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Motion to ratify the hiring of Matthew Westawski as a DPW part time summer laborer at a rate of \$9.00 effective June 22. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize the police department to do a traffic study for possible stop sign at the intersection of Emily and Farrell Streets. **BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti Yozwiak** noted that that is in the Hilldale Section. **All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to request a police traffic study on the handicapped parking application of Phillip Losito of 146 Gouge Street. Note that the study completed on July 7, 2020 by Lt. Bohan recommending approval. Motion to accept police traffic study approving the handicapped parking. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to hire Harold Fisher, Jason Johnson and Marc Malvizzi Jr. as part-time firefighters at a rate of \$11.00 per hour subject to successful completion of a background check, physical and post-offer employment testing. **BY: Sax 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise a slot machine ordinance. **Menn** clarified that this more of a game of skills games that you see in mini marts and gas stations. Our belief that it is not in the best interest of the Town to have these machines and have them everywhere. **BY: Biscontini 2nd: Cinti Question on the motion. Mr. Pelak** asked if the casino is pushing that. **Shubilla** they have not contacted us. **All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise Memorandum of Understanding Ordinance for police department participation in the Luzerne Co. DUI Task Force. This is also the Drug Task Force. The District Attorney's office is taking over the task force and give our officers the ability to participate. The Chief recommended we participate. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to solicit bids for the purchase of Township Garbage Bags. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to adopt a resolution to make southern end of Delaware Street one way from East Carey to East Merritt Street traveling north. Also to approve installation of stop signs on Sheridan Lane at the intersection of Delaware and all other signage necessary to complete one way traffic on that portion of Delaware Street. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

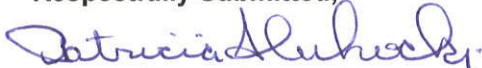
Motion to award the 2020 Storm Drainage and Roadway Improvement Project Contracts to Pennsy Supply for Contract No. 1 under Base Bid for a low bid of \$1,122,399.30. Contract No. 2 under Base Bid for a low bid of \$763,960.20. Contract No. 3 under Base Bid for a low bid of \$472,300.20. **BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS by **Yozwiak**: The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held August 13, 2020 at 7:30 P.M.


TAXPAYERS.

ADJOURNMENT **BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All For Motion Carried. TIME: 7:55 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,


Patricia Sluhocki
Secretary

Accepted By,


Gerald J. Yozwiak
Chairman

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CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:33 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Gerald Yozwiak

ROLL CALL: Present: Peter J. Biscontini, Esq., Ciro Cinti, Robert Sax, via phone, Thomas Shubilla, and Gerald Yozwiak. Also present Attorney Stephen Menn and Patricia Sluhocki.

-Introductions and pictures taken with New Police Chief Dale Binker and recently promoted Sergeant Michael Smith.

GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to accept: **Minutes:** Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of June 11th; Plains Township Sewer Authority Meeting of February 14th. Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meetings of March 17th and April 28th. **Monthly Reports:** of the Fire Department for June. Secretaries Report for June. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. Also, the **Treasurers Report for June** General Fund Receipts \$169,373.86; General Fund Disbursements \$919,617.16; Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of 6/30/2020 - \$1,882,857.16. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Biscontini reported that the Board is working on adding to the police force with the school coming, this month alone we had 30 suspicious persons and 13 thief's. Interviews will be held tomorrow. **Chief Binker** gave a report: That a number of search warrants were issued. The department is catching up on cases because our investigators could not conduct interviews due to the virus. Lt. Lussi and Lt. Bohan will be assisting him tomorrow in interviewing the four remaining candidates on the list.

FIRE – Sax reported 189 calls. Search and rescue operations were done up at the 7 tubs area for illegal swimming. Congratulations to Chief Binker. **Chief Ritsick** continued with report that they have been extremely busy up at the 7 tubs area with the hot weather. **Yozwiak** asked because it is state owned land, do we still have to respond. **Cinti** asked if we use the gator. **Ritsick** said we still have to respond and are doing more rope rescues. In some cases they can use the gator.

DPW – Shubilla no recycling report today. Double check your recyclables.

RECREATION – Cinti there are some open dates for the pavilion to rent. Announced 35th Annual Plains Rotary Golf Tournament to be held August 22, 2020 at Mountain Laurel Golf Course.

Jerry – The Comcast Contract up for renewal. If there any residents who have non-monetary complaints, could contact town hall. Also asked residents asked to complete 2020 Census. Mentioned the tragedy that happened in the River by Plymouth. Warned the residents to stay away from the river. It is very dangerous in places. **Cinti** added that we lost funding on the last census. Two children that drowned in the River were from the Valley West school district where he works. Also added to stay away from the River.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize payment of the **June General Fund Bills (Utility\$15,860.73; Regular \$147,922.43; Total \$163,783.16 BY: Sax 2ND: Shubilla For: Biscontini, Cinti** abstain from Assured Partners Bill due to business relations, **Sax, Shubilla, Yozwiak. Motion Carried.**