



# PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the February 10, 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. 135<sup>th</sup> 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, Brad O’Sullivan, Governmental Accounting, and Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Fazio were also in attendance.

Chief Bonomo presented Firefighter/Paramedic Rob Martins and Paramedic Mike Williams with the CPR Life Savings Award. He also honored two citizens for their life-saving CPR efforts during the same emergency incident at Five Star Tennis.

**Open Forum** – Nothing from the audience.

**Correspondence** – Trustee Dehm read a thank-you note from White Satin Bridal Store expressing their appreciation for assistance in saving their dresses from water and smoke damage caused by a neighboring fire.

**Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the January 13, 2026, 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.**

Brad O’Sullivan, Governmental Accounting, reviewed the 2025 year-end Treasurer’s report with the Board. **Trustee Peszynski motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report 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.**

**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** – 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 noted that a proposed bill in legislation would lower the minimum hiring age for full-time firefighters from 21 to 18. This bill would also increase the maximum age from 35 to 37 to take the initial appointment exam. There is also a bill proposing to increase the stipend for the Board of Trustees.

EMS Coordinator Marie Passafiume explained that the Pediatric Treatment System she is requesting will save time and better support Paramedics when responding to calls involving both children and adults. The cost of the system is \$30,450.85. After a brief discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the purchase of the Pediatric Treatment System for \$30,450.85, 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.**

Chief Bonomo explained that Ordinance No. 2026-0210 is an ordinance establishing reasonable fees for excessive lift assists by the Plainfield Fire Protection District. This ordinance affects assisted living facilities or nursing home facilities for every lift assist service after the sixth lift assist service provided to that facility that year. **Trustee Shreve motioned to accept Ordinance No. 2026-0210 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.**

Chief Bonomo presented a quote from Air One Equipment, Inc. to the Board for an SCBA compressor system at St. 4 for \$65,195.00. He explained that the need for this system to be at St. 4 is due to heavy traffic volume coming from the south to Headquarters (north). He stated this system has specific needs, and Air One Equipment meets them. After a quick discussion, **Trustee Peszynski motioned to approve the purchase of the SCBA compressor system at St. 4 for \$65,195.00, 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. This is a budgeted item.**

Surplus one expired ice rescue suit and 14 life preservers for disposal due to leaking and being outdated. **Trustee Shreve motioned to surplus the rescue suit and 14 life preservers for disposal, 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 January 2026 was \$186,341.52 from EMS MC. The billing income for January 2026 from USA Fire Recovery was \$10,824.00.

Chief Vito Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- The Commissioners and the Foreign Fire Board submitted their 2025 reports. They are in your meeting packet.
- Hopscotch & Vine Restaurant had a fire. Everyone did an excellent job containing the fire.
- We are in the hiring process for the nine new Firefighters/Paramedics.
- We are working on the logistics of installing fuel pumps and the SCBA compressor system at St. 4.
- It is in the 2026 budget to refresh the kitchen at St. 3. We will be replacing the cabinets, countertops, and sink. It is almost 20 years old.
- We may need to replace the apparatus floor at St. 4. The epoxy is chipping.
- There will be a meeting tomorrow, February 11, 2026, for St. 5 with the architect, civil engineer, and builder.
- We are hoping to get a timeline from the construction manager as to when we will go out to bid for the back catwalk project to start in the Spring.
- The bid packet for Landscaping and Snow Removal has been posted. All bids are due back to us on March 3, 2026.

Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds updated the Board on the following:

- The ambulance committee will have a meeting on February 25, 2026. We hope to finalize the ambulance bid at that time.
- We will be going to Foster Coach on Friday, February 13, 2026, to look at the ambulance that is there for re-chassis.

Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft updated the Board on the following:

- We conducted Class A uniform inspections for all members.
- The Haas system is installed in all frontline vehicles and is working properly.

**Committee Reports** – Nothing to report.

**Other Reports** – Nothing to report.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, March 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 11:40 a.m., seconded by Trustee Peszynski, all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Dehm, Secretary*

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant