

MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF
JULY 14, 2022

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Thomas Shubilla

ROLL CALL: Present: Peter J. Biscontini, Esq., Ciro Cinti, Robert Sax, Thomas Shubilla.
Absent: Gerald Yozwiak – Out of Town. 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 June 9th; Plains Township Planning Commission Meetings of May 5th and Noted that June 2nd there was no meeting; Plains Township Sewer Authority Meetings of April 21st and May 19th. **Monthly Reports:** Police Department for June; Fire Department for June; EMA Coordinator for June; DPW Report for June; Zoning Permits Issued for June; Contractors Licenses Issued for June; Secretaries Report for June. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. The **Treasurers Report for June:** General Fund Receipts **\$286,814.36**; General Fund Disbursements **\$841,178.99**; Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of 6/30/2022 - **\$3,314,109.49**. **BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti For: Biscontini, Cinti for except abstain from recreation payroll due to relation, Sax, Shubilla. Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Biscontini announced that National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2, 2022 to be held at the Municipal Park. Asked if anyone knows of any entry level officers that would be interested in testing for an entry level position for Plains Township. Please encourage them to apply and test. The department had 15 thefts, 2 overdoses, 17 suspicious persons, 6 disorderly conducts. The cruisers drove over 7200 miles.

FIRE – Sax reported that the fire department had 199 calls last month. Reminder that the department still has smoke detectors for which they will supply and install free of charge. They installed 46 so far this year. Call if interested in one.

DPW – Shubilla reported on collections for **June:** 227 tons of garbage collected and 39 tons of Co-Mingled Recycling. The department has been busy patching and fixing roads and any other projects we have in town.

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RECREATION – Cinti reported that soccer, football and cheerleaders are now using the fields. The Plains Yankees have also started. The pavilion is booked up through October. Thanked the Plains Lions Club for their purchase and installed shades for the other side of the pavilion to stop the wind. Congratulated the Plains 11-12-year-old girls softball team finished runner-up in the district. The 9-10-year-old boys' baseball also finished runner-up and finally, his son is part of the team, the 11-12-year-old boys baseball won the District 16 championship and noted that was so nice to see the residents, the kids and businesses who came out to support these kids. Makes you Plains Proud.

CHAIRMAN MESSAGE – No Message

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize payment of the General Fund Bills consisting of the **Utility Bills** \$21,888.52; **Regular Bills** \$280,214.75; **Total** \$302,103.27. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Shubilla**
For: Biscontini, Cinti For except abstain from Assured Partners bill due to business relations, Sax, Shubilla. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to ratify the hiring of Megan Gurnari as summer recreation camp counselor at a rate of \$10.00 per hour effective 6/27/2022. **BY: Cinti 2ND Sax All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to hire Connor Shedlock. as a part-time firefighter at a rate of \$12.00 per hour subject to successful completion of a background check, physical and post-offer employment testing. **BY: Sax 2nd: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to request a police traffic study on Hilldale Avenue for possible one-way traffic from Harriet Street to Clark Street. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise a revised Mechanical Device Ordinance. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Sax Joe Granteed** asked what is this? **Menn** explained this ordinance covers those machines that you see in mini markets, bars. This will cover those machines that they would have to registered with the Township and pay a yearly fee to Berkheimer. **All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize execution of the sewerage exemption mailer for the Woodlands 50 Unit Residential Project. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to solicit bids for the supply of garbage bags. **BY: Sax 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to accept the proposal from Fidelity Bank for the deposit of ARPA Funds and authorize execution of any resolutions or signature cards necessary. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS by Shubilla: The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held August 11, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

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Cinti noted thanked the staff of the summer camp. The camp was extremely successful. He knows the Police, Fire and DPW were up there talking to the kids. Hopefully the Commissioners will decide to do this again next year. **Shubilla** added that it is good to have the kids outside, instead of playing video games inside.

TAXPAYERS - Joe Granteed has a safety concern on his street. Someone from the fire department came down to look at it. There is a tree that is hanging over Enterprise Street over the road and the branches are dead. There are four kids that play under that tree. Just wanted to make sure you guys know about it. **Cinti** asked who owns the property where the tree is. Granteed said that Frank Sott owns the property where the tree is, but he is in a nursing home. His niece is living there and taking care of the property. Believes this is a public safety hazard. **Shubilla** drives that street once a week and was asking exactly where the property is. **Sax** questioned Karen Rubasky about the situation. **Rubasky** said she was there with Jeff and determined it was not our tree. We would have to send them a letter. **Board** questioned Granteed if there are power lines around the tree. **Granteed** said there is not. **Cinti** asked if Granteed has a phone number for the niece. **Granteed** provided phone number.

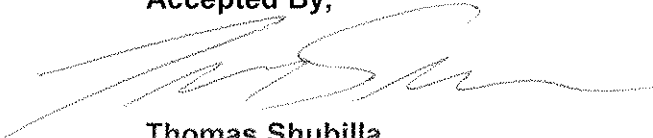
ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried. TIME: 7:19 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Sluhocki
Secretary

Accepted By,



Thomas Shubilla
Vice Chairman