



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the June 11, 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: Trustee Tom Paul – present; Trustee Bill Barnes – present; Trustee Bob Baish – present; Trustee Doug Shreve – present; Trustee Ted Peszynski - present.

Also in attendance were Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds; Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft; Attorney John Motylinski; Brad O’Sullivan, Governmental Accounting; and Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Fazio.

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – Trustee Paul read a thank you note from Resident David Talbot who addressed the Board at last month’s Trustee meeting with issues concerning wildlife in his backyard due to trees and weeds from our berm backing up onto his property. David thanked President Baish, Chief Bonomo, and Paul Stauffer for going above and beyond in addressing his concerns so quickly.

He also read a letter of Accommodation for Firefighter/Paramedic Jordan Armstrong from the Livingston County Sheriff’s office. Jordan was at a pool in Cancun Mexico and heard yelling from the kid’s pool. A three-year-old child appeared to have drowned; Jordan immediately started performing life-saving measures on the child. He assisted the paramedics to the hospital. It was learned the child was in stable condition.

Trustee Peszynski made a motion to approve the May 14, 2024, meeting minutes, 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.

Trustee Shreve made a motion to approve the May 14, 2024, closed session meeting minutes, 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 approve the May 28, 2024, special meeting minutes, 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.

Brad O’Sullivan, Governmental Accounting, reviewed the Treasurer’s report with the Board. **Trustee Barnes made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented, 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.**

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

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 Legislation sessions. The bidding bill passed. The statute will stay at \$20,000.00 for most items. Purchases made from an original equipment manufacturer, or a dealership can be up to \$50,000.00 before we need to go out for bids. This bill should take effect in 60 days. The Ambulance Accumulation Bill was also passed. This bill modifies how to accumulate monies in the ambulance fund. The Firefighter Paid for Leave Act did not pass. It will most likely be brought up again in the future but modified.

Trustee Baish explained Resolution 360 and how it affects the property at the northwest corner of Plum & Caton Farm Road. He stated the potential new owners want to de-annex from the Plainfield Fire Protection District, allowing for annexation into the City of Crest Hill. After a lengthy discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to deny the request to de-annex from Plainfield Fire, 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.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to approve the purchase of a 2024 F-150 4x4 SuperCrew Cab XLT pick-up truck for the training safety officer. One bid was received. The sealed bid was from Rod Baker Ford for \$52,611.03. **Trustee Shreve made a motion to purchase the 2024 Ford F-150 pick-up truck from Rod Baker Ford for \$52,611.03 per bid specifications, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was made as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the lighting package for the Ford F-150 pick-up truck from Fleet Safety Supply. The cost is \$10,736.67. DC Reynolds stated that EVT Rick Kruger will install the light package. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to purchase the lighting package for the Ford F-150 pick-up truck from Fleet Safety Supply for \$10,736.67, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was made as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

The Board received one letter of interest for the Commissioner position for a three-year term from June 2024 to June 2027. The letter was received from Bob Dehm. **Trustee Shreve made a motion to reinstate Bob Dehm as a Commissioner for a three-year term, 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's Report – The income from billing services for May 2024 was \$155,168.84 from EMS MC (formerly Andres Medical). Billing income for May 2024 from USA Fire Recovery was \$11,818.55. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds updated the Board on the following items in Chief Vito Bonomo's absence:

- The new 1926 Pumper Fire Engine is in service.
- P.T. Ferro will be at St. 2 on June 12, 2024, to complete the drainage project.

- Chief Bonomo presented the Eichelberger Scholarship to four high school students. Retired Chief John Eichelberger and FF/PM Lorin Eichelberger were also present. Two students were from Plainfield North and two students were from Plainfield Central.
- Deputy Chiefs Mark Reynolds and Chuck Kraft will be attending an evening with the Mayor on June 12, 2024.
- Cook Engineering Group is conducting a site survey on the proposed property for a future fire station. He will have a report to us in July.
- Chief Bonomo and Trustee Baish met with three architects to discuss changes to the front of the building where the steps are and to the walkway on the side of the building. No decisions were made.
- DC Reynolds had a Comprehensive Meeting to discuss residential and commercial growth in the district. They will be discussing the 5-year plan for the fire district at the next meeting.
- Graduation for the Police & Fire Academy will be on June 18, 2024, at the Police Department.
- Hose testing has been completed for this year.

Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft informed the Board that the training burn tower renovations are complete.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

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

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant