

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF
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CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:34 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by: Gerald Yozwiak

ROLL CALL: Present: Peter J. Biscontini, Esq., Ciro Cinti, Robert Sax, Thomas Shubilla, and Gerald Yozwiak. 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 June 14th; Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting of May 15th; Plains Sewer Authority Meeting of May 11th; Recreation Board Meeting of July 2nd. In receipt of Pa. Auditor General Reports for the Police, Fire and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans for years 2016 and 2017. **Monthly Reports** of the Police Department for June; Fire Report for June; Secretaries Report for June. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. Also the **Treasurers Report** – General Fund Checking Account Receipts \$293,756.43 General Fund Checking Account Disbursements \$637,914.30. Total Ending Balance in the General Fund Checking as of 6/30/2018 - \$2,959,876.54. **BY: Sax 2ND: Biscontini For: Biscontini, Cinti, abstain on Recreation payroll for this meeting and also June Meeting made a mistake should not have voted for recreation payroll because of relations that work there, Sax, Shubilla and Yozwiak. Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Biscontini announced that National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 up at the Municipal Park at the top of Clark Lane. Reminder to be vigilant of any suspicious activity. Call 911 or you can call him and be anonymous.

FIRE – Sax reported on last month's response to the tornado in Wilkes-Barre Township with assist with various searches of buildings and overturned vehicles. All firefighters responded from both stations and apparatus. The air and light rescue truck was also utilized. Thanked the department for responding.

DPW – Shubilla reported that DPW working catch basins, cutting grass, blacktopping. If residents know of any catch basins that need repair let him know. Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority is taking care of four of our catch basins that are in the worst shape.

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RECREATION – **Cinti** reported that the Summer Camp is doing great. They have between 50 and 55 children every day. CEO comes up there and they have free lunch and snacks for the kids. They also gave them a health seminar. Thanked the Police, Fire and DPW Departments who have all been guest speakers for the kids. The camp will continue until Friday, August 3rd. Also the Plains Rotary 33rd Annual Memorial Golf Tournament August 24, 2018 at Mountain Laurel Golf Course. Anyone interested, see a local Rotarian.

Yozwiak – Announced good news on the PPL LED Street Light change outs, talked to the girl from PPL today and the contract will be let out within 70 days and it will take 2 to 3 weeks to get done. Will be substantial savings for the Township.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to pay **General Fund Bills: Utility\$24,241.90 Regular \$163,530.19; Total \$187,772.09**
BY: Shubilla 2nd: Cinti For: Biscontini, Cinti except abstain from Assured Partners Bill for business relations, Sax, Shubilla, Yozwiak. Motion Carried.

Motion to authorize execution of an engagement letter from Kovalchik, Kollar & Co. for a project audit on the LSA Main Street Streetscape Project for a fee of \$695.00. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize Charlie Krommes attendance at the PAFPM 2018 Annual Conference on Flood Plain Management. **BY: Sax 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to hire Tyler Deats as a summer part-time DPW worker at \$8.50 per hour, no benefits. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to authorize execution of the Sewer Planning Module Mailer for the Downs Racing Horse Wash Facilities Project. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini** Noted that engineer is audience if anyone has any questions. **All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to adopt three resolutions and authorize execution of Penn Dot traffic signal applications for modifications at the intersections of Main and Carey Streets (For Controller Cabinet Relocation and for Pedestrian Signal Equipment) and River and Maffett Streets (For Controller Emergency Preemption) for our Green Light Go Grant. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to award the bid for the DPW Municipal Garage Building Addition for the 40 'x 60' structure to Panzitta Enterprises for the low bid of \$161,021.00. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

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Motion to execute the proposal letter and all documents necessary with FNCB Bank for the financing of the DPW Municipal Garage Building Addition for a 10 year term at a rate of 3.87% upon review and approval of the solicitor **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize secretary to advertise for the Plains Twp. CDBG-DR Contract 1 Environmental Abatement Project. Noted by **Menn** this is a grant through the County for the Environmental Abatement of properties down in Plainsville that flooded. **BY: Sax 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize secretary to advertise for the Plains Twp. CDBG-DR Contract 2 Structure Demolition Project that will occur in the summer of this year. Noted: Same project but this is for the demolition. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to appoint Attorney Joseph Blazosek as alternate solicitor to the Planning Commission. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to prepare specifications and advertise for replacement of various catch basins within the Township. **BY: Shubilla** Noted that a number of catch basins that are in pretty bad shape. DPW is busy with their normal duties and this is to have a third party to do the basins in a quick amount of time. **2ND: Biscontini Noted by Yozwiak** that we did three telephonic bids but they came in above the phone call bid requirement. These are for 10 brand new pre-cast catch basins. **All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to execute the Firemen's Contract upon review and approval of the solicitor. **BY: Sax 2nd: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS by Yozwiak: The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held August 9, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.

TAXPAYERS

Dave Willis - Has a concern about fireworks because Wilkes-Barre City will be voting on a new fireworks ordinance and believes people will be setting them off more behind his house now with the new state mandate. Asked if we have an ordinance on fireworks? **Shubilla** that should fall under the noise ordinance. Discussion held between Willis, Board and Solicitor. **Yozwiak** added that Steve will look into it and let's see what Wilkes-Barre City does.

Bernie Prev – Questioned the Board about the ordinance that was repealed. Asked if August is a realistic date for when it will be considered. **Menn** replied that the ordinances are done and they will be advertised for August. There will be three ordinances total that will be advertised. **Prev** brought up that it was discussed of having a town meeting with legislators and the residents. Worst blast was last Thursday. **Cinti** this would be the right time to do it before September. **Prev** added that something has to be done on the state level. Discussion held on getting point across to legislators. Suggested getting other towns involved that have quarries. **Prev** asked Board for assistance in getting meeting together.