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Karen Rubasky explained what she has done in responding to this problem. **Menn** also added that Wiskers World traps, neuters and releases the cats. **Onufer** saw neighbor feeding cats many times. **Yozwiak** told Karen to file the citations and meet with the residents after the meeting and get the names and times that these people are feeding the cats. **Frank Pointek** also complained from audience about the cats going on his property.

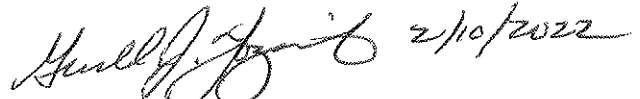
All For Motion Carried. TIME: 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Sluhocki
Secretary

Accepted by,



Gerald J. Yozwiak
Chairman

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CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Gerald Yozwiak

ROLL CALL: Present: Peter J. Biscontini Esq.(via Telephone), 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 December 9th and Re-organization meeting of January 3rd; Plains Township Planning Commission meetings of September and No meeting in October; Plains Township Recreation Board meetings of December 7th and January 3rd; Plains Township Sewer Authority Meetings of October 21st and November 18th; Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting of November 16th; **Monthly Reports:** Police Department for December; Fire Department for December; EMA Coordinator for November, December and Yearly for 2021; Zoning Permits Issued for November and December; Contractor Licenses Issued for November and December; Secretaries Report for December. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. The **Treasurers Report for December 2021** General Fund Receipts **\$279,364.06**; General Fund Disbursements **\$694,049.22**; Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of **12/31/2021 - \$615,042.17**. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Biscontini reported that our Chief Dale Binker went to FBI Supervisor class. He is going to send other supervisors to the class as well. Also thanked the police department for their efforts in the arrest of John Watkins in Ohio where he was living in a train car. He abducted a 14-year-old girl from Luzerne and she was able to phone the police from a Plains Township hotel room. Our officers have been working with the DA's office and the US Marshall's office. **Chief Binker** announced that Officer Kevin Brennan did a fundraiser in November and December of No shave November which raised around \$1,000. Kevin also was in charge selling tee shirts during October that raised \$1,500 for Cancer Research. He did a great job raising money for these charities.

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FIRE – **Sax** reported the department had 205 calls in December, with 133 fire calls and 72 captain calls. Thanked both the police and fire departments for participating in the Toys for Tots campaign. Also the department participated in the Coats for Kids campaign which donates coats to the kids at the Solomon school. Also AFG Pension Administrators donated \$2,000 to the fire department which will be used for purchasing equipment and thanked them for that donation. We still have smoke detectors. We are suspending the installation of the smoke detectors due to the up tick in COVID cases.

DPW – **Shubilla** reports that in December there was 222 tons of garbage collected. Thanked the department for the snow removal in the last two storms. Also the new trash and recycling schedule is available.

Yozwiak added that if your garbage or recycling wasn't picked up, they will pick it the next day.

RECREATION – **Cinti** announced that we are currently accepting pavilion reservations. Rates are the same as last year and we plan on some renovations to the pavilion this year. We are also purchasing picnic tables from the Vo-Tech. They make them and we just purchase the materials. The kids do a great job. Their horticulture class will be coming up in April to work on our rain garden. With the Master Plan in the working stages, we may be having another bigger rain garden. Next Master Plan meeting with Andrew, our consultant is February 7th. Hopefully by mid-year we will should have the plan in place to upgrade our park for many years to come.

Yozwiak added, protect your ID. There are multiple scams going on. Keep your car locked. January is radon awareness month. Also this week is Pennsylvania Farm Show week in Harrisburg.

Cinti questioned Firefighter Scott Martin in the audience if there is any criteria to obtain a smoke detector. **Martin** as long as you are a Plains Township resident.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills** consisting of the **Utility Bills \$23,983.78; Regular Bills \$212,474.63; Total \$236,458.41. BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini For: Biscontini, Cinti except abstain from Assured Partners bill for business relation, Sax, Shubilla, Yozwiak. Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize the handicapped parking application of Judith Vanderburg 91 Abbott Street as recommended by a police traffic study. **BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of the 2021 Recycling Performance Grant by Recycling Coordinator, Jeff Gustinucci for a fee of \$3,000.00. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to adopt a resolution regarding garbage bag fees raising the price to \$50.00 for a box or \$25.00 for a roll. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

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Motion to re-appoint Thomas Major to the Plains Township Sewer Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2026. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to re-appoint Don Stark to the Plains Township Recreation Board for a term to expire December 31, 2026. **BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to re-appoint Matt Dunsmuir to the Plains Township Recreation Board for a term to expire December 31, 2026. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to appoint Audrey Serniak to the Plains Township Zoning Hearing Board for a term to expire December 31, 2026. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to appoint John Malachowski to the Plains Township Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to appoint Adam Yozwiak to the Plains Township Planning Commission for term a to expire December 31, 2026. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini For: Biscontini, Cinti, Sax, Shubilla. Abstain: Yozwiak because it is his son. Motion Carried.**

Motion to adopt a resolution appointing the appointed members to the Boards, Commissions and Authorities. **BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS by Yozwiak: The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held February 10, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

TAXPAYERS

Allen Bartoli – Inquiring if they heard anything from LCTA regarding the sidewalks by his house. **Menn** reached out to the solicitor and gave him your name address and phone number for them to reach out to you. The solicitor asked if there was a specific time this was happening. **Bartoli** responded all day long. His concern is that he cannot clear the snow. Asked if they could put a horse there to block the sidewalk. **Menn** said the solicitor will take your complaint to the next meeting. **Bartoli** asked if the Township could put up a horse and block sidewalk. **Menn** responded that this is not our property. You could put up a horse since it's your property. **Bartoli** asked if he could blacktop. **Yozwiak and Menn** responded it's your property and you could blacktop.

ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak

Dave Onufer – Spoke up that he did not know the meeting time changed and is here about the cats in his neighborhood. Everything is still the same. Nothing changed. Wiskers World never came back. No meeting with the Magistrate. **Menn** asked who is witnessing the neighbors feeding the cats, have to come to the Magistrate when Karen files the citations. You have to give her dates. Our zoning officer is not witnessing the feeding of the cats. Someone has to testify who sees the neighbor feeding the cats.