

**PLEASANTVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY DECEMBER 9,2025- 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. PUBLIC HEARING 2026 COMBINED BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

President Gay opened the floor for the Public Hearing on the Appropriation and Budget. There was no one present and no comments were made. The Public hearing was closed. Attorney Nichele stated that the minutes should reflect that the notice for the public hearing was published per the state statute.

IV. CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES

President Gay asked for a motion to approve but not release the minutes for the closed session meeting on November 11th, 2025 meeting. Trustee Srejma moved to approve but not release the minutes of the closed session meeting on November 11th, 2025 meeting. Trustee Santen seconded the motion. Trustee all trustees voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

V MEETING MINUTES

President Gay asked for a motion to accept the minutes for the November 11th, 2025 meeting. Trustee Millsap moved to accept the minutes of the November 11th 2025 meeting. Trustee Santen seconded the motion. all trustees voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

VI.WARRANTS

President Gay asked for a motion to approve the warrants for December 2025. Trustee Srejma moved to accept the warrants for the month of December 2025. Trustee Santen 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.**

VII. DISBURSEMENTS

President Gay asked for a motion to approve the Disbursements for November 2025. Trustee Millsap moved to approve the Disbursements for November 2025. Trustee Giron 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.**

VIII. 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.**

IX ATTORNEY'S REPORT-

Attorney Nichele reported to the board the appropriation and budget and levy ordinance will need to be approved under new business.

X. COMMISSIONERS REPORT- Commissioner Gay informed the board that he and Commissioner Johnson had a meeting tonight and finalized the captains test results. The Commissioners voted to have Commissioner Gay appointed President Pro Temp. The Commission asked the chief to look over the eligibility of the ff list and see who is interested.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS – No committees established.

XII. CHIEF'S REPORT

- A. Chief Argast reported to the Board a quick overview of the Levy and the Budget and Appropriation that was presented at the last board meeting.
- B. Chief Argast report to the Board that he and the Deputy Chief will work with Finance Director Kirk to make the additional budget transfers if applicable and then will ask the Board to approve them in January retroactive to December 2025.
- C. Chief Argast reported to the Board that he will be asking the Board to approve a 3% cost of living increase for non-contractual employees under new business. A brief discussion ensued
- D. Chief Argast reported to the Board that he will be asking the Board to approve the Chief and Deputy Chief's new contract under new business.
- E. Chief Argast reported to the Board that in December the Board will be approving the dates of the Board Meetings for 2026 and there are a few dates that may need to be changed. September 15^h is the day after Labor Day and Tuesday October 20, is during the Illinois Fire Chiefs conference.
- F. Chief Argast presented a service award to Kathy Kirk for 15 years of service and will present Drew Muffler a 10-year service award at a later time.
- G. Chief Argast reported to the Board that he was contacted my Hodgkins Mayor and it was found that the underground fuel tanks left contaminated soil and it has to be cleaned up. The Village has funds to pay for most of it but will need to have the District split the remaining cost.
- H. Chief Argast reported to the Board that the New Ladder truck is in service
- I. Chief Argast reported to the board about a few significant calls that are noteworthy. The crews reported to a person who stabbed themselves in the neck. Crews responded to a person choking at Eddie Merlot. Paramedic Funk did a great job and was able to save the victim. Also, this morning crews responded to a car that was launched off the road and the car landed on Sante Fe drive and the victims walked away.
- J. Chief Argast reported to the Board that the NIAFPD conference is February 6-7. If you want to go let him know and he will register.
- K. Chief Argast reported to the Board that the employee Christmas party was a great success and almost \$13,000 was raised for Camp I am Me. He thanked Sharon, Kathy and Tim for their hard work in making this a success.
- L. Chief Argast reported to the Board that Kids Christmas party is this Saturday December 13, 2025
- M. Trustee Santen asked about 55th Street and a brief discussion ensued.

XIII COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

XIV. OLD BUSINESS - None

XV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. President Gay asked for a consideration to adopt Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 25-O-3 Ordinance Providing Budget and Appropriation for 2026. Trustee Millsap moved to adOpot Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 25-O-3 Ordinance Providing Budget an Appropriation for 2026. 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.**

- b. President Gay asked for a consideration of a motion to adopt the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance 25-0-4 Levying and Assessing Taxes. Trustee Srejma moved to adopt the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance 25-0-4 Levying and Assessing Taxes. Trustee Giron 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.**
- c. President Gay asked for a consideration of a motion to adopt Resolution 25-R-3: Instructions to reduce rates under Sections 18-195 and 18-247. Trustee Santen moved to adopt Resolution 254-R-3 instructions to reduce rates under Sections 18-195 and 18-247. 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 of a motion to approve a cost-of-living increase of 3% for all employees not currently under contractual agreement, effective January 1, 2026 Trustee Santen moved to approve a cost-of-living increase of 3% for all employees not currently under contractual agreement. Trustee Giron 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 of a motion to approve a Chief Karl Argast and Deputy Chief Tim Donatucci's contracts effective January 1, 2026 Trustee Millsap moved to approve Chief Karl Argast and Deputy Chief Donatucci's contract effective January 1, 2026. 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.**
- f. President Gay asked for a motion to adopt the scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting Dates for 2026 at 7pm. Trustee Srejma moved to adopt the scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting Dates for 2026 with meetings being held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM. Trustee Giron seconded the motion. All trustees voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

XVI. CLOSED SESSION- President Gay asked for a motion to recess the regular meeting at 7:24 and to convene into closed session for the purpose of a discussing personnel matters. Trustee Giron made the motion and Trustee Santen seconded the motion. All trustees voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

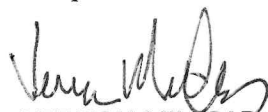
President Gay reconvened the regular meeting at 8:04 pm. Trustee Millsap made the motion and Trustee Santen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Trustee Gay-Aye, Trustee Millsap-Aye Trustee Giron-Absent, Trustee Santen-Aye Trustee Srejma- Aye. **Motion carried.**

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm


JAMES GAY
 PRESIDENT


VERNON MILLSAP
 TRUSTEE


JUAN GIRON
 TRUSTEE


EDWARD SANTEN
 TRUSTEE


WILLIAM SREJMA
 TRUSTEE