



# PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the March 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 Bob Baish – present, Trustee Doug Shreve – present, and Trustee Bob Dehm - present. Trustee Bill Klein was absent.

Chief Vito Bonomo, Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds, Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft, Attorney John Motylinski, and Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Fazio were also in attendance.

Chief Bonomo presented Firefighters/Paramedics Bill Cascone, Ryer Esseberg, and Mike Lough with the CPR Life Savings Award after EMS Coordinator Marie Passafiume reviewed the CPR call. Kyle Sears from Zoll also honored them for their life-saving CPR efforts by presenting them with the Clinical Save Award and a challenge coin.

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

**Correspondence** – Trustee Dehm read a thank-you note from Cindy Moss, the Facilities, Aquatics, and Risk Operations Director for the Greater Joliet Area YMCA, thanking us for our support and assistance during their lifeguard in-service training.

**Trustee Peszynski motioned to approve the February 10, 2026, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

The Board requested to table the Treasurer’s Report due to the absence of James Howard from Governmental Accounting.

**Trustee Shreve motioned to pay the bills in the usual manner, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm - 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 stated that the DOJ passed a law requiring all websites to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, effective April 2027.

The Board reviewed four sealed bids that were received for the 2026-2027 lawn care & snow removal services. Bids were received from Beary Landscaping, Seasons Landscaping, K & R Landscaping, and Terranova Landscaping. The Board requested Chief Bonomo to contact references for Beary Landscaping since they were the lowest bidder. They also requested that this action be tabled until references are received.

Chief Bonomo explained that the kitchen at Station 3 is almost 20 years old and needs updated cabinets, countertops, and a new sink. He noted that **this is a budgeted item**. Quotes from Brakur Custom Cabinetry, Cabinet Tree Studio, and Clear View Renovation are in the Board's packet for their review. He said Paul Stauffer, Maintenance Supervisor, is recommending Brakur Custom Cabinetry after reviewing the quotes. After some discussion, **Trustee Peszynski motioned to approve Brakur Custom Cabinetry for the remodeling project at St. 3, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

The company that initially supplied the access control system for our stations, maintenance building, and headquarters has gone out of business. Michael Adduci, IT Specialist, received four quotes from the following: e.Norman Security Systems, Cam-Dex Security Corp., Aqua Video and Security, LLC, and Raising Imperial Surveillance to replace the system in the maintenance building. After reviewing the quotes, Michael is recommending e.Norman Security Systems for \$12,083.05 for the project. After asking Michael questions for clarification, **Trustee Shreve motioned to approve replacing the access control system for the maintenance building with e.Norman Security for \$12,083.05 per Michael's recommendation, seconded by Trustee Dehm. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the Board of Trustees vacated position guidelines in the event a vacancy on the Board of Trustees occurs due to death, resignation, refusal to qualify, ceasing to be an inhabitant of the District, or any other reason. After a brief conversation, **Trustee Dehm motioned to adopt the guidelines as presented, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.**

The Board reviewed and discussed the succession plan for Chief Officers' positions in the Plainfield Fire Protection District. **Trustee Shreve motioned to use the succession plan as a guideline, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – The income from billing services for February 2026 was \$165,703.00 from EMS MC. The billing income for February 2026 from USA Fire Recovery was \$3,689.00.

Chief Vito Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- Had a meeting with Joliet Fire Chief and Deputy Chief regarding the termination of the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) for the Boulevard. We will use auto aid instead of the IGA with the city of Joliet.
- The St. 5 permit was submitted today for the site improvement.
- We applied for a grant that is being sponsored by Representative Lauren Underwood today. If awarded, it would go towards the new St. 5.
- John Konopek from PEMA, Deputy Chiefs Mark Reynolds, Chuck Kraft, and I went to look at a rehab vehicle in Wisconsin. Plainfield Fire would own the vehicle, but we would have a shared agreement with PEMA. This would be purchased with the AFG Grant.
- Our construction manager will be going out to bid for the catwalk project in the back at Headquarters in a couple of weeks.

Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds updated the Board on the following:

- The new Battalion Chief's car is in service.
- We will be going to Foster Coach on Thursday, March 12, 2026, to pick up the ambulance that is there for re-chassis. Before it is put into service, it needs to have the graphs applied and some in-house work by our EVT (Emergency Vehicle Technician).
- We are still scheduled for Spring 2027 for the next ambulance to be sent in for the re-chassis work.
- We are finalizing the bid for a new ambulance.

Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft updated the Board on the following:

- Our EVT, Rick Kruger, is looking at a Fleet Management program that will monitor the vehicles in real time. If a crew member called him with a problem with one of the vehicles, he would be able to see error codes without physically going to the vehicle.

**Committee Reports** – Nothing to report.

**Other Reports** – Nothing to report.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

**There being no further business or a need for closed session, Trustee Peszynski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m., seconded by Trustee Dehm, all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Dehm, Secretary*

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant