



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the February 13, 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 and Trustee Bill Barnes were 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.

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – Trustee Paul read thank you notes from Frankfort Fire Protection District for assisting with a technical rescue in their district and the Plainfield YMCA for the staff training conducted by Lt. Brandon Vainowski and Paramedic Jack Jirgl. Chief Bonomo received a thank you from Plainfield FD in New Jersey for reaching out to them after the line-of-duty death of one of their firefighters.

Trustee Shreve made a motion to approve the January 9, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.

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

Trustee Shreve made a motion 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. Motion carried.

Old Business – Discussion regarding the Chief and Deputy Chief hiring process was tabled until the March 12, 2024, meeting.

New Business – No Board of Review Notices were received.

No Annexations were received

One Tax Objection was received. No action is to be taken per Attorney John Motylinski.

Attorney’s Report – Attorney John Motylinski stated the General Assembly is back in session. There are several competing bills to the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. He will keep the Board updated.

The Board reviewed the proposal from Stryker for five new stair chairs. Chief Bonomo said the chairs are battery-operated and will help our Paramedics when assisting people from second-story rooms. He also stated the current chairs are 7-10 years old. After a brief conversation, **Trustee Shreve made a motion to purchase five new stair chairs for \$89,933.00, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried. This is a budgeted item.**

Chief Bonomo stated our current inflatable rescue boat is approximately 15 years old and the seams are becoming weak and need constant repair. The board agreed the Chief could begin the bidding process for a new rescue boat.

The landscaping and lawn maintenance bidding process will be re-visited in 2025.

As mentioned at the January 9, 2024, meeting, Chief Bonomo requested we donate the 2015 Yukon to Plainfield Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). After some discussion, **Trustee Shreve made a motion to donate the 2015 Yukon to PEMA, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Trustee Shreve made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-0213, a resolution of the Plainfield Fire Protection District appointing Alicia Pavone, HR Generalist as the IMRF authorized agent, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to begin the hiring process for a full-time Fire Inspector. After a brief dialog, **Trustee Paul made a motion to allow Chief Bonomo to begin the hiring process for a full-time Fire Inspector, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Trustee Shreve made a motion to make the following closed session minutes public: June 15, 2022, September 13, 2022, and October 11, 2022. The following minutes will remain closed: November 8, 2022, March 14, 2023, May 30, 2023, June 6, 2023, and June 13, 2023, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was made as follows: Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.

Chief Bonomo reviewed the special events in which we provide EMS services for the Village of Plainfield.

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services for January 2024 was \$165,256.00 from Andres Medical. Billing income for January 2024 from USA Fire Recovery was \$7,760.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- The new engine is in production. The estimated delivery is April 2024.
- Production should begin on the new ambulance in July 2024, with an estimated delivery in the Fall of 2024.
- All the new Zoll cardiac monitors, AEDs, and auto pulses have been received. This is based on the Lease Agreement with Zoll.
- We had a mandatory pre-bid specification meeting on Monday, March 12, 2024, for the Drainage project at St. 2. Sealed bids are due Friday, March 1, 2024, at 2:00 pm.

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

- The Comprehensive Plan meeting was held on February 5, 2024. The following Vision Statement was decided upon during that meeting: *We will provide unwavering professional services to the community.* The next meeting will be March 11, 2024.
- DC Reynolds's new car is in.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – President Baish stated he would not be available for the Tuesday, March 12, 2024, meeting. He requested we change the meeting to Tuesday, March 19, 2024. **Trustee Shreve made a motion to change the next Board of Trustees meeting to Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

There being no need for closed session or further business, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant