



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the November 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. 135th Street, Plainfield, IL, in Training Room A.

A roll call attendance was taken: Trustee Ted Peszynski – present, Trustee Bill Klein – present, Trustee Bob Baish – present, Trustee Doug Shreve – present, and Trustee Bob Dehm - present.

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.

Commissioner Dale Hurly swore in Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Elias Gil. Congratulation Elias.

Budget Hearing – Trustee Shreve motioned to open the budget hearing at 11:10 a.m., 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. 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 2026. 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 at 11:11 a.m., 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.

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – Trustee Dehm read thank-you notes from the CIT Regional Coordinator for allowing them to use our facility for training. He read a thank-you note from the EMA and CERT training team thanking us for allowing them to use our outside training area and for all the help BC Scott Moore provided, and he read a thank-you from Beth Kanady & the 3R staff thanking Fire Marshal Ryan Angelus and St. 4 Black Shift for assisting them with their Great Pumpkin Giveaway.

Trustee Peszynski motioned to approve the October 7, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Klein. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the October 7, 2025, Closed Session meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. 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, 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 Shreve motioned to pay the bills in the usual manner, seconded by Trustee Dehm. 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.

Due to the extremely high increase in employees' health insurance benefits, Chief Bonomo explained to the Board the new insurance structure that would save the fire district money. After a very lengthy discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the 2026 insurance renewal for employee benefits 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.**

Truth and Taxation Hearing – Trustee Shreve motioned to open the Truth and Taxation hearing at 11:43 a.m., 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. President Baish stated the notice of today's hearing is for the Tax Levy for 2025 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 Shreve motioned to close the Truth and Taxation hearing at 11:44 a.m., 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.

The Board reviewed the Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) Workman's Compensation insurance proposal for 2026. Chief Bonomo stated the cost for the Workman's Compensation insurance is \$873,478.00. He also said that because we met once a month with an IPRF representative through the end of the year, we would receive 10% of our premium back. After some discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to accept the Workman's Compensation Insurance proposal as presented, seconded by Trustee Klein. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.**

New Business – No Board of Review Notices were received.

Two Annexations were received from the City of Joliet. No action is required, according to Attorney John Motylinski.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney's Report – John Motylinski stated the General Assembly voted to prohibit holding public meetings on election days. He also said that if a FOIA request is received via email, the person submitting the request must prove they are a real person and not AI-generated.

Ordinance No. 2025-1111A - Ordinance 2025-1111A 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, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026. Trustee Shreve motioned to adopt Ordinance 2025-1111A, 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 gave a presentation on the budget analysis and the five-year forecast for the 12 months ended December 31, 2026.

Review and possibly revise the Impact Fees for the Village of Plainfield. Chief Bonomo stated that the current impact fees were established in 2004. He would like to update the impact fees with the Village of Plainfield. He presented his restructuring impact fee plan to the Board. After much discussion, **Trustee Dehm motioned to accept the restructured impact fees as presented by Chief Bonomo and to authorize Chief Bonomo to negotiate on the Board's behalf, impact fees as he sees fit within reason, 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.**

Simon Grant, Director, Senior Vice President, Busey Bank, gave an update on the District's investment portfolio.

Seeking a motion to renew a one-year subscription and support for the Barracuda Email Security System for \$15,852.20. Chief Bonomo stated this is an annual renewal to keep our email secure. **Trustee Shreve motioned to renew the Barracuda Email Security System for \$15,852.20, seconded by Trustee Klein. 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 2010 Pierce Pumper (1921/old 1926). Chief Bonomo stated that he may have a potential buyer for the pumper. After a brief conversation, **Trustee Peszynski motioned to surplus the 2010 Pierce Pumper and to potentially sell it, 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.**

Levy Ordinance No. 2025-1111B – Ordinance No. 2025-1111B 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 2025. **Trustee Shreve motioned to adopt Levy Ordinance No. 2025-1111B as presented, seconded by Trustee Klein. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Ordinance No. 2025-1111C – Ordinance No. 2025-1111C is an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2025 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 Dehm motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1111C, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Ordinance No. 2025-1111D - Ordinance No. 2025-1111D is an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2025 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. 2025-1111D, seconded by Trustee Klein. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.**

Ordinance No. 2025-1111E - Ordinance No. 2025-1111E is an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2025 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. 2025-1111E, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. 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 October 2025 was \$306,865.73 from EMS MC. The billing income for October 2025 from USA Fire Recovery was \$8,722.00.

Chief Vito Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- He gave an update on the status of new Station 5 with the City of Joliet. He still has not heard back from IDNR (Illinois Department of Natural Resources).
- The bell for the front entry at Headquarters has been delivered, and the signage has been ordered.
- On December 10, 2025, we will be at the Park District to present an AED Award to a workout group called F3. They saved the life of one of their members while working out.
- The American Red Cross asked if they could use our training rooms at Headquarters if there were ever a disaster in the area.
- We have two personnel on Workman's Compensation currently.

Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds updated the Board on vehicle status:

- We did a final inspection on the new 1931 on October 28 & 29, 2025, and found a couple of items that needed to be changed. It should be delivered in a week or two.
- The new chassis for the ambulance is now estimated to be completed in January.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

Trustee Peszynski motioned to adjourn to a closed session at 12:31 p.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 Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm - yes. Motion carried.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 12:52 p.m. by a motion from a closed session. Discussions were held regarding personnel. No decisions were made.

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

There being no further business or need for closed session, Trustee Shreve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:54 p.m., seconded by Trustee Peszynski, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Dehm, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant