

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF
APRIL 11, 2019** **PAGE ONE**

CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:31 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by: Gerald Yozwiak

ROLL CALL: Present: Peter J. Biscontini, Esq., Ciro Cinti, Thomas Shubilla, and Gerald Yozwiak. Also Present Attorney Stephen Menn and Patricia Sluhocki. Absent: Robert Sax. **Yozwiak** noted that Commissioner Sax is out of town in Cincinnati, Ohio on business.

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 March 14th; Plains Twp. Planning Commission Meetings of February 7th and March 7th; Plains Sewer Authority Meeting of February 8th; Plains Recreation Board Meeting of April 1st. **Monthly Reports** of the Police Department for March; Fire Department for March, DPW Report for March, Zoning Permits issued for March, Contractor Licenses for March, Secretaries Report for March. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. Also the **Treasurers Report** – General Fund Checking Account Receipts \$553,381.22 General Fund Checking Account Disbursements \$606,008.48. Total Ending Balance in the General Fund Checking as of 3/31/2019 - \$12,511.61. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Biscontini reported that we waived the application fee and had 10 people apply for the police civil service exam. The agility test will be given this Saturday. Chief wanted me to remind everyone to lock your cars, lock your house. Increase in phone scams. **Mr. Pelak** asked if you have to live in the township to be hired for police. **Biscontini** added that you have to move into the town within 6 months and have to live here five years.

FIRE – Yozwiak reported on the fire next to the town hall. They were grilling. No final report yet. With the insurance company now.

DPW – Shubilla reported on recycling: Co-Mingled – 21 ton, Newspapers – 10 ton, Cardboard – 7 ton, Refuse – 151ton. Yard Waste Drop-Off starts this Saturday at Cemetery Street and Curbside will begin the first week of May. DPW is started to do some roads. Asphalt plants are starting to open.

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RECREATION – Cinti noted that the majority of the dates are booked for the pavilion. Acknowledgments have been sent and there are some dates that are open. Wilkes-Barre Voc-Tech Horticulture class will be coming up to the rain garden at the municipal park to do some work. Coming back to finish planting the saplings that we received last year. Thanked the students for doing that. All the parks are being used. **Biscontini** added that the Plains Lions Club will be having their annual Easter egg hunt up at the park on Holy Saturday. **Yozwiak** announced the PPL construction of a transmission line starting near the new Wyoming Valley Motors going toward Route 81 and the turnpike. On the Penn East Pipeline deadline of April 15th on the new Saylor Ave redirect. Explained the new path. We have correspondence on file. **Biscontini** also added that there is the groundbreaking for the new Wilkes-Barre Area High School tomorrow at 11:00A.M. It's opened to the public. Representatives will be there. **Yozwiak** they had a presentation this week. It is going to be a nice school.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to pay **General Fund Bills: Utility\$34,937.30; Regular\$190,681.47; Total \$225,618.77.**
BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini For: Biscontini, Cinti except abstain from Assured Partners bill due to business relations, Shubilla, Yozwiak. Motion Carried.

Motion to request a police traffic study for 10 minute parking from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. in front of 34 East Carey Street **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti Shubilla** noted that this is in front of the new Siani's Cleaners on East Carey Street. **All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to request a police traffic study for parking at the intersection of Union and School Streets. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize Commissioners attendance at the Central Association of Township Commissioners Conference to be held April 26 – 27, 2019. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini** Noted by **Yozwiak** that this is going to be held locally. **All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize a 2.5% raise to all Non-Union clerical employees and Pat Delesandro in the recreation department effective pay date of April 26, 2019. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to award the bid for the Back-Up Salt Bid Contract 2019-2020 to Eastern Salt at a bid of \$79.90 per ton delivered. **Menn** noted that this is the second time we bid and the only bid we received. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to appoint Audrey Serniak as an alternate to the Plains Township Zoning Hearing Board and adopt a resolution noting the same upon review and approval of solicitor. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize the engineer to prepare and advertise the 2019 Liquid Fuels Paving and Drainage Project. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS by Yozwiak – The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held May 9, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. The Administrative office will be closed on Friday, April 19th for the Easter Holiday. The DPW will be closed on Monday, April 22nd for the Easter Holiday. Residents with a Monday garbage pick-up will have pick-up on Tuesday, April 23rd. All other schedules will remain the same. Board wishes everyone a Happy Easter.

TAXPAYERS

Rich Lavelle – President of the Polish American Organization announced that the club has their 100 anniversary coming up and thanked the Board for their service and personally invited everyone to their 100 anniversary on Sunday, May 26th from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 P.M. and it will be free for the Board. Also would like to invite the police and fire departments. **Yozwiak** added that we will be doing a proclamation at our May meeting. **Cinti** youth use the fields down there and we will have that cleaned up for you.

ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All For Motion Carried. TIME: 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Patricia Sluhocki
Secretary**

Accepted By,



**Gerald J. Yozwiak
Chairman**