott Moore from Shift Battalion Chief to Training Battalion Chief, and Rob Underhill from Firefighter/Paramedic to Lieutenant.
- Negotiations are going well. The current contract expires December 31, 2023. The new contract will be in effect for four years. Trustee Peszynski has been participating in the negotiations and stated they have been very peaceful; everyone has been doing an excellent job and it has been an honor to be involved in the process.
- Plainfield Township is implementing a mental health program for its residents. The Township is paying for this program. They will have a mobile response team on a call if needed.
- Chief stated the crews that responded to the incident on October 14, 2023, did an amazing job.
- October call data was reviewed with the Board.

Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds updated the Board on the following items:

- He has been working on a new staffing program. It will go live in February 2024.
- There will be a Comprehensive Plan meeting on November 28, 2023.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to adjourn to a closed session at 11:50 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 Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 12:13 p.m. by a motion from closed session. A discussion was had concerning personnel issues. No decisions were made regarding wage increases or the Deputy Chief's contracts.

Trustee Shreve made a motion to give Chief Bonomo the authority to hire an EMS Coordinator and a Human Resources Generalist, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant