



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the April 9, 2024, 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 as follows: Trustee Tom Paul – present; Trustee Bill Barnes – present; Trustee Bob Baish – present; Trustee Doug Shreve – present; Trustee Ted Peszynski - present.

Also in attendance were Chief Vito Bonomo; Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds; Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft; Attorney John Motylinski; James Howard, Governmental Accounting; and Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Fazio.

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – Trustee Paul read thank you notes from the Greater Joliet Area YMCA for supporting the 2024 YMCA Gala; and from a resident for taking time to talk to her family about the career progression of becoming a firefighter. We also received a thank you from the family of a baby girl the crew assisted in delivering.

Trustee Shreve made a motion to approve the March 19, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Barnes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, reviewed the Treasurer’s report with the Board. **Trustee Peszynski made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented, seconded by Trustee Barnes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Trustee Shreve made a motion to pay the bills in the usual manner, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.

Old Business – Seeking board consideration and a motion to appoint a Pension Board member for a three-year term. Two eligible firefighters/paramedics expressed an interest in becoming a Pension Board member. They were Steve Hawkinson and Matt Mullins. After some discussion, **Trustee Shreve made a motion to appoint Matt Mullins as a Pension Board member for a three-year term, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

New Business – No Board of Review Notices were received.

No Annexations were received

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney's Report – Attorney John Motylinski gave an update on the Legislation session. He stated there are two bills we should be aware of. One is an amendment to the bidding statute; it would raise the threshold from \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00. The other bill would modify the way to accumulate funds in the ambulance fund. John said he would keep the Board updated on these bills.

The Board reviewed the proposal from Indicom Electric Company to replace a light pole that was damaged last year in the north parking lot at Headquarters. The cost is \$13,350.00. After discussing the damaged light pole, **Trustee Shreve made a motion to hire Indicom Electric to replace the damaged pole for \$13,350.00; seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried. This is a budgeted item.**

Chief Bonomo informed the Board that the water heater (boiler) at St. 3 stopped working. He stated that it was 11 years old. They purchased a new water heater (boiler) from RJ O'Neil and had it installed for \$22,601.00. Chief is asking the Board to ratify this purchase since it was an emergency replacement. After reviewing the proposal and having a discussion, **Trustee Peszynski made a motion to ratify the purchase and installation of the water heater (boiler) from RJ O'Neil for St. 3 for \$22,601.00, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the annual renewal for Vector Solutions. There was a question as to what the annual renewal covered. Chief Bonomo will get clarification on the total amount due for the Board. After discussing the quote, **Trustee Shreve made a motion to approve the annual renewal for Vector Solutions not to exceed \$10,500.00, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Bonomo explained to the Board that some of the turnout gear is at the end of service life. He is requesting we surplus it and donate it to a department in need. **A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to surplus the turnout gear and donate it, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Bonomo requested the Board surplus a reserve Stryker stair chair to donate to Wilco Career Center for training. After a brief conversation, **Trustee Peszynski made a motion to surplus the reserve stair chair for donation, seconded by Trustee Barnes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – The income from billing services for March 2024 was \$112,656.00 from EMS MC (formerly Andres Medical). Billing income for March 2024 from USA Fire Recovery was \$12,667.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- P.T. Ferro has been contacted that they were awarded the St. 2 drainage project. Chief is waiting for them to give him a start date.
- Chief Bonomo and Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds will be attending the State of Village on May 9, 2024.
- The Cell Tower contract is valid until 2031-2032. The contract can be re-negotiated at that time.

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- Updated the Board on Impact Fees and future developments in the district. He also gave them an update on all the new subdivisions that are being developed.
- To date we received five applications for the Fire Inspector position. We will begin interviewing in May with a June hire date.
- We received the IPRF (Illinois Public Risk Fund) Grant for \$24,751.00. These funds will pay for the new EMS stair chairs.
- The two new projectors will be installed in the Training Room on April 12, 2024.
- There will be a walk-through for Stacy Stofko who passed away on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Stacy was a member of PEMA (Plainfield Emergency Management Agency) and assisted Plainfield Fire during many emergencies.
- Chief reviewed March calls with the Board.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

There being no need for a closed session or further business, a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 p.m., seconded by Trustee Shreve, all in favor.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant