

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 10, 2022** **PAGE ONE**

CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:00 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

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 Commissioner Regular Meeting of January 13th; Plains Township Sewer Authority Meeting of December 16th; Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting of December 14th; **Monthly Reports:** Police Department for January; Fire Department for January; EMA Coordinator for January; DPW Report for January; Zoning Permits Issued for January; Contractor Licenses Issued for January; Secretaries Report for January. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. The **Treasurers Report for January** General Fund Receipts **\$248,047.35**; General Fund Disbursements **\$614,441.85**; Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of **1/31/2022 - \$248,647.67**. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Biscontini reported on a letter received to the department from the Department of Homeland Security thanking Detectives Dan Lewis and Tim Minnick for their assistance in apprehending John Watson who abducted and assaulted a 15-year-old victim. Thanked the entire department along with Detectives Lewis and Minnick for their efforts. Also as a reminder about the scams that are going on with people stealing identities when applying for unemployment benefits over the last two years if you get a letter from the department of revenue, that you owe taxes, take it seriously. Report it to the police.

FIRE – Sax reported that the department had 189 calls. 159 fire calls and 30 captains calls. We still have smoke alarms and just started up installing them again. As reported by Captain Van Luvender, the department was involved with the Coats for Kids campaign. Raised \$2,200.00 from different organizations and the department then donated 96 coats to needy children at Solomon Elementary. Thanked all that were involved.

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DPW – Shubilla reported that for January we collected 195 tons of garbage and 55 tons of Co-Mingled Recycling. Thanked the department for taking care the snow and ice storms lately. They did a great job on that. They are also doing their best to keep up with the pot holes. For clutter clean-up we will pre-registering 50 residents per month, subject to change. Items are \$5.00 or \$10.00 depending on the size. You can schedule your pick-up at the town hall.

RECREATION – Cinti pavilion rental letters are done and all notifications should be mailed by next week. There are still dates available. This past week we had another Master Plan Meeting and happy to report we are about half way through the process and it is going well. The survey is still online. Appreciates everyone’s input on this. Plains League is making the registrations for free. You could go on their website to register or they do also have in person registrations at the Legion.

CHAIRMAN MESSAGE – It’s coming up on two years that I’ve been working from home. I do have to appreciate our Fire, Police, DPW and Administrative Offices for coming in throughout this pandemic and performing work. They are essential. With the Ice Storm last week, it was hard to keep up for the DPW with recycling that day. They got some recycling, but not all. Reminder that if they don’t get your recycling, they will pick it up when time allows.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills** consisting of the **Utility Bills \$24,272.71; Regular Bills \$136,373.60; Total \$160,646.31. BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti For: Biscontini, Cinti for except abstain from Assured Partners bill for business relations, Sax, Shubilla, Yozwiak. Motion Carried.**

Motion to purchase a 2023 Recycling Truck under a 902 Recycling Grant for a total price of \$184,149.00. Consisting of \$98,199.00 from Sherwood Freightliner for a 2023 108SD and \$85,950.00 from Eagle Truck Equipment for a 25 Cu.Yard Cobra Magnum Rear Load Packer. Both are COSTARS pricing. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to solicit bids for the 2022-2023 Back-Up Road Salt Bid. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to adopt a resolution and execute a host cooperation agreement with Greater Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund under the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant Program applied and approved for grantees Greater Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund and JCJ Holdings II, LLC subject to review and approval of the solicitor. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

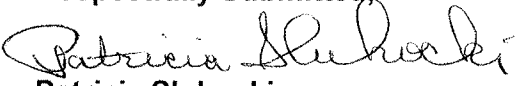
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ANNOUNCEMENTS by Yozwiak: The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held March 10, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. The Administrative and Zoning Offices along with DPW will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of the Presidents Day Holiday. Residents with Monday garbage collection will have their garbage picked-up on Tuesday, February 22nd. All other schedules will remain the same.


TAXPAYERS - None

ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All For Motion Carried. TIME: 7:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Patricia Sluhocki
Secretary

Accepted By,


Gerald J. Yozwiak
Chairman