

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF
MAY 12, 2022** **PAGE ONE**

- Pictures taken with New Firefighter Adam Valkos and newly promoted Fire Captains, Jarrod Million and Curt Nocera

CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:00 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 Commissioner Regular Meeting of April 14th; Plains Township Planning Commission meeting of April 7th; Plains Township Sewer Authority Meetings of February 17th and March 17; Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting of March 15th; Plains Township Recreation Meeting of May 2nd. **Monthly Reports:** Police Department for April; Fire Department for April; EMA Coordinator for April; DPW Report for April; Zoning Permits Issued for March and April; Contractors Licenses Issued for March and April; Secretaries Report for April. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. **The Treasurers Report for April:** General Fund Receipts **\$820,712.27**; General Fund Disbursements **\$696,418.09**; Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of **4/30/2022 - \$321,335.05**. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Biscontini reported sadly we had a major drug bust in Plains where we confiscated over \$750,000 of drugs. This is happening everywhere. Here in Plains we have a devoted drug detective. Report any suspicious persons to the police, last month we had 25 of those types of calls. Reminder that no dogs are allowed in the park.

FIRE – Sax reported 170 calls last month. Reminder that the fire department still has smoke detectors. They will supply and install. Welcome aboard to our new captains and our new entry level fireman.

DPW – Shubilla reported for April 207 tons of garbage and 40 tons of Co-Mingled Recycling were collected. Grass pick up has begun the same time as your garbage pick-up. Asphalt patching has also begun. At the recycling center we have temporarily suspended the drop off of co-mingled recycling. You still drop off cardboard and newspapers.

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RECREATION – Cinti reported on receipt of a letter received from Pa. Dept. of Labor and Industry, recertifying our Safety Committee which is spearheaded by Mike Sebia along with our department heads. This allows us a 5% rate reduction on our workers compensation policy. Thanked Mr. Rodzin up at Vo-Tech again constructed picnic tables for our parks. All the work is done by the kids, constructed 5 or 6 this year. They do a very good job. We will be using the kids from the horticulture class next month up at the park. The Summer Camp which is supported again by the Board this year, will start Wednesday, June 15th up until Friday July 29th. On Tuesday, May 31st is our Master Plan meeting. Our consultant will be in attendance to present the plans for the park. The meeting will be held at 6:30 P.M. at St. Bernadine Hall located to the rear of SS. Peter & Paul School.

CHAIRMAN MESSAGE – Thanked the front office for doing a bang-up job and Karen for the issues we went through this week. Some of these properties are in deplorable shape and the solicitor is going to start working on that. High grass complaints will be getting tickets. No warning this year. As far as the Co-Mingled recycling at our center being removed. There was infectious waste dumped in the container. Garbage has constantly been dumped up there. A lot of the other municipalities around the state have stopped the drop off as well. **Sax** added that we get charged from Solomon for the container because there are things in there that are not recyclable. **Yozwiak** we have the clutter clean-up service to get rid of bigger items. Memorial Day At 8:00 A.M. down at the veteran's park, we are going to have a memorial day ceremony.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills** consisting of the **Utility Bills \$23,273.48; Regular Bills \$185,636.06; Total \$208,909.54. BY: Sax 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to approve the handicapped application of Harvey Dawson and Maureen Coenen of 45 Perkins Street. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to accept the 2022 2023 Winter Maintenance Agreement as submitted by Penn Dot. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to hire the following **Summer Help Recreation Workers** at \$10.00 per hour effective May 16th: Elizabeth Kolojejchick. **Summer Camp Counselors** at \$10.00 per hour effective June 13th, Matthew Monaghan, Jacob Khalife and Gwyneth Lupas. **Cinti** asked if anyone knows of any college or graduating high school seniors looking for work let us know or have them apply. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing application for Local Share Account Funding for the Plains Township East Mountain Roadway Improvements Project in the amount of \$2,223,306.00. **BY: Sax 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

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Motion to authorize solicitor to prepare an agreement of sale and authorize the Chairman to sign for the purchase of the property located at 120 North Main Street for the appraised value of \$15,000.00. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**


ANNOUNCEMENTS by Yozwiak: The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held June 9, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. The Administrative, Zoning Offices and DPW will be closed on Monday, May 30th all in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Residents with Monday garbage collection will have their garbage picked-up on Tuesday, May 31st. Residents are reminded that there is a six-bag limit after a holiday the collection week of May 31st to June 2nd. All other schedules will remain the same.

TAXPAYERS


Steve Grzesdzinski – Three months I was here. Not much of a speaker. Thank you for the encouragement and the B. Thanked Karen for taking action on his issue with the Landscaping Business. There is a hearing on the 23rd. I'm glad we saw action on this. Thanked the Board.

ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak TIME: 7:28 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Patricia Sluhocki
Secretary

Accepted By,


Gerald J. Yozwiak
Chairman