

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF
MARCH 10, 2022
CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Gerald Yozwiak

- Moments of Silence for Former Commissioner that passed away this week from the late 70's and early 80's, Frank Glazenski and the people in the Ukraine were observed.

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 February 10th; Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting of January 18th; Recreation Meeting of February 7th. **Monthly Reports:** Fire Department for February; EMA Coordinator for February; DPW Report 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 **\$658,756.33**; General Fund Disbursements **\$568,832.07**; Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of **2/28/2022 - \$338,571.93**. **BY: Cinti**
2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Biscontini we are working with the County's DA office to set up a computer task force which is going to be countywide. Detective Lewis will be teaching and instructing the members of this task force. Reminder that it is tax season and there is a lot of scams out there. We had a resident that was scammed for \$10,000. IRS is not going to call you. We had four overdose deaths in the township this month. If anyone sees anything suspicious, please report to the police.

FIRE – Sax reported 114 calls, 30 inspector calls for a total of 144 calls. Thanked Chief Binker, DPW Supervisor Jeff Gustinucci and Chief Ritsick they have been working together on the Emergency Operations Plan. It is always good to be proactive. They will be meeting on a regular basis.

DPW – Shubilla reported that the DPW has been quite busy with the couple ice/snow storms and I thank them for that. Double run of garbage after the holiday and the cleaning up after a wind storm. For the month we collected 179 tons of garbage and 37 tons of Co-Mingled Recycling.

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RECREATION – Cinti reported that the pavilion letters have been sent out. There are some dates still left, mainly Fridays. Most Saturdays and Sundays from June on are taken. April 7th will be the next meeting about the Master Plan. We are almost halfway through it. Public is invited and I believe it is to held, here in this building. The Master Plan survey is still available on our website and Facebook page. We will be doing the Summer Camp again this year. Thanked the commissioners for their support. The camp will probably start the week after school is over. Plains League is still accepting player applications and are not charging any fee.

CHAIRMAN MESSAGE - April 9th is probably going to be the first day of yard waste drop off. Reminder to lock your car doors. We've had some incidents where people are going through cars in the Hudson section. Beware of cyber-crime. A lot of fires in the area, asked residents to be cognizant of what is going on in your house. Suppose to have snow on Saturday. Give the road department some time to clear it out. Thanked DPW for the work that they do on the roads.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills** consisting of the **Utility Bills 26,891.56 Regular Bills \$169,444.29; Total \$196,335.85. BY: Biscontini 2ND: Sax For: Biscontini, Cinti except abstain from Assured Partners bills because of business relations. Motion Carried.**

Motion to re-hire Michelle Waslasky as Supervisor for the Summer Camp at a rate of \$13.50 per hour. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini For: Biscontini, Sax, Shubilla, Yozwiak. Abstain: Cinti due to being related. Motion Carried.**

Motion to re-hire Haley Waslasky Oliver as Assistant Director for the Summer Camp at a rate of \$11.00 per hour. **BY: Sax 2ND: Shubilla For Biscontini, Sax, Shubilla, Yozwiak. Abstain: Cinti due to being related. Motion Carried.**

Motion to dispose of old Township records from 2010 and 2011 consisting of various pieces of correspondence, bills and banking information, etc. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to dispose of old records from former Tax Collectors consisting of 2008 – 2014 tax duplicates, reports, coal, school, county/municipal billing records and tapes, 2010-2017 checkbook and 2021 tax duplicates. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to award the bid for the 2022-2023 Back-Up Road Salt contract to Eastern Salt Company for the low bid of \$89.90 per ton delivered.. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to adopt a proposed amendment to the Garbage and Rubbish Ordinance. Noted by **Menn** that the revision is reducing down the number of bags after a holiday from eight to six and eliminating New Year's Day holiday. **BY: Sax 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

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Motion to waive the permit fee for a storm water retention Rain Garden Basin on Municipal park property in the Hudson Section. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize execution of the new Traffic Signal Response Maintenance for Traffic Signals proposal with Kuharchik Construction Inc. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS by Yozwiak: The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held April 14, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. The Administrative and Zoning Offices will be closed on Friday, April 15th and the DPW will be closed on Monday, April 18th all in observance of the Easter holiday. Residents with Monday garbage collection will have their garbage picked-up on Tuesday, April 19th. All other schedules will remain the same.

TAXPAYERS – Steve Grzezdziński lives at 28 Martin Street. Lived there since 2008. The property that was next to him was empty. The property behind him was owned by Penn State Bottling Co., old Jack Kozik property. There is a garage back there. For two years there was no business in there and then a landscaper moved in and started a business. He found out that if a business was closed for more than a year, that they would have to re-submit to the zoning officer for permit. Have been going to the zoning office since 2020 asking if they have a permit to have a business in there. No proof was provided to me. He has an easement through their property. They did some dumping of compost onto PAV property. Now he has tri-axle trucks back there that are idling every morning and afternoon. Power washers going on every Sunday. Asked if they have a permit. Now there are four tri axles there now that get fueled up by an external fuel storage tank that is less than 100' from a church. Questioned about paper roads which **Atty. Menn** explained that to **Grzezdziński**. Believes that by them putting the storage container, there it takes away from his property. The business is Your Landscaper and the owner is Wess and Charles Dudder. **Biscontini** asked what does he want the Board to do. **Grzezdziński** would like proof that it's a legitimate commercial property and what kind. **Sax** asked Karen Rubasky about it. **Karen Rubasky** searched the files under Your Landscaper and Dudder and could not find anything. **Biscontini** asked Rubasky if we could do anything if the business was closed for more than a year. Discussion that the property is residential and it happened before Karen became zoning officer. **Yozwiak**, stated that Karen needs to do some research and maybe reach out to Kathy O'Boyle, former zoning officer. Seems like he's running a business in a residential area and we will get back to you. **Grzezdziński**. provided pictures to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All For Motion Carried. TIME: 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Sluhocki
Secretary

Accepted By,



Gerald J. Yozwiak
Chairman