

BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the December 9, 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 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.

Marie Passafiume, EMS Coordinator, and Chief Bonomo presented Unit Citation awards for a cardiac arrest save. The following firefighters/paramedics received an award: Matt Jolly, Brian Moody, Adrian Szakiel, Zak Randich, and Lt. Chad Johnson. Congratulations to everyone on a job exceptionally well done!

Chief Bonomo recognized Fire Marshal Ryan Angelus and presented Fire Inspector Adam Mobley with a Certificate of Recognition for conducting fire extinguisher training to the employees. Because the employees received this training, they were able to extinguish a fire that started in a room. Keep up the excellent work, Ryan, and Adam!

Correspondence – Trustee Dehm read a thank-you note from the Elwood Fire Protection District expressing their appreciation for our support to them during a structure fire. He also read a thank you note from a resident thanking us for assisting her husband. She stated that everyone was so kind and helpful to them.

Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the November 10, 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 November 10, 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 Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Trustee Shreve motioned to pay the bills in the usual manner, 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.

Old Business – Seeking board consideration and a possible motion for land acquisition for a future Fire Station 6. Chief Bonomo asked the Board to table this matter indefinitely and requested that it be taken off the agenda.

New Business – No Board of Review Notices were received.

No Annexations were received.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney's Report – John Motylinski said he has nothing new to report. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Chief Bonomo explained the need to purchase 12 sets of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) gear for \$54,108.00 per the quote from Air One Equipment, Inc. After a short conversation, **Trustee Shreve motioned to purchase the PPE gear for \$54,108.00, 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. This is a budgeted item.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to approve the Facility Manager's position from part-time to full-time. Chief Bonomo requested a closed session for discussion.

Seeking board consideration and a motion to amend Chief Vito Bonomo and Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft's contracts due to policy changes. Chief Bonomo requested a closed session for discussion.

Seeking board consideration and possible action to review Deputy Chief Reynolds's contract as presented. Chief Bonomo requested a closed session for discussion.

Approve the proposed wage increase for non-union personnel. After a brief discussion, **Trustee Peszynski motioned to approve the non-union personnel wages as presented by Chief Bonomo, 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.**

Seeking Board approval for the 2026 Board of Trustees' meeting dates as presented. **Trustee Shreve motioned to accept the 2026 Board of Trustees' meeting dates 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.**

The Board reviewed the 2026 Holiday Schedule as presented. **Trustee Peszynski motioned to accept the 2026 Holiday Schedule 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.**

Chief's Report – The income from billing services for November 2025 was \$146,186.33 from EMS MC. The billing income for November 2025 from USA Fire Recovery was \$6,170.00.

Chief Vito Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- The district's call volume is up 11% over 2024. He is predicting we will have approximately 6,200 runs by the end of 2025.
- He gave an update on the status of new Station 5 with the City of Joliet. We are projecting approval of the permit from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) in early January 2026.
- We will be meeting with the City of Joliet to move forward with the St. 5 design. We are hoping to break ground in Spring 2026.
- They are pouring the base for the bell at Headquarters today.

- 1914 re-chassis should be completed in January 2026. The next ambulance will not be able to be sent in for the re-chassis until the summer of 2027.
- The Quint has been ordered.
- The new 1931 will be put in service today. We will have a push-in ceremony at St. 3 bay.
- The 2010 Pierce Pumper (1926), which was declared surplus, has been sold to Lisbon-Seward.
- We received a \$1,000.00 grant from American Water. The grant money will be used for the new kiosk at the Plainfield Park District and Plainfield Library.

Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft updated the Board on the following:

- We ordered transponders for all the front-line vehicles and BC cars.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

Trustee Shreve motioned to adjourn to a closed session at 11:32 a.m. to discuss any lawful purpose permitted by the Open Meeting Act – 5ILCS 120/2, 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.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 11:46 a.m. by a motion from a closed session. Discussions were held regarding personnel.

Trustee Shreve motioned to hire Paul Stauffer as the full-time Facility Manager, 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.

Trustee Shreve motioned to amend Chief Vito Bonomo's contract until 2027 and to amend Chuck Kraft's contract until 2026 due to policy changes, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Klein motioned to extend Deputy Chief Mark Reynold's contract until 2027 as presented, 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 next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Trustee Shreve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m., seconded by Trustee Klein, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Dehm, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant