

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF
MARCH 11, 2021**

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CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:32 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Gerald Yozwiak

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

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:** Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of February 11; Plains Township Planning Commission Meetings: February 4th and noted that January 7th there was no meeting; Recreation Board meetings of February 8 and March 1. Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority meeting of January 19. **Monthly Reports:** of the Police Department for January; Fire Department for February; EMA Coordinator for February; DPW for February; Zoning Permits Issued for February; Contractor Licenses Issued for February; Secretaries Report for February. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. The **Treasurers Report for February** General Fund Receipts **\$643,881.69**; General Fund Disbursements **\$563,628.29**; Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of 2/28/2021 - **\$101,732.63**. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Shubilla Roll Call: B C SA SH Y**

E. CORRESPONDENCE – None

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Biscontini reported that we received Certification of Safe Policing for Communities. Our new officer started on Monday, Brandyn Cole. We are fully staffed currently. We will be promoting Officer Tim Minnick to Detective tonight. Reminded residents to be aware of fraud. Be careful of things on the internet.

FIRE – Sax reported that for the month of February, the department had 133 calls, 105 fire calls and 28 Captain incidents. There were a couple calls where we assisted other towns.

DPW – Shubilla reported that the recycling for February: 51Ton. Refuse Total of 182 Ton. Yard waste curb side pick up will begin the Week of May 3rd and drop off at Cemetery Street will begin April 3rd and will end November 20th.

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RECREATION – **Cinti** reported that pavilion rentals are still going on. There are still some dates available. We are also accepting applications for summer help for Recreation and DPW, college students or graduating seniors. There are also plans for doing the Kids Summer Camp beginning Monday, June 14th to Friday July 30th held up at our park. One thing to clarify with DPW the Saturday Yard Waste drop off is at the top of Blanchard Street from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills upon the availability of funds (Utility\$27,810.26; Regular \$171,626.72; Total \$199,436.98. Total State Aid Bills: American Rock Salt \$26,538.72 and Eastern Salt \$4,128.48 Total \$30,667.20. BY: Sax 2ND: Biscontini For: Biscontini, Cinti except abstain from Assured Partners bill because of business relations, Sax, Shubilla, Yozwiak. Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the handicapped parking application of Lorraine Dehoff of 20 Crow Street as per a police traffic study. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to appoint Tim Minnick to the position of Police Detective effective March 20, 2021 per the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and Civil Service Rules and Regulations. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Sax** and commented that it is well deserved. **Yozwiak** commented that we appreciate all the work the police do. **All For Motion Carried.** Pictures were then taken with Tim Minnick and the Board, Police Officers and his family.

Motion to purchase a 2021 Police Interceptor SUV from New Holland Group at a price of \$46,300.00 under the COSTARS program and not to take delivery before June 1, 2021. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to enter into an agreement of sale with Bonner Chevrolet to purchase a 2021 Chevrolet Traverse at a price of \$30,575.00 under the COSTARS program for the Fire Department with a \$1,000.00 deposit and not to take delivery before June 1, 2021. **BY: Sax 2nd: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to reject the Back-Up Salt Contract bids for 2021-2022 and re-advertise. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to grant the conditional use application of Geisinger Wyoming Valley Project of Parking Garage and Medical Office Building. Noted by **Menn** that a hearing was held on Monday night. Plans were presented to the Board. **BY: Cinti 2nd: Sax For: Cinti, Sax, Shubilla and Yozwiak. Abstain: Biscontini due to litigation. Motion Carried.**

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Motion to motion to grant the Intermunicipal liquor license transfer application of 1189 Route 315 Hospitality, LLC. and execute a resolution. Noted by **Menn** that a hearing was held on Monday night. This application is for the former Viva Farms. There is a new restaurant that wants to open there. They are trying to get a liquor license outside the municipality which requires permission from the Board and adopting a resolution. **BY: Biscontini 2nd: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

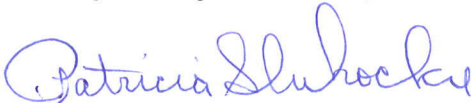
ANNOUNCEMENTS By Yozwiak: The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held April 8, 2021 at 7:30 P.M. The Administrative Office will be closed on Friday, April 2nd, and the DPW will be closed on Monday, April 5th in observance of the Easter Holiday. Residents with a Monday garbage pick-up will have pick-up on Tuesday, April 6th. All other schedules will remain the same.

TAXPAYERS:

Earl Woolard of 22 Sunset Drive – Complaint on the traffic on Sunset Drive from trucks working for Charlie Adonizio on property he purchased in the area. Trucks are deteriorating the roads, speeding and the dust on his property and vehicles. This has been going on for over two years now. Trucks are from Franchelli Enterprises. **Chief Binker** from the audience spoke that he reviewed GPS records of the trucks from Franchelli last year and they were not speeding and will contact Mr. Franchelli again and check his records. **Karen Rubasky**, Zoning Officer also commented on his question of vehicle weight allowed on that road. **Yozwiak** asked Karen to call Mr. Adonizio to ask what he is doing and Chief Binker will have an officer there tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All For Motion Carried. TIME: 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Patricia Sluhocky
Secretary**

Accepted By,



**Gerald J. Yozwiak
Chairman**