

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF
OCTOBER 12, 2017**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by: Robert Sax

- **MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED ON THE PASSING OF RICHARD LUSSI,
FORMER TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER**

ROLL CALL: Present: Peter J. Biscontini, Esq., Ciro Cinti, Thomas Shubilla and Robert Sax.
Absent: Gerald Yozwiak. Also present Attorney 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 September 14th; Planning Commission Meeting of August 3rd, Recreation Board meetings of September 11th and October 2nd. **Monthly Reports** of the Fire Report for September, DPW Report for September, Zoning Permits issued for September and also the Secretaries Report for September. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. Also the **Treasurers Report** – General Fund Checking Account Receipts \$548,468.25; General Fund Checking Account Disbursements \$711,579.22. Total Ending Balance in the General Fund Checking as of 9/30/2017 - \$1,668,174.50. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Cinti reporting for Commissioner Yozwiak publicly thanked the Joseph Kennedy family for donation to police department. Asked residents to be vigilant in your neighborhood. On the police report, a majority of the calls were thefts, noise and disorderly conduct. Also 44 accidents.

FIRE – Cinti again thanked the Kennedy family for being so gracious with a donation to the fire department. The department would like use that donation to participate in Coats for Kids down at the Solomon School. There is a list of 22-25 families that take advantage of the program. Whatever is not covered, the fire department will chip in to cover the rest for jackets for the kids. October is Fire Prevention Month.

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FIRE – Continued The department is busy visiting the schools, care facilities both child and adult and all facilities that require evacuation plans for insurance requirements. They also give out smoke detectors and the department will install them for people who need assistance.

DPW – Biscontini reported that a couple months ago, made a motion to purchase Little Libraries. Popular around the New England area. It is an honor system free library. Jon Minnick of DPW is painting them with the boy scouts and the department will be installing them. The Osterhout will also be donating books for these libraries. If anyone has books they want to donate contact me or Patty at the office. We are starting with four; one located in Hudson, one near Sheehans Drug Store, one by the Magistrate's office and the last one in Hilldale by the Harriet Street playground. **Shubilla** reported on recycling for the month: Co-Mingling 20ton, Newspapers 12ton, Cardboard 7ton and refuse and yard waste 232ton. Yard waste pick up is still going on.

RECREATION – Cinti added that his daughter did an article on the Little Libraries up in New York and this is a great project. Majority of the fields are done being used. Proud that the Yankee B, C and D teams made the playoffs. Pavilion will be shutting down very shortly for the winter. We have cooperation with Wilkes-Barre Area Vo-Tech where they will be coming in to winterize the rain garden. Kids work hard on this.

Biscontini announced the Lions Club 5K Fun Run this Sunday, October 15th up at the Park and also the Trick or Trunk will be October 29th from 1-3 also at the Park.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to reject bids received for the Enterprize Street Drainage Project. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to reject bids received for the Mitchell Street Drainage Project. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Note – Delete for the record, American Flags bill for \$62.90 approved at September meeting to be replaced this month with final reimbursement bill for Commissioner Yozwiak.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to pay **General Fund Bills: Utility \$25,843.62 Regular \$148,030.07; Total \$173,873.69 State Aid Account Bill – Dbi Services – DeAngelo Bros. \$9,735.55**
BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini For: Biscontini, Cinti except abstain from Assured Partners Bill for business relations, Shubilla, Sax. Motion Carried.

Motion to request a police traffic study for handicapped parking application submitted by Roberta R. Schloemer at 4 Hopkins Street. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize action on the Birchwood Hills Drainage Improvement Project: Payment request #2 final in the amount of \$9,947.45 to Ed Krasavage Construction and approve change order No. 1 for a decrease of \$1,453.00. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried**

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Motion to authorize Payment Request #3 final in the amount of \$4,636.29 to Stafursky Paving Company on the Juniper Drive Drainage Improvement Project. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to disburse the 2017 Commonwealth State Aid Pension Allocation and fund the balance of MMO's to Township pension plans as follows:

Pension Plan	State Aid	MMO Balance
Police	\$174,353.63	\$203,728.37
Fire	\$ 73,412.05	\$ 96,816.95
Non-Uniformed	\$146,824.11	\$ 21,820.89
Total State Aid Received \$394,589.79 Total Twp. Share \$322,366.21 (Gen. Fund)		

BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.

Motion to disburse the 2017 Volunteer Relief Association allocation to the Plains Volunteer Ambulance Association in the amount of \$10,044.06. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize action on the Brick Park Landscape Project of Payment Request # 4 in the amount of \$58,572.40 to Derman Associates and approve Change Order # 4 for an increase of \$9,027.18 and also the Phase 1 time extension. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to adopt a resolution in Support of a Citizens Commission for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to present proclamations at the Plains Sports Hall of Fame Banquet to be held on October 15, 2017 honoring inductees: Dominick Guilius, Lindsey Humanik and Ashleigh Sebia. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to adopt a resolution to place a stop sign at the intersection of East Bergh Street and Hill Streets. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini Note by Biscontini** that after the last meeting Officer Pembridge revisited area and interview residents and still recommended stop sign. **All For Motion Carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS by Sax – The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held November 9, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

TAXPAYERS

Bernard Prevuznak – Complimented the Board on the Brick Project. Came to the meeting about the Stone Quarry in Hudson behind St. Joseph's cemetery. His neighbor, Mr. Endler will give up his 5 minutes so I can have 10 minutes to explain what has been occurring for quite a few years but has gotten worst over the last few months. The common occurrence of blasting has rocked the neighborhood. Asking for the Board's help to serve as a liaison with our state representatives. Have talked to DEP already and made them aware of my concerns.

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Bernard Prevuznak - Continued

This is not necessarily a township concern or a DEP concern. Popple placed a seismograph in his yard. Windows are breaking, blaster is cracking. The quarry has moved the blasting closer to cemetery. His three major concerns are the blasting effects, safety concerns for the children. There are No Trespassing signs there and we have a lot of quad and bike activity. Also the possible expansion of the quarry. The wildlife has also been disturbed. Questions whether the blasting is causing cemetery stones to be knocked over. The quarry has been very cooperative. Thinks the requirements have to be re-examined at a state level. **Biscontini** questioned how often the blasting is. **Prevuznak** responded 4 to 5 times a month, usually between 11-11:30. **Prevuznak** also has concerns about his property value. **Shubilla** questioned if the seismograph showed if the blast was within a normal level. **Prevuznak** was told it was. **Atty. Menn** explained how the process of having a quarry, permits, etc. Township took a very proactive approach to this quarry by purchasing the Burgio property. Wanted the residents to know that. Someone needs to reach out to state legislatures and have a meeting with everyone involved and **Prevuznak** agreed that this is a good idea and said his whole purpose in coming to the meeting is to ask the Board to act as a liaison on this with issue with the state officials. Also added that without the trees, the cemetery also has more water after storms. Thanked the Board for the opportunity to present this issue.

John Endler added that the quarry runs 24 hours a day.

ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried. TIME: 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Patricia Sluhocki
Secretary**

Accepted By,



**Robert Sax
Chairman**