



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the November 12, 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: Trustee Tom Paul – present, Trustee Bob Baish – present, Trustee Doug Shreve – present, and Trustee Ted Peszynski – present. Trustee Bill Barnes was absent.

Chief Vito Bonomo, Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds, Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft, Attorneys John Motylinski and Kelly Melin, James Howard, Governmental Accounting, and Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Fazio were also in attendance.

Budget Hearing – Trustee Shreve motioned to open the budget hearing, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes, Trustee Baish – yes, Trustee Shreve – yes, Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried. 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 2025. He asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public, Trustee Shreve motioned to close the budget hearing, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes, Trustee Baish – yes, Trustee Shreve – yes, Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.

Open Forum – Illinois American Water presented a \$1,000.00 grant check to the Plainfield Fire Protection District. Chief Bonomo said this money will purchase electric vehicle fire blankets to keep on the engines. Thank you, Illinois American Water.

Correspondence – Trustee Paul read a thank you note from Elwood Fire Protection District for assisting them with an incident in their fire district. He also read a thank you note from the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association thanking Chief Bonomo and staff for allowing them to use our training facility.

Trustee Peszynski motioned to approve the October 8, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, reviewed the Treasurer's report with the Board. **Trustee Peszynski motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Trustee Shreve motioned to pay the bills in the usual manner, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.

Old Business – No old business.

New Business – One Board of Review Notice was received. Attorney John Motylinski stated no action needs to be taken.

No Annexations were received.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney's Report – John Motylinski said the General Assembly is in the veto session. He will advise the Board on any changes that occur.

Ordinance No. 2024-1112A - Ordinance 2024-1112A 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, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025. Trustee Peszynski motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-1112A, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.

Chief Bonomo reviewed the 2025 insurance benefits for employees with the Board. He stated there would be a 16% increase from last year. We are changing dental agencies for a 12% reduction in dental coverage. After reviewing the policy, **Trustee Shreve motioned to accept the 2025 employee health benefits from One Digital as presented, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – 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 2025. Chief Bonomo stated there would be a 29.5% increase due to Workman's Compensation claims and salaries. He also said that we must meet once a month with an IPRF representative and at the end of the year, we would receive 10% back of our premiums. After some discussion, **Trustee Peszynski motioned to approve the insurance as presented, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Response Agreement between the Lisbon-Seward Fire Protection District and the Plainfield Fire Protection District. Chief Bonomo explained this agreement is for mutual aid if available and able to respond with firefighting, ambulance, rescue service, and all other resources. It will automatically renew for three subsequent five-year periods for a maximum term of 20 years total unless either party terminates the agreement. **Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Lisbon-Seward as presented, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Bonomo stated four sealed bids were received for the St. 3 repainting project. They were Smith Painting Service for \$22,772.00, Castle Painting & Carpentry for \$24,912.00, Oosterbaan & Sons for \$25,620.00, and Yad Construction LLC for \$59,350.00. After the Board reviewed the bids and had a discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to hire Smith Painting Service for the project for \$22,772.00, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – abstained; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Bonomo said we received a quote from Midwest Office Interiors for fourteen new office chairs for the staff. The chairs they are using are 12 years old. The total is \$10,366.16. After a brief discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to purchase fourteen office chairs for \$10,366.16, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried. This is a budgeted item.**

Seeking a motion to renew a one-year subscription and support for the Barracuda Email Security System for \$14,319.16. Chief Bonomo stated this is an annual renewal to keep our email up-to-date and secure. **Trustee Peszynski motioned to renew the Barracuda Email Security System for \$14,319.16, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

At the October 8, 2024, meeting, IT Coordinator Michael Adduci requested to purchase four network switches that provide internet connectivity at each fire station. He received three quotes for the switches and recommended Aruba for \$13,462.52. After reviewing the quotes further, he is requesting the Board ratify their approval from Aruba and approve Fortinet as the vendor for \$10,145.16. After a conversation, **Trustee Shreve made a ratification motion to change the approved vendor from Aruba to Fortinet for \$10,145.16, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to surplus fourteen staff office chairs for possible donation. **Trustee Peszynski motioned to surplus the office chairs for possible donation, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to surplus the 2012 Zodiac inflatable boat for disposal. **Trustee Shreve motioned to surplus the 2012 Zodiac inflatable boat for disposal, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to review Chief Bonomo's contract. Tabled until the December 10, 2024, meeting.

Seeking board consideration and possible action to extend Deputy Chief Reynolds's contract. Tabled until the December 10, 2024, meeting.

Seeking board consideration and a motion to renew Deputy Chief Kraft's contract. Tabled until the December 10, 2024, meeting.

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

Truth and Taxation Hearing – Trustee Shreve motioned to open the Truth and Taxation hearing at 11:30 a.m., seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried. President Baish stated the notice of today's hearing is for the Tax Levy for 2024 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. Trustee Peszynski motioned to close the Truth and Taxation hearing at 11:31 a.m., seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.

Levy Ordinance No. 2024-1112B – Ordinance No. 2024-1112B 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 2024. **Trustee Peszynski motioned to adopt Levy Ordinance No. 2024-1112B as presented, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Ordinance No. 2024-1112C – Ordinance No. 2024-1112C is an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2024 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. **Trustee Shreve motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-1112C, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Ordinance No. 2024-1112D - Ordinance No. 2024-1112D is an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2024 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. **Trustee Shreve motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-1112D, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Ordinance No. 2024-1112E - Ordinance No. 2024-1112E is an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay debt service on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008 of the Plainfield Fire Protection District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois. **Trustee Shreve motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-1112E, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – The income from billing services for October 2024 was \$212,007.23 from EMS MC (formerly Andres Medical). The billing income for October 2024 from USA Fire Recovery was \$2,624.00.

Chief Vito Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- Information for the State Grant of \$75,000.00 has been submitted. We are waiting to see if we receive it.
- He asked the Board to review the five-year Strategic Plan and let him know if they have any changes. He would like the Board to approve the Strategic Plan at the December 10, 2024, meeting.
- Studio GC Architects presented the Chief with the final drawing for the front entry of the Headquarters. There will be a meeting with them on November 14, 2024.
- BC Moore's training pick-up truck is in service. The Ford Explorer declared as surplus was sold to the Plainfield Police Department.
- We will be doing live fire training this week with the crews rotating in.
- The Chief, Deputy Chiefs, and EMS Coordinator Marie Passafiume will be attending the Active Threat Conference this week in Joliet.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

Trustee Shreve motioned to adjourn to a closed session at 11:49 a.m. to discuss any lawful purpose permitted by the Open Meeting Act – 5ILCS 120/2, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul - yes. Motion carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 12:21 p.m. by a motion from closed session. Discussions were had concerning personnel issues and the potential purchase or sale of property. No decision was made.

There being no further business, Trustee Peszynski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 p.m., seconded by Trustee Shreve, all in favor.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant