



# PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the February 11, 2025, 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: Trustee Tom Paul – present, Trustee Bob Baish – present, Trustee Doug Shreve – present. Trustee Ted Peszynski and Trustee Bill Barnes were absent.

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

**Open Forum** – Nothing from the audience.

**Correspondence** – Thank you notes were received from the Naperville Fire Department for our support and assistance during the memorial service for Division Chief Douglas Erwin, and Morris Fire Protection District for covering their quarters so their members could attend the funeral services for Retired Chief Robert Coleman. We also received a thank you from the Illinois State Police for allowing them to use our Training facility this past year. Fire Marshal Ryan Angelus received a thank you for giving a fire safety talk to the CCW group at St. Mary Immaculate Church. A thank you was received from a resident expressing heartfelt gratitude for the exceptional care given during a 911 call to their residence and a note of appreciation was received from the Barnes family for remembering their beloved Barb Barnes.

**Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the January 14, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the January 14, 2025, closed session meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Baish. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

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

Simon Grant, Director, Senior Vice President of Busey Bank, gave an update on the district’s investment portfolio.

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

**Old Business** – Chief Bonomo informed the Board he would be meeting with Joliet regarding the property on Hennepin Drive in Joliet land acquisition future fire station.

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

No Annexations were received.

One Tax Objection was received. Attorney John Motylinski stated there is not any action to be taken.

Attorney's Report – John Motylinski reported the General Assembly has been in session and new bills are being introduced. House Bill 1098 would affect Fire Districts/Departments. It would lower the age from 21 to 18 to become a firefighter. He will keep the Board updated on the status of this Bill.

The Board reviewed the proposal from MidAmerica Towers, Inc. for labor and installation of the foundation for the radio tower for \$19,500.00. After some discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the labor and installation of the foundation from MidAmerica Towers for \$19,500.00, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Bonomo stated that the Gene May Heating & Cooling proposal is the annual HVAC system maintenance agreement for 2025 for all four stations and headquarters for \$10,450.00. After a brief conversation, **Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the 2025 Gene May Heating & Cooling proposal as presented for \$10,450.00, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Bonomo requested to go out to bid for three new vehicles for staff. The vehicles are for the Battalion Chiefs, Fire Prevention, and Deputy Chief Kraft. He said this is a budgeted expense. After the Board received clarification as to what type of vehicles they were requesting, **Trustee Shreve motioned to approve going out to bid for three new vehicles for staff, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

After reviewing the contract from Studio GC for architectural services for the back catwalk and front entry at headquarters, **Trustee Shreve motioned to accept the contract from Studio GC as presented, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the contract from Narvick Brothers for construction management services for the back catwalk and front entry at headquarters. **Trustee Shreve motioned to accept the contract from Narvick Brothers as presented, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Bonomo would like the Board's approval to proceed with the bidding process and final design for the front entry and back catwalk construction projects at the headquarters building. He stated both projects are budgeted. After a discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to move forward with the bidding process and final design for both construction projects as presented, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Bonomo explained to the Board that IT used The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) to secure a vendor (CTI) to purchase two new projectors for Training Room B at Headquarters. After the Board reviewed the proposal from CTI, **Trustee Shreve made a motion to approve the purchase of two new projectors for Training Room B as presented for \$23,280.87, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried. This is a budgeted purchase.**

**Seeking board consideration and a possible motion to purchase property for a new fire station. This is a budgeted item. This was tabled until the March 19, 2025, meeting.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to surplus three (EMS) Merritt Jump Bags for donation. **Trustee Shreve motioned to surplus three Merritt Jump Bags for donation, seconded by Trustee Baish. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to surplus four old heavy chrome playpipes and five old chrome tips for disposal. **Trustee Shreve motioned to surplus four chrome playpipes and five chrome tips for disposal, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – The income from billing services for January 2025 was \$198,645.22 from EMS MC. The billing income for January 2025 from USA Fire Recovery was \$4,124.00.

Chief Vito Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- Plainfield Fire, Oswego Fire, and the Village of Plainfield are standardizing some fire codes for both districts.
- We are working on an Emergency Access Road User Agreement between Plainfield Fire Protection District and two business owners located on Industrial Drive in Plainfield.
- The new 1914 ambulance passed the Illinois Department of Public Health inspection and is now in service.
- The new 1931 ambulance should be completed in September 2025.
- The old 1914 ambulance will be sent out in March to begin the re-chassis process. This should take approximately six months to complete.
- We are in discussions with the Joliet Fire Department regarding the agreement that is in place for the Boulevard off Rt. 30.

**Committee Reports** – Nothing to report.

**Other Reports** – Nothing to report.

**Trustee Paul motioned to move the next regular meeting from Tuesday, March 11, 2025, to Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes. Motion carried.**

**There being no further business or a need for a closed session, Trustee Shreve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom Paul, Secretary*

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant