



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the January 9, 2024, 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; James Howard, Governmental Accounting; and Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Fazio.

Open Forum – Chief Bonomo introduced Alicia Pavone the new HR Generalist and Marie Passafiume the new EMS Coordinator to the Board. He said Cheryl Hanson's last day as the EMS Coordinator before she retires is Friday, February 2, 2024.

Correspondence – No correspondence was received.

Trustee Peszynski made a motion to approve the December 12, 2023, 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.

Trustee Shreve made a motion to approve the December 12, 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.

Trustee Shreve made a motion to approve the December 29, 2023, special 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.

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

Old Business – There was no old business.

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 bill to exempt Fire Protection Districts from the Paid Leave for All Workers Act was not considered at the General Assembly.

Chief Bonomo explained the signers on the Schwab account need to be updated due to a retirement and a new President on the Board of Trustees. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to update the signers on the Schwab account as requested, 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.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to ratify Chief Bonomo's wage increase. **A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to ratify Chief Bonomo's wage increase as presented at the December 12, 2023, meeting, 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.**

Per President Baish's request to have a procedure in place for the future hiring of a Chief and Deputy Chief; Chief Bonomo presented a plan to the Board for their review. President Baish asked the Board to review the outline from Chief Bonomo and they will discuss it at the February 13, 2024, meeting.

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services for December 2023 was \$237,914.76 from Andres Medical. Billing income for December 2023 from USA Fire Recovery was \$8,204.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- Chief Bonomo reviewed the year-end incident report with the Board. In 2023 we responded to 5,628 calls with 3,734 being EMS calls.
- Cheryl Hansen's last day before retirement will be Friday, February 2, 2024
- We will have a swearing-in ceremony on January 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. This will be for the Chief, Deputy Chief, Battalion Chief, Lieutenant, and two Firefighters/Paramedics.
- The contract for Local 4560 was ratified. It is being printed.
- PEMA needs a new/used vehicle. We would like to donate the 2015 Yukon that was declared surplus to them.

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

- The new staffing program is up and running.
- DC Reynolds and DC Kraft are reviewing the SOGs, SOPs, and the Police Manual for Plainfield Fire Protection District.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

There being no need for closed session or further business, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant