



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the October 7, 2025, meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Plainfield Fire Protection District to order at 11:05 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 arrived at 11:11 a.m.

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

Open Forum – Chief Bonomo thanked Fire Marshal Ryan Angelus for his hard work on the successful Open House that was held on September 27, 2025.

Correspondence – Trustee Dehm read two thank-you notes—one from the daughter of a resident we assisted during a 911 call involving her father, and another from a resident who appreciated our help in assessing his ill friend.

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

Trustee Baish motioned to approve the September 25, 2025, Workshop meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Klein. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Dehm – 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 Dehm. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.**

Trustee Klein motioned to pay the bills in the usual manner, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – 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 – Five Board of Review Notices were received. Attorney John Motylinski stated no action was to be taken by us. Chief Bonomo will contact the school district to see if they are aware of the notices.

One Annexation was received—no action required.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney's Report – John Motylinski stated that the new Lift Assist Ordinance, set to take effect in January 2026, will be ready for the Board's approval at the November 11, 2025, meeting.

The Board reviewed the summary and recommendation provided by our Construction Manager, Narvick Bros., regarding the Station 4 repainting project based on the submitted sealed bids. After some discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to award Smith Painting Services, Inc. the St. 4 repainting project for \$23,875.00 as recommended by Narvick Bros., seconded by Trustee Dehm. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.**

James Howard presented the 2025 Tax Levy Determination to the Board. He stated the 2025 Tax Levy request is \$23,286,500.00 or 7.00% over last year's extension. After a brief conversation, **Trustee Shreve motioned to accept the 2025 Tax Levy Determination as presented, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to move funds to our wealth management accounts as directed by James Howard, Governmental Accounting. **Trustee Shreve motioned to move funds to our wealth management accounts as directed by James Howard, seconded by Trustee Dehm. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to approve the 2026 insurance renewal proposal for employee benefits. This was tabled until the November 11, 2025, meeting.

Seeking board consideration and a motion to approve the annual Workman's Compensation insurance. This was tabled until the November 11, 2025, meeting.

The Board reviewed the proposal for one (1) Pierce Velocity 107' Ascendant Ladder (Quint). Chief Bonomo stated there will be a price increase on November 1, 2025, and the delivery time is 48-51 months from receipt and acceptance of the contract. He is requesting that, pending the approval/permit from IDNR for St. 5, we purchase the Quint for \$1,997,000.00. **Trustee Klein motioned to approve the purchase of the Pierce Velocity 107' Ascendant Ladder (Quint) pending the approval/permit from IDNR for St. 5 for \$1,997,000.00, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to surplus the 2000 Zodiac Boat Trailer that will be scrapped due to purchasing a new trailer for the WING boat. **Trustee Shreve motioned to surplus the 2000 Zodiac Boat Trailer for scrap, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to surplus the HR machine force door prop that will be donated to the Plainfield Police Department. **Trustee Dehm motioned to surplus the HR machine force door prop and to donate it to the Plainfield Police Department, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the closed session minutes from November 12, 2024, December 10, 2024, and January 14, 2025, to determine if they should be made public or remain closed. **Trustee Shreve motioned to keep the closed session minutes from November 12, 2024, December 10, 2024, and January 14, 2025, closed, seconded by Trustee Dehm. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – The income from billing services for September 2025 was \$183,116.87 from EMS MC. The billing income for September 2025 from USA Fire Recovery was \$7,349.00.

Chief Vito Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- The bell for the front entry at Headquarters will be in by the end of October. The signage has been ordered and is scheduled to be mounted in November.
- We have a meeting with our Architects tomorrow regarding St. 5. Studio GC talked with Joliet's City Council and stated we need to submit station drawings to them for approval. Mike Cook continues to follow up with the IDNR (Illinois Department of Natural Resources) regarding our permit for St. 5.
- The gutters on the pole building at Headquarters need to be replaced.
- On October 11, 2025, we will have a debriefing with our members who responded to a few critical calls recently.
- The Commissioners are conducting the Firefighter/Paramedic interviews today for the new candidate list. The Battalion Chief's promotional interviews were held on October 2, 2025. We have four candidates for the new Battalion Chief promotional list.
- We are working on the 2026 individual department's budget.
- The Stakeholders' roundtable was held at Plainfield Fire Headquarters on October 1, 2025. Trustee Baish and Trustee Peszynski represented Plainfield Fire. The next meeting will be on January 7, 2026, at the School District's main building.
- Our September call volume is up 11½ percent from last year.

Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds updated the Board on vehicle status:

- We will pick up 1931 on October 28 or 29, 2025.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

Trustee Peszynski motioned to adjourn to a closed session at 11:59 a.m. to discuss any lawful purpose permitted by the Open Meeting Act – 5ILCS 120/2, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 12:24 p.m. by a motion from a closed session. Discussions were held regarding past personnel and the purchase of property. No decisions were made.

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

There being no further business or need for closed session, Trustee Shreve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m., seconded by Trustee Peszynski, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Dehm, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant