



# PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the May 14, 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. 135<sup>th</sup> Street, Plainfield, IL in the Boardroom.

A roll call attendance was taken as follows: Trustee Ted Peszynski – present; Trustee Doug Shreve – present; Trustee Bob Baish – present; Trustee Bill Barnes – present; Trustee Tom Paul - 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** – Resident David Talbot addressed the Board with issues concerning wildlife in his backyard due to trees and weeds from our berm backing up onto his property. Chief Bonomo stated he would investigate this issue.

**Correspondence** – Trustee Paul read thank you notes from Wescom thanking us for recognizing them during Telecommunicator week; the City of Aurora Fire Department for providing coverage so their personnel could attend a walk-through for FF Cristian Medrano, and Taylor Sargeant for sending her a Plainfield Fire patch. She stated she collects patches from Fire Departments. The Will County Sheriff's Office sent an invitation to attend their annual awards banquet. Several of our members will be recognized for going above and beyond in assisting the Sheriff's Deputies on a 911 call.

**Trustee Shreve made a motion to approve the April 9, 2024, meeting minutes, 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.**

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 Shreve. 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.**

Simon Grant, Director, Senior Vice President of Busey Bank, updated the Board on the district's investment portfolio.

**Trustee Shreve made a motion to pay the bills in the usual manner, 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.**

**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 – Attorney John Motylinski updated the Board on the latest Legislation sessions. The amendment to the bidding statute will stay at \$20,000.00 for most items. If we were to purchase something from an original equipment manufacturer or a dealership, we would be allowed up to \$50,000.00 before we would need to go out for bids. The Ambulance Fund Bill that would modify how to accumulate monies in the ambulance fund passed the first chamber. It is expected this bill will pass. The Firefighter Paid for Leave Act is still on the table.

Chief Bonomo asked the Board if he could publish a bidding notice for one 2024 Ford F-150 4x4 SuperCrew Cab XLT pick-up truck for the training safety officer. After some discussion, **Trustee Peszynski made a motion to approve the bidding process for the specific pick-up truck, 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 informed the Board that Ron Tirapelli Ford has a Ford F550 ambulance chassis for sale for \$55,945.76. This chassis would be mounted on our existing ambulance (1935). After a discussion was had, **Trustee Peszynski made a motion to purchase the Ford F550 ambulance chassis from Ron Tirapelli for \$55,945.76; 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.**

Chief Bonomo stated the Ford F550 ambulance chassis would be mounted on our existing ambulance (1935) by Foster Coach Sales, Inc. if approved by the Board. The Board reviewed the quote provided by Foster Coach Sales for \$195,995.00. After a lengthy conversation, **Trustee Peszynski made a motion to approve Foster Coach to mount the chassis as quoted; 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.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to surplus six (6) Stryker Stairchairs for donation. **Trustee Peszynski made a motion to surplus six (6) Stryker Stairchairs; 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. Note: five of the six have been donated.**

Chief's Report – The income from billing services for April 2024 was \$197,723.91 from EMS MC (formerly Andres Medical). Billing income for April 2024 from USA Fire Recovery was \$5,944.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- P.T. Ferro will begin working on the drainage project at St. 2 this week or next.
- Met with fuel vendors regarding pricing on fuel.
- Vehicle insurance renewal is coming due. There may be an increase in pricing for our insurance coverage due to the increase in the pricing of new vehicles.
- The new squad will be delivered here today.
- Met with Oswego Fire Protection District and the Village of Oswego to discuss a large new development in their area. A small portion of it will be in our fire district.
- We received an offer from Quad County to purchase the 2000 Pierce Dash for \$5,000.00.
- The renovation of the burn tower should be complete by the end of May 2024.
- Lt. Andy Scott is very involved in our Pier Support program. He is looking into establishing Mental Health check-ins next year for our members that would be voluntary.

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**Committee Reports** – Nothing to report.

**Other Reports** – Nothing to report.

**Trustee Shreve made a motion to adjourn to a closed session at 11:50 a.m. to discuss any lawful purpose permitted by the Open Meeting Act – 5ILCS 120/2, 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 regular meeting reconvened at 12:38 p.m. by a motion from closed session. Personnel matters and the possibility of purchasing property were discussed. No decisions were made.**

**A workshop meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**

**Trustee Shreve made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom Paul, Secretary*

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant