



# PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the March 19, 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. 135<sup>th</sup> 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 Megan Lamb; 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 Debi Curtis, a Wish Granter for making a child's wish come true with a visit from Station 3 black shift, and from the Plainfield North High School Boosters Vice President for helping make their Toys for Tots a tremendous success.

**Trustee Shreve made a motion to approve the February 13, 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 Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve - 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** – A discussion was held regarding the Chief and Deputy Chief hiring process. The Board reviewed the recommended process given to them by Chief Bonomo. Trustee Baish asked Mary Jo Fazio to keep this information on file for the future hiring of a Chief or Deputy Chief. All Board members agreed.

**New Business** – No Board of Review Notices were received.

No Annexations were received

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney’s Report – Attorney Megan Lamb reminded the Board that their Statement of Economic Interest is due to the county by May 1, 2024. She also stated the Illinois Association Fire Protection Districts (IAFPD) Conference usually held in June, will be September 15-18, 2024.

Chief Bonomo explained to the Board they will replace two projectors in Training Room A this year and budget to replace two projectors in Training Room B next year. Four bids were received for the projectors. IT Specialist, Michael Adduci recommended CTI for the project. The cost for the project would be \$19,996.05. After some discussion, **Trustee Shreve made a motion to purchase two projectors for Training Room A from CTI for \$19,996.05 based on Michael's recommendation, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Bonomo stated two sealed bids were received for the St. 2 drainage project. P.T. Ferro Construction submitted a bid for \$57,625.00 and Austin Tyler Construction submitted a bid for \$66,300.00. After the Board reviewed the bids and had a discussion, **Trustee Shreve made a motion to hire P.T. Ferro Construction for the project for \$57,625.00, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Bonomo informed the Board that only one sealed bid was received for the inflatable rescue boat. The bid was received from MilPRO Marine LLC in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The cost quoted is \$22,600.00. After a conversation was had regarding the bid, **Trustee Paul made a motion to purchase the inflatable rescue boat from MilPRO Marine for \$22,600.00, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to appoint a Pension Board member for a three-year term. This was tabled until the April 9, 2024, meeting.

Surplus the 2000 Pierce Pumper (1921 reserve). Chief Bonomo informed the Board that the reserve pumper is not safe to have on the road any longer. **Trustee Shreve made a motion to surplus the 2000 Pierce Pumper (1921 reserve), seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services for February 2024 was \$169,525.00 from EMS MC (formerly Andres Medical). Billing income for February 2024 from USA Fire Recovery was \$7,828.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- Andres Medical Billing was bought by EMS Management & Consultants.
- Plainfield Township is working with Thrive Works to provide township residents with mental health services if needed. Will County and Kendall County have services available as well. Chief Bonomo is working on obtaining mental health services for all residents in our district.
- The new 1926 Pumper Fire Engine is under construction. The vehicle committee will do their final inspection at Pierce on April 24, 2024.
- We will post the Fire Inspector position on April 1, 2024. We intend to begin interviewing in May with a June hire date.
- The new ambulance (1914) should be delivered in November or December 2024.
- Rehabbing (repairs) to the burn tower started yesterday.
- Trustees need to complete 3 hours of continuing education every year. Do not forget to submit your certificate to Mary Jo once you complete your training.

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

- The Comprehensive Plan meeting was held on March 11, 2024. They discussed strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities. They also reviewed the vehicle replacement program schedule and how it works. At the next meeting, they will be discussing call volumes in various areas in the District and response times.

**Committee Reports** – Nothing to report.

**Other Reports** – Nothing to report.

**There being no need for a closed session or further business, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom Paul, Secretary*

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant