



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the January 13, 2026, 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, 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.

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – No correspondence was received.

Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the December 9, 2025, meeting minutes, 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.

Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the December 9, 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 Klein motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report 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.**

Trustee Dehm 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 – No old business.

New Business – No Board of Review Notices were received.

No Annexations were received.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney’s Report – John Motylinski reported that the General Assembly will be meeting next week. He expects they will address the Tier II Pensions. Once he has more details, he will share them with the Board.

Chief Bonomo explained why he would like to hire up to nine Firefighters/Paramedics for the new Station 5. The plan is for them to be fully trained by the time the station is open. After a brief discussion, **Trustee Klein motioned to hire up to nine Firefighters/Paramedics, 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.**

Chief Bonomo would like the Board's approval to promote one Firefighter/Paramedic to the position of Lieutenant. This position will also be for the future Station 5. After a short conversation, **Trustee Dehm motioned to promote one Firefighter/Paramedic to the position of Lieutenant, 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.**

The Board reviewed the contract between the Plainfield Fire Protection District and Narvick Brothers General Contractor & Construction Manager for the construction of Fire Station 5. The Board asked Attorney John Motylinski questions regarding the contract. After their discussion, **Trustee Dehm motioned to accept the contract as presented, 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.**

Chief Bonomo stated that the production time for a new ambulance, once ordered, is currently three years. He also mentioned that the next ambulance slated to be sent out for re-chassis cannot be sent until mid-2027. This is why he is requesting we go out to bid for a new ambulance. After some discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to go out to bid for a new ambulance, 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.**

Chief's Report – The income from billing services for December 2025 was \$189,308.90 from EMS MC. The billing income for December 2025 from USA Fire Recovery was \$5,977.00.

Chief Vito Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- The district's 2025 call volume is up approximately 11% over 2024.
- We responded to 6,275 calls in 2025.
- We have a meeting on January 28, 2026, with the city of Joliet regarding Station 5. We received IDNR's approval for the property at the end of December 2025.
- We are looking into working with North Central College's Physical Therapy students to collaborate with our members. This would be a voluntary program that would help prevent injuries and keep them healthy.
- The 2026 landscaping and snowplowing bid information will be sent out soon.
- We received the \$75,000.00 grant funds from the State of Illinois. We have worked on this grant since early 2024.
- The front entry at Headquarters should be completed by Spring 2026.
- Updated the Board on our Workman's Compensation status.

Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds updated the Board on the following:

- Updated the Board on the re-chassis process and timeline for the ambulance. We are hoping to have it back by the end of February or the beginning of March 2026.
- We cannot send in the next ambulance for re-chassis until Spring 2027. We will keep it as a reserve until then.
- We have not heard from Pierce regarding the new 1941 engine. We are hoping it will be completed by the end of 2026.

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- We re-established the ambulance committee.
- The new Battalion Chief's car should be ready to go into service in approximately two weeks.
- We have an intern (Allie) from Western Illinois University for the next two months. She is interested in the fire service.

Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft updated the Board on the following:

- 50% of the transponders for all the front-line vehicles and the Battalion Chiefs' cars have been installed.
- We started using the new NERIS reporting program.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business or a need for closed session, Trustee Shreve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m., seconded by Trustee Peszynski, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Dehm, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant