

PLEASANTVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY JULY 8, 2025- 7:00 PM
1970 PLAINFIELD ROAD
LAGRANGE HIGHLANDS, IL 60525

I. CALL TO ORDER to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL all present

Finance Director Kirk called the roll:

Trustee Gay – Present

Trustee Millsap – Present

Trustee Giron– Present

Trustee Santen- Present

Trustee Srejma- Present

III. MEETING MINUTES

President Gay asked for a motion to accept the minutes for the June 10th,2025 meeting. Trustee Millsap moved to accept the minutes of the June 10th, 2025 meeting. Trustee Srejma seconded the motion. All trustees voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

IV.WARRANTS

President Gay asked for a motion to approve the warrants for July 2025. Trustee Srejma moved to accept the warrants for the month of July 2025. Trustee Millsap seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Trustee Gay- Aye, Trustee Millsap, -Aye, Trustee Giron, -Aye, Trustee Santen-Aye, Trustee Srejma-Aye **Motion carried.**

V. DISBURSEMENTS

President Gay asked for a motion to approve the Disbursements for June 2025. Trustee Srejma moved to approve the Disbursements for June 2025. Trustee Millsap seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Trustee Gay- Aye, Trustee Millsap, -Aye, Trustee Giron, -Aye, Trustee Santen-Aye, Trustee Srejma- Aye. **Motion carried.**

VI. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

President Gay asked for a motion to place the Finance Director's Report on file. Trustee Giron moved to place the Finance Director's Report on file. Trustee Santen_ seconded the motion. All trustees voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT- Attorney Nichele reported to the board that there are two items that he would like to discussion. The first being the closed session minutes for 07-09-24, 02-11-25 and 03-11-25 have been reviewed and he believes there is no reason for them not to be released. The seconded item is Resolution 25-R-2 authorizing the chief to purchase 3 power loads and stretchers through the Savvik purchasing coop. Since they are being purchased through the coop there is no need to go out for bid.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS REPORT-Commissioner Sexton reported to the Board that 4 people have notified the chief and the commission that they will be taking the captains exam. The materials will be available shortly.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS – No committees established.

X CHIEF'S REPORT

- A. Chief Argast reported to the Board that the audit is completed. The district continues to be in good financial help with minimal debt. The net position has increased \$1,667,321 due to increased property taxes, not spending as much and higher funds balances. The only long-term debt that the district has in the revolving ambulance loan and that amount is \$20,000 as of 2024. The management letter stated that the district was over budget in the Capital Replacement Fund by (\$37,380) and that was due to the district not budgeting properly for the Grant for the SCBA equipment. The other item is that we did not meet the requirement of keep 3 months of reserves in the ambulance fund. He will be asking the Board in the future to change this policy to only keep 2 months of reserves so it is more realistic. He will be asking the Board to place the report on file under new business.
- B. Chief Argast reported to the Board that the OPEB report is complete. The liability has decreased by about \$292,537 due to the retirees coming off the plan and some assumption changes. He will be asking the Board to place the report on file under new business. Chief Argast also reported to the Board that the Pension board has asked for contributions for 2026 in the amount \$3,624,788 to fund the pension in 2026. It is an increase of \$254,048. A brief discussion ensued over other ways to fund the pension fund.
- C. Chief Argast reported to the Board that every 6 months the Board is to review the closed session minutes and release them if they feel it is appropriate. There are only three closed session minutes that have not been released. They are from 07-09-24, 02-11-25 and 03-11-25. He will be asking the Board to approve their release under new business.
- D. Chief Argast reported to the Board that Brad Tertell is retiring in June. He will be asking the Board to appoint Kevin Gay to the open position on the Board of Commissioners for a three-year term under new business.
- E. Chief Argast reported to the Board that the new above ground fuel tanks are up and they need to be made operable and the old tanks need to be removed.
- F. Chief Argast reported to the Board that he will be asking the Board to approve the purchase of 3 Stryker power loads and stretchers through the Savvik purchasing program not to exceed \$230,000. These purchases were approved in the budget.
- G. Chief Argast reported to the Board that the district took ownership of 2 2026 Chevy Equinoxes that were approved early in the year. These cars will replace the Fire Prevention Bureau's current vehicles. He also reported that L151 is in the shop and has been there for many weeks. There is an issue with the electrical system keeps throwing a code and the mechanic is working with Cummins to get it up and running.
- H. Chief Argast reported to the Board he is working on getting RFPs for all three stations parking lots. He reported that Station 2 will be first due to a sink hole. He has been in touch with Burr Ridge and the County to see how to get it repaired quickly. He also asked Attorney Nichele if it can be declared an emergency if the parking lot has to be torn up. Discussions ensued.
- I. Chief Argast reported to the Board significant events that took place since the last meeting: June 27 there were two fires. One in Tristate District and the other was Flag Creek townhouse that caught fire. On June 28th the crews responded to a 4-year-old drowning. He received word from the hospital that the 4-year-old was released and has no deficits. On July 4th crews responded to a fire on 5900 block of Edgewood for a fully involved garage. On July 5th the crews responded to a porch fire. On July 6 the crews responded to a home that took a blow torch to the weeds and started the house on fire. Also, on July 6th the crews responded to an electrical fire in the wall. Again, on July 6 two people were shot at Range USA. Both people are expected to recover. On July 7 the crews responded to the 6000 block of Edgewood for a detached garage fire. Fire Marshal was called out to investigate. Chief Argast also told the board about the sprinkler save on June 23rd at Waste management it has been added to the fire sprinkler tree.
- J. Chief Argast also reported to the Board that there are 4 candidates for the captain exam.

- K. Chief Argast reported to the Board that there are a few personnel changes. We are currently are short 3 PSI personnel. The Deputy is currently interviewing for those positions and 2 members of our crew are on injuries. He is hopefully they will be back soon.
- L. Chief Argast reported that the union contract expires December 31, 2025. He has reached out to the Union to see if they Union is ready to start negotiations. He reported that the union is not ready to start as they are in the midst of leaving SEUI and going to IAFF.
- M. Chief Argast reported to the Board that IFC golf outing is July 16 and please let hm know if you want to golf.
- N. Chief Argast reported to the Board that he and the Deputy will be attending Fire rescue conference in August.
- O. Chief Argast reported to the Board that there will be a Public Hearing on August 4 in regards to the Plainfield Road construction. Discussions ensued.
- P. Chief Argast reported to the Board that the district has received thank you notes in regards to the scholarships awarded in the name of our fallen firefighters.
- Q. Chief Argast reported to the Board that the district received the IPRF safety grant in the amount of \$14345. The proceeds will be used for the purchase of bunker gear.

XI COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE -

XII. OLD BUSINESS - None


XIII. NEW BUSINESS

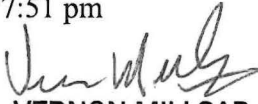
- a. President Gay asked for a consideration to place the 2024 Audit on file. Trustee Millsap motioned to place the 2024 Audit on file. Trustee Srejma seconded the motion to place the audit on file. All trustees voted in favor. **Motion carried.**
- b. President Gay asked for a consideration to place the 2024 OPEB actuarial report on file. Trustee Srejma motioned to place the 2024 OPEB actuarial report on file. Trustee Giron seconded the motion. All trustees voted in favor. **Motion carried.**
- c. President Gay asked for a motion to release the closed session minutes of 07-09-24, 02-11-25 and 3-11-25. Trustee Srejma motioned to release closed session minutes of 07-09-24, 02-11-25 and 03-11-25. Trustee **Millsap** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Trustee Gay- Aye, Trustee Millsap, -Aye, Trustee Giron, -Aye, Trustee Santen-Aye, Trustee Srejma- Aye. **Motion carried.**
- d. President Gay asked for a consideration to appoint Kevin Gay to the Board of Fire Commissioners for a 3-year term. Trustee Srejma motioned to appoint Kevin Gay to the Board of Fire Commissioners for a 3-year term. Trustee Millsap seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Trustee Gay- Aye, Trustee Millsap, -Aye, Trustee Giron, -Aye, Trustee Santen-Aye, Trustee Srejma- Aye. **Motion carried.**
- e. President Gay asked for a consideration to approve Resolution 25-R-2 authorizing the purchase of 3 Stryker power Loads and stretchers through the Savvik purchasing program not to exceed \$230,000. Trustee Santen motioned the approval of Resolution 25-R-2 authorizing the purchase of 3 Stryker power loads and stretchers through the Savvik purchasing program not to exceed \$230,000. Trustee Srejma seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Trustee Gay- Aye, Trustee Millsap, -Aye, Trustee Giron, -Aye, Trustee Santen-Aye, Trustee Srejma- Aye. **Motion carried.**

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

President Gay asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Millsap made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Srejma seconded the motion. All trustees voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm


JAMES GAY
PRESIDENT


VERNON MILLSAP
TRUSTEE


JUAN GIRON
TRUSTEE

EDWARD SANTEN
TRUSTEE


WILLIAM SREJMA
TRUSTEE