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CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:34 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by: Robert Sax

ROLL CALL: Present: Peter J. Biscontini, Esq., Ciro Cinti, Thomas Shubilla, Gerald Yozwiak and Robert Sax. Also present Attorney Stephen Menn and Patricia Sluhocki.

Secretary Read:

The Sunshine Act requires that those in attendance be given the opportunity to comment before a vote is taken. Anyone wishing to comment on an issue is encouraged to notify the Board prior to roll call being taken on that issue. The Township policy is to limit comment to five minutes. Anyone requiring additional time is encouraged to make arrangements to meet with the Board at a later date. Additionally, all correspondence read or referred to is available at the North Main Street Municipal Building for public inspection during regular business hours. Note that the meeting is being recorded. At this time please turn off any cell phones to avoid disrupting the meeting.

GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to accept: **Minutes:** The Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of July 13th; Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting of May 16th, Planning Commission Meetings of May 4th, June 1st. no meeting and Special Meeting of June 15th, Recreation Board meeting of July 10th. **Monthly Reports** of the Fire Report for July, DPW Report for July and also the Secretaries Report for July. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. Also the **Treasurers Report** – General Fund Checking Account Receipts \$192,020.90; General Fund Checking Account Disbursements \$619,356.66. Total Ending Balance in the General Fund Checking as of 7/31/2017 - \$882,216.60. **BY: Yozwiak 2ND: Biscontini For: Biscontini, Cinti, abstain from payrolls because of relations, Shubilla, Yozwiak and Sax. Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion to give permission to the Rivermist Property Owners Association to utilize the Commissioners meeting room of the Fox Hill Firehouse on September 11, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. **BY: Shubilla 2nd: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Yozwiak thanked everyone who attended National Night Out.

FIRE – Cinti thanked everyone who attended National Night Out and gave the residents an opportunity to meet the first responders and other employees that were there. Reported on the responses from the fire department monthly report of 203, were mostly inspections by our captains and the second most were medical calls.

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DPW – Shubilla also thanked everyone that came out to National Night Out and was a success. Monthly report on recycling are co-mingling 29ton, newspapers 16ton, cardboard 9ton and refuse and yard waste of 311ton. Jobs that were done are fixing catch basins and cleaning due to the heavy rains in July. Blacktop jobs were also done. **Biscontini** announced that the Commissioners are working on a plan to pave some roads. **Shubilla** it is important that residents report any roads that are in disrepair. Even it is a state road.

RECREATION – Cinti reported that fall sports are in use of our fields. Also using fields in the Plainsville area for soccer fields. Majority of the summer help will be done in the next couple weeks. Summer camp was success. Thanked the Board for their continued support for that program. **Yozwiak** announced that the Tubs is part of the Pinco State Forest and across from the tubs is the Hollow Run area which is part of state forest. In addition they are looking into a rails to trails project. Part of this project is Deep Hollow area. We will be doing some action on the agenda for 31 acres of Earth Conservancy land to help with that project. If interested go on the DCNR website.

Sax announced that the Ambulance Association subscription drive is under way. If you didn't get your subscription, please contact the Ambulance Association. The drive will run from July to July.

OLD BUSINESS

Note to eliminate A.R. Popple approved bill payment from June 2017 bill listing in the amount of \$9,000.00.

NEW BUSINES

Motion to pay General Fund Bills: Utility **\$27,584.74** Regular **\$150,756.14**; Total **\$178,340.88**
BY: Yozwiak 2ND: Biscontini For: Biscontini, Cinti, abstain from Lupus Insurance Bill for professional relations, Shubilla, Yozwiak and Sax abstain from GBM bill due to employment and his reimbursement bill. Motion Carried.

Motion to request police traffic studies for the following areas: Stop sign on the road proposed to be named Sarnecki Lane at the intersection with River Street; stop sign at the end of Mercer Street; and No Parking on east side of Burke Street in the area of house # 106 at the bend.
BY: Yozwiak 2ND: Shubilla Mr. Pelak questioned as to where Sarnecki Lane is located. Board explained why they are naming this roadway due to request from 911 and where the location goes to. **Mr. Trunzo** asked if this is the Burke Street on the hill or in the townhouse section. Board explained that it's the upper section by Lt. Duddy School. **All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize the following action for the Brick Park Landscape Project: Ratify Application Payment Request # 2 in the amount of \$13,730.27; Application Payment Request # 3 in the amount of \$73,058.58 to Derman Associates and Change Order # 3 for an increase of \$10,463.88. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti Biscontini question whether these monies are from the grant. Confirmed by the Sax. All For Motion Carried.**

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Motion to authorize the following action for the Juniper Drive Drainage Improvement Project: Partial Payment Request # 1 in the amount of \$41,726.59; Final Payment Request in the amount of \$14,030.12 to Stafursky Paving Company and Change Order # 1 for an increase of \$2,322.00. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti For: Biscontini, Cinti, Yozwiak and Sax. Abstain: Shubilla. Located to close to his house. Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize execution of the DEP Request for Planning Waiver & Non-Binding Declaration for Earth Conservancy. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize execution of the Sewerage Facilities Planning Module Application Mailer for the Lambert – Spagnuolo Minor Subdivision. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Shubilla Stella Tomshack questions which Lambert it is. Sax replied Michael. All For Motion Carried.**

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to adopt an amendment to the Disabled, Inoperable Vehicle and/or Unattended Vehicle Ordinance. Menn noted that the change was increase in the period of time to 60 days.

BY: Biscontini 2ND: Yozwiak Fred Silveri as if has anything to do with the vehicles at the box factory. Sax replied no. Only with cars. All For Motion Carried.

Motion to adopt the Knox Box Ordinance. **Menn** explained that a knox box is placed on the outside of commercial structures and has a key in it that allows emergency responders to enter the building instead of breaking doors down. This will be in effect for new buildings and voluntarily to existing buildings. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to award the bid for sale of the 2013 Ford Interceptor police sedan to Chicago Motors Inc. for high bid of \$6,507.00. **BY: Yozwiak 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to adopt a resolution designating a current unnamed roadway as Sarnecki Lane. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Shubilla Pelak** thought it was Ann Street. **Shubilla** commented that 911 wanted a different name. **All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to purchase a 2018 Freightliner 114SD with 25 yard Cobra Packer Body truck for DPW at a price quote of \$167,348.00 under the COSTARS program. **BY: Biscontini explained how extremely important this is. The packers are going down and repairs are costing too much. 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to purchase a 1990 Pierce Heavy Rescue Unit for bid price of \$19,400.00 from the Edwardsville Volunteer Firemen's Community Ambulance for the fire department. **BY: Cinti and commented that this unit is used to fill up the air packs at a fire. Gave a list of all the ways that this piece of equipment can be used. Firefighter Martin and Captain Howell were to answer questions. 2ND: Yoziwak All For Motion Carried.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS BY Sax: The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held September 7, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. The Administrative, DPW and Zoning offices will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Residents with Monday garbage collection will have their garbage picked up on Tuesday, September 5th. Residents are also reminded that there will be an 8 bag limit the week after the holiday during the collection week of September 5th through September 7th. All other schedules remain the same.

TAXPAYERS

Fred Silveri – Questioned the Board on a status update on Mitchell Street. **Yozwiak** gave update, engineers have it in design, need a waiver from East Side Auto, going out to bid next Friday. Hopefully can use liquid fuels monies to pay for this.


Bonnie Casella – Lives on Sunset Drive and informed the Board that Penn East is taking part of her property. Letter came to her in the name of the previous owner and she could not open the letter. Explained to the Board her experience with dealing with Penn East and their contractors. Asked the Board if they can investigate Penn East. Also asked the board if they have a truck inspector because now they will be going up and down her road. Would like their trucks inspected. **Menn** stated that the Township has no control over Penn East Pipeline. Not a municipal issue. They do not need approval from the Township they are controlled by the PUC. Advised her to see a lawyer to review her contracts. **Cinti** said the police can check the trucks and Fire Chief Baker is very involved with following the pipeline and will give phone number to Chief Baker. **Menn** explained easements and the value of an easement.

Jim Trunzo – Complaint to the Board about a contractor digging up a sidewalk. Asked if there is a building code on sidewalks? Complaint is about the contractor who replaced the sidewalk for the water company after a water main break. Complained to the PUC and the Magistrate. His issue is that it's a trip hazard. **Menn** we will contact the water company and ask them to come and look at the sidewalk.

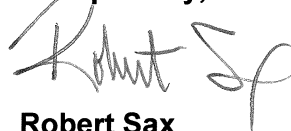
Eileen Washko – Is the Board ever going to have electronic recycling. **Yozwiak** stated that we are looking at November but it is going to be a cost. **Cinti** informed her about the Salvation Army on the Sans Souci Highway taking televisions with no charge. Washko lives on South Main Street and was asking if some gravel can be put down to use the alley because of the parking problem on south Main Street. **Yozwiak** contractor is coming before the end of the month.

ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All For Motion Carried. TIME: 8: 22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Patricia Sluhocki
Secretary

Accepted By,


Robert Sax
Chairman