

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF  
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**CALL TO ORDER TIME:** 7:35 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by: Robert Sax

**C. ROLL CALL:** Peter J. Biscontini, Esq., Ciro Cinti, Thomas Shubilla, Gerald Yozwiak and Robert Sax.

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.

**Secretary Read:**

**GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Motion to accept: **Minutes:** The Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of August 10th; Plains Township Sewer Authority Meetings of June 9<sup>th</sup> and July 14th, Planning Commission Meeting of July 6<sup>th</sup>, Recreation Board meeting of August 7<sup>th</sup>. **Monthly Reports** of the Police Department for July and August, Fire Report for August, DPW Report for August and also the Secretaries Report for August. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. Also the **Treasurers Report** – General Fund Checking Account Receipts \$1,626,576.48; General Fund Checking Account Disbursements \$677,507.61. Total Ending Balance in the General Fund Checking as of 8/31/2017 - \$1,831,285.47. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Yozwiak All For Motion Carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE – Yozwiak** informed residents about PPL Scammers. Also the scammers at the pump. Read thank you letter that will be sent to Officer Tim Minnick about his work on National Night Out. Police Activity: 30 accidents, 266 for the year, 4 hit and runs total of 20 for the year.

**FIRE – Cinti** reported on the fire department activities of 224 calls. 93 were inspections or ordinance violations by the fire inspectors. In August we were informed that our ISO rating improved to a 3. We were a 7 a few years ago, training and supplying equipment to the department helps in getting the number lowered.

**DPW – Shubilla** reported on monthly recycling totals: co-mingling 20ton, newspapers 10 ton, cardboard 10 ton, 312 ton refuse and yard waste. Some of the numerous project completed by DPW are repairing of the catch basins, cleaning the catch basins from the heavy rains we have been having, sprayed and sealed blacktop jobs. We have had several complaints about School and Miner Streets. Both these roads are state roads and this is a Water Co. job. They assured us they would be starting tomorrow to repair. **Sax** this is an ongoing issue. **Cinti** state is also looking at some subsidence on School Street and other issues in the town.

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**Biscontini** reported on Courtright Street which was a wreck last winter. That's a state road. It is not on the list to be paved just patched. Talked to Senator Yudichak regarding intersection of Courtright and River Streets. Not a true intersection and he is sending someone out to look at this dangerous intersection. Announced that Luzerne County is having a Used Tire Recycling Event. The closest one is at the Hanover High School on October 14<sup>th</sup>. You must register a head time and there is a limit of 15 tires. Plains Lions Club will be holding a 5k Fun Run & Walk. Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Around Birchwood Hills. Plains Lions Club Facebook page has map of where it will take place.

**RECREATION – Cinti** reported that all of the parks are up and running. The tennis courts are being used and the pavilion is booked. We recently installed speed bumps up at the park because several of the commissioners received complaints on speeding.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to pay General Fund Bills: Utility \$26,111.62 Regular \$227,544.78; Total \$253,656.40  
**BY: Biscontini 2ND: Shubilla For: Biscontini, Cinti except abstain from Assured Partners bill for business relations, Shubilla, Yozwiak except abstain from reimbursement bill for the hot dog roller for Hilldale Baseball Field, Sax. Motion Carried.**

Motion to request a police traffic study for stop signs on Sarnecki Lane as it intersects with Poplar Street and Laurel Street. **BY: Yozwiak 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize partial payment request #1 of the Birchwood Hills Drainage Improvement Project in the amount of \$48,032.55 to Ed Krasavage Construction. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize execution of DCED reimbursement request # 1 of the Brick Park Landscape Project in the amount of \$95,629.16 from the LSA Streetscape Grant. **BY: Biscontini Noted that this is us trying to get money back. 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize refund of paid taxes for 2016 to JJS Family Partnership L.P. for Lot 1D in the amount of \$174.15. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to appoint Charles Krommes as Plains Townships' representative for the WWSA Stormwater Steering Committee. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize the 2018 MMO calculations for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$378,975.00, Non-Uniformed Pension Plan in the amount of \$172,827.00 and the Fire Department Pension Plan in the amount of \$185,004.00 for 2018 budget. **BY: Yozwiak 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize Charlie Krommes to attend Governor's Emergency Preparedness Summit 2017 at a cost of \$50.00. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**