



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the April 14, 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 Peszynski motioned to approve the March 10, 2026, meeting minutes, 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 approve the March 20, 2026, workshop meeting minutes, 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, Governmental Accounting, reviewed the Treasurer’s report with the Board. **Trustee Shreve 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 – No old business.

New Business – No Board of Review Notices were received.

No Annexations were received.

One Tax Objection was received. Attorney John Motylinski stated no action was to be taken.

Attorney’s Report – John Motylinski stated that the two tax objections we received in 2023 that we challenged have been settled. He said that the legislative sessions have been quiet. He reported that the bill proposing to increase the stipend for the Board of Trustees is in the Senate.

Wescom submitted a group purchase order for radio equipment for fire districts or fire departments associated with them. An order was submitted for our existing stations and our future St. 5 for \$125,158.97. After this purchase was discussed with Chief Bonomo, **Trustee Peszynski motioned to approve the purchase of radio equipment from Wescom for \$125,158.97, 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. This is a budgeted item.**

Chief Bonomo requested permission to go out to bid for the removal and installation of a new epoxy floor within the apparatus garage at St. 4. He stated the floor is chipping and cracking. **Trustee Shreve motioned to proceed with the bidding process for the St. 4 flooring project 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.**

Chief Bonomo stated the lighting controls need to be replaced in the training rooms, upstairs hallway, and some exterior lighting at Headquarters. We are requesting to purchase the lighting equipment from Crescent Electric for \$36,262.56. After a brief discussion, **Trustee Dehm motioned to approve the purchase of lighting equipment for Headquarters from Crescent Electric for \$36,262.56, 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.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to approve a change order request for the Headquarters renovation project for Indicom Electrical to perform additional lighting work for \$39,927.00. This would go through our construction manager, Narvick Brothers. After Chief Bonomo explained the change order request, **Trustee Dehm motioned to approve the change order request for \$39,927.00, 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.**

We currently have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Joliet/Joliet Fire Department dated August 16, 2019, for the Boulevard development. Chief Bonomo is asking for approval to terminate this MOU. After a discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to terminate the August 16, 2019, MOU with the City of Joliet/Joliet Fire Department for the Boulevard development, 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 Bonomo reviewed a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would be with the City of Joliet/Joliet Fire Department and the Plainfield Fire Protection District with the Board. This revised MOU is for the Boulevard development and the Route 30 corridor within the City of Joliet. After a conversation, **Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the revised MOU with the City of Joliet/Joliet Fire Department and the Plainfield Fire Protection District, 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.**

Trustee Peszynski motioned to surplus old light fixtures, ballasts, and fluorescent bulbs for disposal since switching to LED, 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 March 2026 was not available from EMS MC. The billing income for March 2026 from USA Fire Recovery was \$2,989.92.

Chief Vito Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- Retired Chief John Eichelberger's wife, Ruth, passed away on April 2, 2026.
- Early morning on Easter, a WESCOM Dispatcher was in a fatal crash. Deputy Chief Reynolds, Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft, and I attended her service. We hung the bunting at WESCOM.
- It is Telecommunicator week this week. Thank you to all our Dispatchers for their hard work and dedication.
- There will be a price increase in 2026 for us from WESCOM. This is a budgeted item.
- Lemont Fire Protection District will be joining WESCOM as its dispatch center in 2027.
- We paid off the balloon payment buyout for Engine 1941. We now own it.
- The new engine that we should have by the end of 2026 or the beginning of 2027 will be Engine 1951.
- The new kiosks have been installed at the library and the park district. We are receiving positive feedback.
- We have until the end of April 2026 before we must update our website to be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. A new website is currently being developed.
- On Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., we will be administering the Oath of Office for our six new firefighters/paramedic members.
- Requesting the Board review the Board of Commissioners' compensation and consider raising it.
- One of our Board of Commissioners' terms ends in June 2026. We posted on the website that we are accepting letters of interest for the position. The Board will make the appointment during the May 12, 2026, meeting.
- We are working on a strategic plan worksheet that will show our progress with the plan.
- The catwalk project at Headquarters is out for bid. The bids will be opened on May 7, 2026. The bid will be awarded by the Board during the May 12, 2026, meeting.
- St. 4 fuel station is an ongoing project.
- I will be attending a meeting on April 22, 2026, with Fire Marshal Ryan Angelus, Plainfield Mayor John Argoudelis, the Village Manager Josh Blakemore, and the Building Supervisor Mark Dudash regarding fire alarms for businesses.
- There is the potential to sell our property on Ridge Road. I was approached by a prospective buyer. We are getting an appraisal of the property that should be completed next week.
- We have not heard from the City of Joliet regarding the St. 5 site improvement permit.
- 15 Plainfield residents are attending the Police & Fire Academy.

Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds updated the Board on the following:

- The ambulance that had a new chassis installed was brought back to Foster Coach to have it repainted.
- The bid for a new ambulance is almost complete.

Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft updated the Board on the following:

- The six new Firefighter/Paramedics are in their second week of training.
- Organizing a committee to work on our website and to get it ADA-compliant.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, May 12, 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 11:48 a.m., seconded by Trustee Dehm, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Dehm, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant