

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF
AUGUST 8, 2019** **PAGE ONE**

CALL TO ORDER TIME:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by: Thomas Shubilla

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

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 July 11th; Plains Township Planning Commission Meeting of June 6, 2019; Plains Township Recreation Board Meeting of July 8th; Plains Sewer Authority Meeting of June 14th; Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting of May 28th. Also received the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Audits for years ending 2017 & 2018. **Monthly Reports** of the Police Department for June 2019; Fire Department for July, DPW Report for July. Secretaries Report for July. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. Also the **Treasurers Report** – General Fund Checking Account Receipts \$267,798.63 General Fund Checking Account Disbursements \$1,235,096.60. Total Ending Balance in the General Fund Checking as of 7/31/2019 - \$1,971,967.17. **BY: Sax 2ND: Biscontini For: Biscontini, Cinti Abstain from Michael Cinti – Recreation Payroll because he's a relative, Sax Abstain from Samantha Sax- Recreation Payroll because of relation, Shubilla. Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Biscontini announced National Night Out to be held 8/20/2019. Crime for the month was down. One thing that was agreed on with the Board to do from now on is whenever there is position that will be available, whether full time or part time, will be advertised on Facebook and our Website under Career Opportunities. We should get a bigger pool of people applying especially for part time positions.

FIRE – Sax reported that the department had 236 calls for the month. As of this date, the firefighters have installed 254 smoke alarms. All the smoke alarms were provided by the American Red Cross, free of charge. They also provided fire safety literature to each household. The department is still taking requests for alarms and will be taking requests at National Night Out. Also thanked the department for going up to the Day Camp and doing a demonstration for the children.

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DPW – Shubilla announced: Shred Fest Event: September 7, 2019 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. Paper, envelopes, important documents will be accepted. Solomon will be doing the event which is free to Township residents. Recycling Report: Co-Mingled – 23 ton, Newspapers – 15 ton, Cardboard – 7 ton, Refuse/Yard Waste – 232 ton. Thanked DPW for doing a fine job blacktopping and cleaning out the catch basins.

RECREATION – Cinti announced the 34th annual Plains Rotary Golf Tournament August 24, 2019. Just like the Lions Club they do activities to support the children in the Township. Read a letter of thanks that was sent to the Recreation Board from Moe Rodzniak, Coughlin Baseball Coach. Day Camp was a huge success this year again. Sometimes we had 80 kids attending. Would like to get it in the budget again for next year. Flag that was made by the kids of the camp which was presented to the board and was on display at the meeting, will be flying proudly at the N. Main Street building very soon. **Sax** added thanks to Director Michelle Waslasky for running the camp from day one. We couldn't have done it without her. This is our sixth year doing the camp.

OLD BUSINESS –

Secretary made corrections for the record from last month's meeting as follows:

- Resolution passed last month which indicated Stop signs on Sarnecki Lane needs to be corrected to read stop signs on Laurel and Poplar Streets as it intersects with Sarnecki Lane.
- Corrected bill amount for Cleveland Bros. from \$600 to corrected amount of \$500.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to pay **General Fund Bills** (Utility \$21,283.86 Regular \$554,904.42; Total \$576,188.28)
BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti For: Biscontini, Cinti Abstain from Assured Partners Bill due to business relations, Sax Abstain from GBM bill due to employment, Shubilla. Motion Carried.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to award the bid for the 1996 Dodge Pick-Up Truck to Thom Greco for the high bid of \$1,222.22. **BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to adopt an ordinance for a supplemental to the Code of Ordinances for Plains Township for ordinances enacted since enactment of the original Code of Ordinances.
BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried. Menn Noted that the ordinances are online as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS by Shubilla: The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held September 12, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. The Administrative, DPW and Zoning offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Residents with Monday garbage collection will have their garbage picked up on Tuesday, September 3rd. Residents are also reminded that there will be an 8 bag limit the week after the holiday during the collection week of September 3rd through September 5th. All other schedules remain the same.

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TAXPAYERS:

Jeremy Simonson - Came to the Board with a traffic concern on West Merritt Street where there is a blind hill and the tenants on both sides are parking on both sides of the street.

Shubilla said we could do a traffic study. Motion was made by Biscontini to do a traffic study for parking on West Merritt Street. 2nd: Cinti **All For Motion Carried.**

Robert Gupko – Lives at 65 Cotton Avenue. Back of his property borders the property the Township recently purchased, 85 acres, the Burgio property. There is also a utility right a-way that runs through. There are two trees on your property where the branches are hanging over his property and one fell into his yard last month that he couldn't move. They are a danger to his property and asked that the Board cut them down. **Shubilla** told DPW to address the problem.

ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried. TIME: 7:49 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Sluhocki
Secretary

Accepted By,



Thomas Shubilla
Vice Chairman