

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by: Thomas Shubilla

ROLL CALL: 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.

GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to accept: **Minutes:** The Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of August 8th; Plains Township Planning Commission Meetings of July 11th and August 1st; Plains Township Recreation Board Meeting of August 5th. Also received the Luzerne Co. Audit of Plains Township Tax Collector for year ending 2017. **Monthly Reports** of the Police Department for July and August; Fire Department for August, DPW Report for August; Secretaries Report for August; Zoning Permits issued for July and August; Contractor Licenses Issued for July and August. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. Also the **Treasurers Report** – General Fund Checking Account Receipts \$904,342.45 General Fund Checking Account Disbursements \$613,013.79. Total Ending Balance in the General Fund Checking as of 8/31/2019 - \$2,263,295.83. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Sax For: Biscontini, Cinti abstain from Recreation payroll of Michael Cinti because he is his son, Sax, Shubilla and Yozwiak abstain from Recreation payroll of Ben Yozwiak, because he is his son and Commissioner Meeting Minutes of August 8th because he did not attend meeting. Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Biscontini reported that there was a shooting Saturday night and if anyone has any information that can call the Chief, 911 or himself.

FIRE – Sax reported that there were 219 calls for the month of August. The department installed 140 smoke detectors during the month for a total of 391. Also there was an apartment fire in Hudson and the people got out because the department had recently installed smoke detectors in the building. National Night Out was a success. Fire Department had the smoke house there.

DPW – Shubilla Announced: E-Waste Event, November 2, 2019 Plains Municipal Park 11:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Luzerne Co. 2019 Free Used Tire Recycling Event at Hanover High School on October 12th from 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. Also the Shred fest held last Saturday was a success.

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The Recycling Report for August: Co-Mingled – 23 ton, Newspapers – 8 ton, Cardboard – 10 ton, Refuse/Yard Waste – 197 ton.

RECREATION – Cinti reported that the pavilion is rented through October. On September 25th the Solomon Educational Fund will be holding a spaghetti dinner at the pavilion. The Wolfpack softball and football are using the fields.

Yozwiak reported about fraudulent letters being sent out asking for personal information calling work cell phone about social security.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to pay **General Fund Bills** (Utility\$21,989.20 Regular \$189,423.17; Total \$211,412.37) **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Shubilla For: Biscontini, Cinti except abstain from Assured Partners Bill for business reasons, Sax, Shubilla and Yozwiak. Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize Karen Rubasky attendance at the Pa Construction Codes Academy BCO 101: Building Code Official Certification Course. **BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize the 2020 MMO calculations for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$455,091.00, Non-Uniformed Pension Plan in the amount of \$209,008.00 and the Fire Department Pension Plan in the amount of \$194,716.00 to be included in the 2020 budget **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini Noted by Yozwiak** that this is for the 2020 budget. **All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize the application of Daniel F. Holby of 136 Chamberlain Street for Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Certification. Township Portion is \$141.42. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize Payment Application #3 (Final) of the Plains Township Signal Upgrades Project in the amount of \$8,260.00 to Northeast Signal & Electric Co. Inc. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize Commissioners attendance at the Pa. State Assoc. of Township Commissioners Fall 2019 Meeting to be held September 27 & 28th. **BY: Sax 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to hire George Mehal as a part-time DPW worker at a rate of \$9.50 per hour no benefits subject to successful completion of physical, post-employment offer examination and background check. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti Noted by Yozwiak that he has a CDL. All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to hire Scott Christian as a part-time DPW worker at a rate of \$9.00 per hour no benefits subject to successful completion of physical, post-employment offer examination and background check. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Mr. Pelak asked why the difference in hourly rate. Board responded because of the CDL.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to adopt a resolution to have No Parking on the south side of West Merritt Street from the alley to North Main Street. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to solicit bids for the Hudson Road Drainage Project. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to request a police traffic study on Dead End side of Stocker Street for No Parking on East Side. **BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to request a Penn Dot traffic Study for a School Bus Stop on East Saylor Avenue in the area of House # 70. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to execute C0-Applicant Agreement for HOP Permit for Enclosed Surface Storm Water Drainage Facilities with the City Mark Federal Credit Union. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to present a proclamation to Active Day of Plains recognizing Adult Day Care Services Week of September 15 – 21, 2019. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to adopt a resolution for the petition to renew the exemption of amplified music for River Grille LLC. **BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS by Yozwiak: The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held October 10, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.

TAXPAYERS

Mark Saksa from 59 Maple Street in the Fox Hill Section of Plains. Has three concerns. One is the noise that is generated from the casino during their patio concerts. Had one on the 23rd of August that caused the walls to shake in his house. Called 911 and the casino. Truck traffic on Maple Street. They are cleaning out the retention ponds at the facilities on Route 315 and using Maple Street instead of the access road. Constant flow of traffic on Maple Street. They dented the road unloading equipment. With all of the expansion of the businesses, we are overrun with raccoons. **Shubilla** questioned about the access road. **Karen Rubasky** answered 60,000 lb. weight limit on that road. **Menn** reported that the music concerns were reported to the casino representatives. A hearing is coming up with the casino concerning amplified music by the Liquor Control Board and your concern should be addressed at that time.

Barbara Unrue lives on Birch Avenue in Birchwood Hills. Complaining about the condition of her road and asked if it could be paved. There were holes by the drains. Asked if they could patch by her driveway in the roadway. **Yozwiak** it is on the list of roads to be paved. Explained the funding situation and pave projects. DPW will do what they can for the road until we could get funding. **Biscontini** Township applied for some monies to do some roads.

Robert Gupko – Complaining again about the large trees that are on Township property that is posing a danger to his and neighbors property. Never heard anything from last meeting. **Shubilla** will double check because have not heard anything about it.

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Dan Haddle lives on E. Saylor Avenue. One of the motions tonight was for a school bus stop sign because that road is a death trap. Tried to talk to New Enterprise about their truck drivers. Even Penn Dot trucks come through speeding. They are not abiding by the 25 mph speed limit. If we could have some police presence that would be appreciated. Problem area is when you are coming around the corner from Shantytown. Discussion held on the speeding trucks. **Biscontini** will talk to the Chief.

ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All For Motion Carried. TIME: 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Patricia Sluhocki
Secretary

Accepted By,


Gerald J. Yozwiak
Chairman