



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the May 12, 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 Chuck Kraft, Attorney John Motylinski, Brad O’Sullivan, Governmental Accounting and Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Fazio were also in attendance.

Open Forum – Chief Bonomo presented the CPR Life Saving Award to Lieutenant Brandon Wright and Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Lough. Crews from 1919 and 1914 responded to a 911 call on May 3, 2026. When they arrived, the person was in cardiac arrest. Additional crew members: Rocco Zoccoli, Jenae Williamson, and Ryer Essenburg also participated in the call but were unable to attend. They will receive this award as well.

Correspondence – Trustee Dehm read a thank-you note from the Troy Fire Protection District in appreciation of the assistance provided during a brush fire in their district. He also read a thank you from WESCOM, thanking us for our support during a difficult time, the passing of a telecommunicator, and for recognizing them during Telecommunicator Week.

Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the April 14, 2026, meeting minutes, 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.

Brad O’Sullivan, Governmental Accounting, reviewed the Treasurer’s report with the Board. **Trustee Dehm motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented, 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 Shreve motioned to pay the bills in the usual manner, 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.

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 updated the Board on pending bills in legislation. He also said that the bill proposing to increase the stipend for the Board of Trustees is still in the Senate.

Annual renewal of Image Trend Software. Chief Bonomo explained that Image Trend is our reporting system for fire and EMS calls/reports. Response times for calls are also tracked through this software. **Trustee Shreve motioned to renew Image Trend for one year for \$38,165.29, 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.**

Approval of the procurement of network equipment from Heartland Business Systems for \$14,870.09. Chief Bonomo stated that this is a budgeted item. After a brief conversation, **Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the procurement of network equipment from Heartland Business Systems for \$14,870.09, seconded by Trustee Klein. 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. This is a budgeted item.**

Award the bid for the back catwalk project at Headquarters per the sealed bids received. Three bids were received as follows: General Trade – Concrete by Wagner, Inc. for \$173,079.00; Plumbing – JB Contracting Corporation for \$20,800.00; and Painting – Oosterbaan & Sons Company for \$32,960.00. Our Construction Manager, Andrew Narvick, is recommending all three companies for the project. After a discussion was had, **Trustee Shreve motioned to award the bids to Concrete by Wagner, JB Contracting, and Oosterbaan & Sons per Andrew Narvick’s recommendation, 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. This is a budgeted item.**

Award the bid for the Station 4 apparatus garage floor project per the sealed bids received. Chief Bonomo stated four bids were received. They were as follows: Infinity Concrete for \$94,664.19; Taza Construction for \$167,508.00; Ahal Construction for \$122,000.00, and Smith Painting for \$120,298.00. Chief also said that this is a budgeted item. After the Board reviewed the results, **Trustee Shreve motioned to award the bid to Infinity Concrete for \$94,664.19, seconded by Trustee Dehm. 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. This is a budgeted item.**

The Board reviewed three letters of interest that were received for the Commissioner position. After reviewing the letters, **Trustee Shreve motioned to appoint Arnie Hartley as commissioner for a three-year term, from June 2026 to June 2029, 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.**

The Board discussed a compensation raise for the Board of Commissioners. **Trustee Dehm motioned to approve a raise set at 50% of the Board of Trustees’ compensation if continuing education hours are completed annually; if not, the raise would be 40%, seconded by Trustee Shreve. 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.**

Chief’s Report – The income from billing services for April 2026, from EMS MC, was \$357,523.80. The billing income for April 2026, from USA Fire Recovery, was \$1,095.69.

Chief Vito Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- Ruth Eichelberger’s Celebration of Life will be at Plainfield Headquarters on May 14, 2026.
- We have 11 members who will begin the promotional testing process for Lieutenant on May 21, 2026.
- The meeting we had regarding fire alarms for businesses with Fire Marshal Ryan Angelus, Plainfield Mayor John Argoudelis, the Village Manager Josh Blakemore, and the Building Supervisor Mark Dudash is still ongoing.

- We were notified that Plainfield will be getting a solar farm on 17 acres at 127th & Rt. 30. We met with the representative on May 11, 2026, to obtain all the details.
- The re-chassis ambulance is back from getting painted. It is now getting all decals added to it.
- Some of the panels on the electronic sign in front of Headquarters are going out. We were told that the company is no longer making replacement panels. We are looking at other options that would be more cost-effective.
- We started receiving material for the lighting project at Headquarters. Two weeks in August have been blocked out for this project.
- We established a partnership with the North Central College Doctor of Physical Therapy program. This is an opportunity for our members to address any aches or pains or to focus on strengthening specific areas. This partnership will contribute to the education of these students.

Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft updated the Board on the following:

- MABAS Illinois invited our dive team to participate in a water team drill last week.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

Trustee Peszynski motioned to adjourn to a closed session at 11:44 a.m. to discuss any lawful purpose permitted by the Open Meeting Act – 5ILCS 120/2, 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.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 12:01 p.m. by a motion from a closed session. A discussion was held regarding potential litigation. No decisions were made.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Trustee Peszynski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m., seconded by Trustee Shreve, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Dehm, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant