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CALL TO ORDER TIME:

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 February 14th; Plains Sewer Authority Meeting of January 11th. Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting of January 15th; Recreation Board Meeting of March 4th. **Monthly Reports** of the Police Department for February; Fire Department for February, DPW Report for February, Zoning Permits issued for February, Contractor Licenses for February, Secretaries Report for February. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. Also the **Treasurers Report** – General Fund Checking Account Receipts \$579,188.44; General Fund Checking Account Disbursements \$548,810.10. Total Ending Balance in the General Fund Checking as of 2/28/2019 - \$65,138.87. **BY: Biscontini**
2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Biscontini we had a quiet month. Thefts were down to six. Citations are up at 227. There is an increase in phone scams. Be on the look-out for those.

FIRE – Sax reported 92 fire calls. Participated in Channel 16's Safe a Life Program. Handed out 42 smoke alarms. American Red Cross will be having a similar event on April 28th for smoke alarms.

DPW – Shubilla announced that the Yard Waste Drop-Off begins April 13, 2019 and Curbside will begin the week of May 6th. The same day as your garbage. Recycling Report: Co-Mingled – 21 ton; Newspapers – 7 ton; Cardboard - 10 ton; Refuse – 184ton. Pot holes are popping up this time of year. We are trying to keep up with cold patch. Keep in mind that that they are not all township roads. We have state roads in the township. Asphalt plants are not opened yet. They need four nice days to open for hot patch.

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RECREATION – **Cinti** reported that the letters went out for the first round of pavilion reservations. We have two weddings up there this year. Also summer help applications are also being accepted. The fields are already being used. First baseball game is this Saturday.

Yozwiak reminded residents to check the balances on your accounts. Fire weather with the dry season is coming up. Keep your cars locked.

OLD BUSINESS – **Secretary** noted a clarification from last month's meeting on the motion concerning Kathy O'Boyle. The agenda read that she resigned. Kathy did not resign, she retired.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to pay **General Fund Bills: Utility\$22,835.89; Regular\$129,746.10; Total\$152,581.99**
BY: Sax 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.

Motion to hire Hailey Waslasky as Assistant Supervisor for the Summer Camp Program at a rate of \$10.00 per hour no benefits effect June 17th. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini For: Biscontini, Sax, Shubilla and Yozwiak. Abstain: Cinti due to family relation. Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize use of the Commissioners meeting room to the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne County on June 17, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the Senior Citizens Farmers Market Voucher Distribution. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize payment request # 1 of the Controllor Cabinet Relocation Project in the amount of \$18,832.50 to Kuharchik Construction, Inc. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to reject bids received for the Back-Up Salt Bid Contract 2019-2020 and re-advertise. Noted that only one bid was received. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize execution of the 2019 Penn Dot Street Sweeping Agreement. **BY: Sax 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to enter into an agreement with FNCB Bank for Merchant Card Processing and adopt a resolution to include \$1.00 processing fee. This is for the convenience of the public who want to use a credit card at the town hall. When using a credit card, there will be \$1.00 fee. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held April 11, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. **Yozwiak** wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

TAXPAYERS:

Mr. and Mrs. Silveri complaining about the kids from the Solomon School. They took the bulbs out of their garage lights. They are fighting near their home. **Cinti** addressed the matter because he talked to Mr. Khalife at Solomon and also the Chief about having a cruiser sit in the area. **Cinti** asked if they are walkers of kids that take the bus.

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Mrs. Silveri explained the activity. **Yozwiak** thought if they take the bus they are supposed to go right into the school and asked if they could get the bus number. **Cinti** said he will work on this.

Tom Bridgen came to the meeting about his flooding issue on Gail Drive that he complained about in October. Atty. Menn was supposed to get a release to him to go on his property. **Menn** said he has the release and they were waiting for the weather to break. **Yozwiak** added that we are probably going to put that out to bid. Looking to go from Saylor to the end of Gail. **Bridgen** the other issue with the settling pond or spillway needs to be cleaned. **Yozwiak** added that there is a new property owner and there is something in the deed that the owner has to maintain that. **Menn** stated that we have no authority to tell owner what to do on his property. **Yozwiak** also noted that Penn Dot is supposed to pave Saylor Avenue from River Street to Laffin and address drainage. Will send an email to Penn Dot to see how they are going to address drainage.

ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All For Motion Carried. TIME: 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Patricia Sluhocki
Secretary**

Accepted By,



**Gerald J. Yozwiak
Chairman**