

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF
MAY 14, 2020 VIA ZOOM PAGE ONE**

CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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.

GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to accept: **Minutes:** Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of March 12, 2020; Plains Township Planning Commission Meeting of March 5, 2020; Plains Township Recreation Board Meeting of May 4th, Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting of February 18th. Noted that there were no Commissioners, Planning, Recreation or Plains Sewer Authority Meetings in April. **Monthly Reports:** of the Police Department for March and April; Fire Department for March and April; Contractor Licenses Issued for March and April and Zoning Permits Issued for March and April, Secretaries Report for March and April. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. Also, the **Treasurers Report for March:** General Fund Receipts \$563,220.88; General Fund Disbursements \$488,702.95. Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of 3/31/2020- \$132,259.15. **Treasurers Report for April** General Fund Receipts \$924,952.42; General Fund Disbursements \$619,446.23; Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of 4/30/2020 - \$437,765.34
BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion to authorize the Pa. Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs Real Property Tax Exemption Application of Anthony Mayo for 255 Maffett Street. **BY: Sax 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Biscontini – No Report other than appointment of Dale Binker as Police Chief which is on the agenda.

FIRE – Sax - No Report. Firefighters are responding to calls wearing protective gear and taking all precautions necessary.

DPW – Shubilla – No Report. Everyone stay safe.

RECREATION – Cinti – No Report. All the parks are closed until further notice.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to ratify the payments of **April General Fund Bills: Utility\$27,156.10 Regular \$107,983.51; Total \$135,139.61 and the May General Fund Bills: Utility \$22,121.14, Regular \$273,061.95 Total \$295,183.09 BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini For: Biscontini, Cinti, Abstain from Assured Partners Bill from May, Sax, Shubilla and Yozwiak. Motion Carried.**

Motion to purchase a 2020 Police Interceptor Utility AWD vehicle from New Holland Group at a total cost of \$46,000.50 through the COSTARS Purchasing Program. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to appoint Dale Binker to the position of Police Chief effective May 16, 2020 per the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and Civil Service Rules and Regulations. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

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Motion to appoint Michael Smith to the position of Police Sergeant effective May 16, 2020 per the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and Civil Service Rules and Regulations. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize non-union employees raises effective May 30, 2020 as follows: Pat Delesandro and Patty Neishel 3%, part-time firefighters \$11.00 per hour, Lynell Ent \$13.00 per hour, Part-Time DPW: Tom Giebus, Dominick Pizzella, \$13.00 per hour, George Mehal \$11.00 per hour. Part time DPW workers Tom Giebus, Dominick Pizzella and George Mehal also get \$100.00 clothing allowance. Clarification Robert Davis will still get \$75.00 clothing allowance which was approved previously. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to request a police traffic study for possible one-way traffic on Gouge Street. **BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to hire summer part-time DPW workers at a rate of \$9.00 per hour as follows: Joseph Gayton, Jacob Brown, Michael Brown and Joshua Brown. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to adopt a resolution extending the Business Privilege Tax payment to Berkheimer Tax Collections from April 30th to July 15th. **BY: Sax 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to award the Back-Up Road Salt bid to American Rock Salt for the low bid of \$78.50 per ton delivered. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize the solicitor to advertise a hearing on the conditional use application at the request of Geisinger Wyoming Valley for an addition to the Henry Cancer Center. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini**
Noted by Menn: this hearing will be scheduled for June 8th at the Fox Hill Firehouse.
All For Motion Carried.

Motion to adopt a resolution extending the real estate tax face period to August 18, 2020.
BY: Sax 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.

Motion to adopt a resolution in support of the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Greenways to Trails and Recreation Program Grant. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to appoint Bruce Krugler, Robert Stella and Edward Koulik to the Plains Township UCC Board of Appeals. **BY: Sax 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

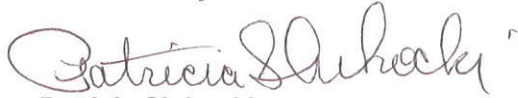
ANNOUNCEMENTS By Yozwiak: The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held June 11, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. The Administrative, Zoning offices and DPW will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. Residents with Monday garbage collection will have their garbage picked on Tuesday, May 26th. Reminder that there is an eight-bag limit for garbage bags for the collection week of May 26 to May 28th.

TAXPAYERS

Noted by Attorney Menn: Township was contacted through email by Richard Szot of 137 Gouge Street who had a complaint about a neighbor who burns garbage and Mr. Szot cannot keep his windows open or enjoy his yard. Menn spoke to him and advised to call 911 when the neighbor is actually burning so the fire department can respond to investigate the matter.

ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All For Motion Carried. TIME: 7:52 P.M.

Submitted By:



Patricia Sluhocki
Secretary

Accepted By:



Gerald J. Yozwiak
Chairman