



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the December 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. 135th 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 Bill Barnes was absent.

Also in attendance were Chief Vito Bonomo; Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds; Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft; Attorney John Motylinski; Brad O’Sullivan, Governmental Accounting; and Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Fazio.

Budget Hearing – A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to open the budget hearing, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. All in favor. President Baish stated the notice of the hearing was published in the newspaper as required by law and a tentative copy of the budget has been made available to the public for 30 days for the calendar year 2024. He asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to close the budget hearing, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. All in favor.

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – Trustee Paul read thank you notes from the Red Knights Motorcycle Illinois Chapter 23 for assisting with their charity ride; Project Fire Buddies for participating in the procession for fire buddy Brendan and from a resident on Lakepoint Drive for helping with an ongoing vendor parking problem.

A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve the November 14, 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 Shreve to approve the November 14, 2023, close session meeting minutes, 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.

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 Shreve. 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 Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul - yes. Motion carried.

Old Business – The Board and Chief Bonomo requested a closed session to discuss the proposed wage increase for non-union personnel, the extension of Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds' contract, and the approval of Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft's contract.

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 on. He did mention the Paid Leave Workers Act goes into effect next month.

Ordinance No. 2023-1212A - Ordinance 2023-1212A is an Ordinance providing for the Budget and Appropriation of the Plainfield Fire Protection District for Fire Protection and Ambulance Service in Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024. A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to adopt Ordinance 2023-1212A, 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 Board reviewed the quote from CDS Office Technologies to renew a one-year license and support for the Barracuda Email Security System for \$19,008.00. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to renew the one-year license and support for the Barracuda Email Security System for \$19,008.00; 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 purchase 27 sets of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) gear. After a short conversation, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to purchase the PPE gear for \$111,105.00, 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. This is a budgeted item.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to approve the contract for Local 4560. The contract is not ready for approval. There will be a special meeting for this item.

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to surplus 20 obsolete Motorola pagers for donation or disposal. DC Kraft explained to the Board that the Motorola pagers will not be used at Plainfield Fire but would like to surplus and donate them to another Fire Department. **A motion was made by Trustee Paul to surplus 20 obsolete Motorola pagers and to donate them; 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.**

Seeking Board approval for the 2024 Board of Trustee's meeting dates as presented. **A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to accept the 2024 Board of Trustee's meeting dates as presented, 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.**

The Board reviewed the 2024 Holiday Schedule as presented. **A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to accept the 2024 Holiday Schedule as presented, 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.**

Truth and Taxation Hearing – A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to open the Truth and Taxation hearing at 11:35 a.m., 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. President Baish stated the notice of today’s hearing is for the Tax Levy for 2023 of the Plainfield Fire Protection District in the Counties of Will and Kendall and the State of Illinois. He stated it was published in the newspaper as required by law. He asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public, a motion was made by Trustee Paul to close the Truth and Taxation hearing at 11:36 a.m., 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.

Levy Ordinance No. 2023-1212B - Ordinance No. 2023-1212B is an Ordinance for the levying and assessing of taxes for the Plainfield Fire Protection District, Ambulance Service, Pension Fund, and Tort Liability in the Counties of Will and Kendall and the State of Illinois for 2023. A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adopt Levy Ordinance 2023-1212B as presented, 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.

Ordinance No. 2023-1212C – Ordinance No 2023-1212C an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2015 of the Plainfield Fire Protection District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois. A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to adopt Ordinance 2023-1212C, 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.

Ordinance No. 2023-1212D – Ordinance No. 2023-1212D an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the Year 2023 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016 of the Plainfield Fire Protection District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois. A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adopt Ordinance 2023-1212D, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul - yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2023-1212E – Ordinance No. 2023-1212E an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the Year 2023 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008 of the Plainfield Fire Protection District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois. A motion was made by Trustee Paul to adopt Ordinance 2023-1212E, 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.

Chief’s Report – It was reported that income from billing services for November 2023 was \$130,785.46 from Andres Medical. Billing income for November 2023 from USA Fire Recovery was \$11,493.18. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- The delivery of the new ambulance from Foster Coach has been delayed due to the shortage of a chassis. It was supposed to be delivered in the Spring of 2024. We will not know the new delivery date until they receive a chassis.
- The EMS Coordinator position has been filled by Marie Passafiume. She will be starting on December 18, 2023. An offer has been made and accepted for the HR position. We are waiting for her physical to be completed. If all goes well, she will begin January 1, 2024.
- There will be an Officers meeting at Headquarters on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

- We will have a swearing-in ceremony at Headquarters on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m. A formal email invite will be sent out.
- Chief Bonomo reviewed the November calls.

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

- The Comprehensive Plan meeting was held on November 28, 2023. The next meeting will be in January 2024.
- Deputy Chief Reynolds and Deputy Chief Kraft have been reviewing the purchase order process.
- The new staffing program will be up and running on January 1, 2024.
- Will County EMA donated all their Hazmat equipment to MABAS Division 15.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to adjourn to a closed session at 11:40 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 12:28 p.m. by a motion from closed session. A discussion was had concerning personnel issues.

Trustee Shreve made a motion to accept Chief Vito Bonomo's non-union wage increase; 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.

Trustee Shreve made a motion to approve Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft's contract as presented; 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.

Trustee Shreve made a motion to extend Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds's contract with changes as presented; seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Shreve made a motion to approve the wage increases for non-union personnel as presented; 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.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m., seconded by Trustee Peszynski, all in favor.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant