

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF
OCTOBER 8, 2020** **PAGE ONE**

CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:27 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Gerald Yozwiak

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

-Introduction of the Two New Police Officers: Saif Mahmoud and Edward Walsh by the Board and pictures take with family, police officers and Commissioner Board Members. **Yozwiak** noted that this Board is in support of the police department and congratulated the officers. Chief Binker added some personal comments about the two new officers. **Cinti** added that he coached both men and they will do the township proud and wished them the best.

GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to accept: **Minutes:** Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of September 10th; Planning Commission Meeting of August 6th; Recreation Board Meeting of September 14th; Plains Sewer Authority Meetings of July 10th and August 14th; Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting of July 21st. **Monthly Reports:** of the Fire Department for September, DPW Report for September; Secretaries Report for September; Zoning Permits issued for September; Contractor Licenses Issued for September. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. Also, the **Treasurers Report for September** General Fund Receipts **\$798,925.09**; General Fund Disbursements **\$778,515.97**; Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of 9/30/2020 - **\$1,939,755.15**.
BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Biscontini reported that the two new officers started and are training. If anyone wanted the Back to Blue signs, we have 10 left. We are going to have increased patrols at Solomon School and up at the Municipal Park. All our officers were re-certified in the tasers, CPR and Norcam.

FIRE – Sax reported 187 calls, 86 fire and 101 captain calls. We still have many high weed complaints. If you see areas with high weeds, please let us know. October is Fire Prevention Month. I'm sure we have some smoke alarms left.

DPW – Shubilla reported on the Recycling Report for September: Comingled – 21 ton; Newspaper and Cardboard – 17 ton; Refuse and Yard Waste – 220 ton. Thanked the guys for replanting the Mums at the Vet Park. Reminder that there is one more of yard waste pick up. Ends around Thanksgiving. Electronics Recycling is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th at the Municipal Park.

RECREATION – Cinti announced that we submitted the Recreation Budget for next year. We are in the middle of the process of our Master Site Plan Grant. Bids will be going out on that. We hope to have the kids camp next year.

Yozwiak made note that the new fence is up around the DPW garage and other site work is done that we got a grant for all that work. A lot of road work is going on in the town. Noted that the Magistrates phone number are being scammed. Check your bank accounts and credit cards to be vigilant of scammers.

Sax also announced that the annual Trunk or Treat is cancelled for this year as recommended by CDC guidelines.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS - Continued

Yozwiak we will have an outdoor ceremony for Veterans Day on November 11th with the American Legion and the departments.

Sax the Lions are going to have a Santa Parade.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills (Utility \$22,508.24; Regular \$173,423.37; Total \$195,931.61. BY: Biscontini 2ND: Sax For: Biscontini, Cinti except abstain from Assured Partners Bill because of business relations, Sax, Shubilla, Yozwiak. Motion Carried.**

Motion to request proposals for engineering services for the Plains Township Master Site Plan Grant Project. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to disburse the 2020 Commonwealth State Aid Pension Allocation to Township pension plans as follows:

Pension Plan	State Aid
Police	\$187,105.63
Fire	\$157,562.66
Non-Uniformed	\$ 73,857.54

Total State Aid Received \$418,525.82 BY: Sax 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.

Motion to authorize payment application No. 1 of the 2020 Storm Drainage and Roadway Improvements Contract No. 2 Hilldale Section in the amount of \$236,921.04 to Pennsy Supply. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize payment application No. 1 of the DPW of Public Works Recycling Center Improvements Project in the amount of \$82,492.10 to Stell Enterprises and approve Change Order No. 2 for an increase of \$1,752.10. **BY: Shubilla 2nd: Biscontini For: Biscontini, Cinti, Sax, Shubilla. Abstain: Yozwiak due to the fact his son works for Stell. Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize payment application No. 1 of the DPW Project in the amount of \$57,237.50 to Pro Max Fencing. **Yozwiak** there is a typo in here that there was supposed to be a change order. That has been scratched. **BY: Sax 2nd. Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to award the bid for the Haines Street Drainage Improvements to Leeward Construction for the low bid of \$77,237.00. **BY: Biscontini 2nd: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to adopt a resolution for the placement of a stop sign on Harriet Street as it intersects with Hilldale Avenue. **BY: Cinti 2nd: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to adopt a resolution for the placement of a stop sign on Emily Street as it intersects with Hilldale Avenue. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to adopt a resolution to place a No Outlet sign on Hollywood Avenue. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to adopt a resolution adopting the Luzerne County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan. **BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

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Motion to adopt a resolution designating of the National Incident Management System as the Basis for all Incident Management in the Township of Plains. **Noted by Menn:** that this is just a National System for Incidents so that it is consistent throughout the state and country. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing application for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program WBASD SR 309 Ramp Project in the amount of \$1,428,573.44. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini For: Biscontini, Sax, Shubilla, Yozwiak. Abstain: Cinti due the fact he coaches in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.**

Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing application for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program WBASD Access Project in the amount of \$799,610.55. **BY: Sax 2nd: Shubilla For: Sax, Shubilla, Yozwiak. Against: Biscontini. Abstain: Cinti due the fact he coaches in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.**

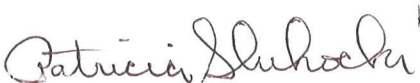
ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held November 12, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. The DPW will be off on November 11, 2020 in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday. Residents with Wednesday garbage pick up will have their garbage picked up on Thursday, November 12, 2020. All other schedules remain the same.

TAXPAYERS

Jennifer Wynn signed in and Diana Daley spoke. They came to the meeting as concerned citizens sharing our concerns with other citizen groups against the New Fortress Energy project in Wyalusing, PA. This is where they will be exporting liquified natural gas by railcar along the Delaware River proposed for 2021. If this project gets going, there could be every day 365 days a year, 100 rail cars of 33,000 gallons of liquified natural gas traveling through our towns. The company needs one more approval from the Delaware River Basin Commission and is here to ask the boards support in passing a non-binding resolution urging the DRBC to vote no to this project. The Board will review the information with our solicitor and make a decision for next regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All For Motion Carried TIME: 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Patricia Sluhocki
Secretary**

Accepted By,



**Gerald J. Yozwiak
Chairman**