

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF
OCTOBER 11, 2018**

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CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:30

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by: Gerald Yozwiak

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

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.

D. GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to accept: **Minutes:** The Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of September 13th; Recreation Board Meeting of October 1st, Plains Sewer Authority Meeting of August 10, 2018. **Monthly Reports** of the Police Department for September, Fire Department for August and September, **DPW Report for September**, 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 \$804,381.44 General Fund Checking Account Disbursements \$584,204.03. Total Ending Balance in the General Fund Checking as of 9/30/2018 - \$2,597,295.10. **BY: Biscontini. 2ND: Shubilla. Roll Call: All for, motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – 1) Plains Meat Market robbery. Suspect caught. 2) Will be seeking grant for Live Scan Technology 3) Upgrading booking area 4) PPL Utilities Phone Scam

FIRE – 1) 117 Calls 2) Fines for weeds, dumping, open burning increased to \$100. If citation issued fine could be up to \$300. 3) Cameras are being considered to curb illegal dumping. “Oakies” especially vulnerable to dumping.

DPW – Recycling Report read: Noted tonnage Co-Mingled 30; Newspapers 14; Cardboard 7; and Refuse/Yard Waste 180

RECREATION – 1) 10/25 Solomon spaghetti dinner at pavilion; 2) 200 trees received, will be planted with assistance from WBCTC (Janice Leiby) and students, as well at Vincent Cotrone from Penn State extension office 3) Trunk or Treat to be held 10/28 4) Bat houses purchased, seek resident input for placement.

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**Noted: Lock your vehicles, a commissioner had laptop stolen from his.
LED lights replacing older streetlights, if they are to bright contact Patty at Municipal
office for shields.**

**SCAMS: Target recently reported someone “skimming” credit cards, residents urged to
check their card balances frequently; Phone call scams: Caller claims money required to
“disinfect” computer viruses.**

G. OLD BUSINESS - None

H. NEW BUSINESS

**1. Motion to pay General Fund Bills (Utility\$23,837.29 Regular \$161,733.58 Total
\$185,570.87) (Cinti – Abstain Assured Partners Bill) BY: Sax 2ND: Shubilla.
Roll Call: All for (Cinti For, but abstain Assured Partners Bill) motion carried.**

**2. Motion to disburse the 2018 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	\$178,006.77	\$200,968.23
Fire	\$149,900.45	\$ 35,103.55
Non-Uniformed	\$ 74,950.19	\$ 97,876.81
Total State Aid Received	\$402,857.41	Total Twp. Share \$333,948.59 (Gen. Fund)

BY: Cinti. 2ND: Shubilla. Roll Call: All for, motion carried.

**3. Motion to authorize the application of Ronald J. Stella of 14 East Mountain Ridge for Disabled
Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Certification. Township Portion is \$17.70.
BY: Cinti. 2ND: Biscontini. Roll Call: All for, motion carried.**

**4. Motion to approve the handicapped parking application of Marilyn Artim of 4 Powell Street
as per a police traffic study. BY: Biscontini. 2ND: Sax. Roll Call: All for, motion carried.**

**5. Motion to request a police traffic study for No Parking on Bergh Street at the intersection of
Union Street in the area of the Italian Club. BY: Biscontini. 2ND: Shubilla. Roll Call: All
for, motion carried.**

**6. Motion to ratify Change Order # 1 with Panzitta Enterprises on the DPW Garage Addition in
the amount of \$16,315.57. BY: Cinti. 2ND: Sax. Roll Call: All for, motion carried.**

**7. Motion to approve payment request # 1 of the North Main Street Streetscape Project in the
amount of \$97,425.00 to Multiscape Inc. and approve Change #1 for an increase of
\$6,020.00. BY: Shubilla. 2ND: Cinti. Roll Call: All for, motion carried.**

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I. SOLICITORS REPORT

1. Motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise an amendment to the zoning ordinance regarding regulations on swimming pools. **BY: Sax. 2ND: Biscontini. Roll Call: All for, motion carried.**
2. Motion to present proclamations at the Plains Sports Hall of Fame Banquet to be held on October 21, 2018 honoring inductees: Joseph Caffrey – Basketball, Donald Langdon – Baseball, Patrick McGlynn – Baseball, Thomas Woloski – Football. **BY: Cinti. 2ND: Shubilla. Roll Call: All for, motion carried.**
3. Motion to adopt a resolution approving the Revised Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant for the Valley Crest Commons Project. **BY: Biscontini. 2ND: Sax Roll Call: All for, motion carried.**
4. Motion to re advertise the bid on the Controller Cabinet Relocation Project **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti. Roll Call: All for, motion carried.**
5. Motion to re-advertise for bids for the Signal Upgrade Project **BY: Sax. 2ND: Biscontini. Roll Call: All for, motion carried.**


ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held November 8, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.

J. TAXPAYERS (Time limit 5 minutes taxpayers must sign in).


Wasluck/Bridgen – 9 Gail Drive. Concerns about flooding due to neighbors throwing debris in drainage ditch behind properties and the drainage pipe from Hilldale backing up and flooding the area. Commissioners indicated they will have the ditch cleaned and look at the pipe. Kathie DeVincenzo 5 Skyview Dr – Re: flooding in the development. Indicated that the Wynd Tree Oaks drainage, combined with a filled basin on Balogas property are adding to the flooding. Commissioners will investigate cleaning these area. Myron Feschak 59 Hancock St complaint about weeds, claimed the Township was cutting a residents lawn. Commissioners explained the Township was cutting a drainage culvert. Chet Koulik 186 Chamberlain St – storm drainage and pipe issues felt DPW needed to rebuild the pipe.

**K. Motion for adjournment BY: Cinti. 2ND: Yozwiak. Roll Call: All for, motion carried.
TIME: 8:30**

Respectfully Submitted:


Kathleen O'Boyle
Assistant Secretary

Accepted:


Gerald Yozwiak
Chairman