



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the August 12, 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. 135th Street, Plainfield, IL, in the Boardroom.

A roll call attendance was taken: Trustee Ted Peszynski – present, Trustee Bill Klein – present, Trustee Bob Baish – present, and Trustee Bob Dehm - present. Trustee Doug Shreve was 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 – Trustee Dehm read thank-you notes from the Dolata family and the Oswego Fire Department thanking us for our support during the funeral services for Firefighter Roberto Flores.

Chief Bonomo informed the Board that Battalion Chief Scott Moore received the 2025 Training Officer Award from the International Fire Chiefs Association Volunteer & Combination Officers Section in recognition of his outstanding commitment to fire service training. Excellent job, BC Moore.

Trustee Peszynski motioned to approve the July 8, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Dehm. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.

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

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

Old Business – Seeking board consideration and a possible motion for land acquisition for a future Fire Station 6. Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the status of Trammel Crow. No action was taken.

New Business – No Board of Review Notices were received.

Two new Annexations were received. One was from the City of Naperville, and the other was from the City of Joliet. Attorney John Motylinski stated no action is to be taken on either request.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney's Report – John Motylinski said he sat in on a deposition with one of our Firefighter/Paramedics and reported that he did an excellent job on his deposition and represented Plainfield Fire in a professional light. House Bill 2785 regarding ambulance billing rates, which passed at the last Legislative session, is still on the Governor's desk waiting for him to either sign it or veto it. John will keep us updated on the status of the Bill. He also said that we can begin charging assisted living facilities for lift assistance beginning January 1, 2026.

The Board reviewed the proposals prepared by Assured Partners for the District's liability, vehicle, and complete insurance package from August 23, 2025, to August 23, 2026. One proposal was from Selective Insurance Company for \$95,739.00, and the second one was from First Fire for \$95,228.00. Chief Bonomo recommends that we stay with Selective Insurance Company based on our previous experience with them. After a discussion, **Trustee Dehm motioned to accept the proposal as presented from Selective Insurance Company for \$97,739.00, seconded by Trustee Klein. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Bonomo stated he would like to purchase a pre-owned 21" memorial bell for the outside entry at Headquarters. After a brief discussion, **Trustee Klein motioned to approve the purchase of the pre-owned memorial bell for \$16,336.00, seconded by Trustee Dehm. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Bonomo would like permission to hire one Firefighter/Paramedic as a replacement due to a disability pension. After explaining the circumstance to the Board, **Trustee Klein motioned to approve the hiring of one Firefighter/Paramedic, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.**

Annual renewal of Image Trend Software. Chief Bonomo said that Image Trend is our reporting system for fire and EMS calls. Response times for calls are also tracked through this software. **Trustee Peszynski motioned to renew Image Trend for one year for \$21,087.55, seconded by Trustee Klein. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein - yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Dehm - yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to surplus Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft's 2020 Ford Expedition to trade-in due to purchasing a new vehicle. **Trustee Peszynski motioned to surplus the 2020 Ford Expedition to trade-in, seconded by Trustee Dehm. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to surplus the 2008 Ford Pick-up truck to trade-in. **Trustee Peszynski motioned to surplus the 2008 Ford Pick-up truck and to use it as a trade-in, seconded by Trustee Dehm. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein - yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Dehm - yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to surplus decommissioned IT equipment. Chief Bonomo explained that they inventoried the extra IT equipment at Headquarters and listed the obsolete equipment for surplus. After the Board reviewed the list, **Trustee Peszynski motioned to surplus the decommissioned IT equipment, seconded by Trustee Klein. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein - yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Dehm - yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – The income from billing services for July 2025 was \$198,176.45 from EMS MC. The billing income for July 2025 from USA Fire Recovery was \$9,865.55.

Chief Vito Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- The new 20" high cube storage container that was approved at last month's meeting for stoker/pump testing equipment is ready. We are waiting for the concrete to be poured.
- Open House will be September 27, 2025. Construction on the front entry at Headquarters should be near completion by then.
- We received a rendering for the future Station 5.
- A rough draft of a procedure to fill a Board of Trustees vacancy should it occur by death, resignation, moving out of district, or for any other reason was presented to the Board. The Board will review the document and inform the Chief if they would like it to be a Resolution.

Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds updated the Board on vehicle status:

- Production of the Ford Escape for Fire Prevention is in production.
- The Expeditions for the Battalion Chiefs and Deputy Chief Kraft have been ordered.
- The first print for the new quint is complete. Two items still need to be resolved.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

There is no need for a workshop meeting.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business or need for closed session, Trustee Peszynski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m., seconded by Trustee Dehm, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Dehm, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant