

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF  
JUNE 9, 2022** **PAGE ONE**

**CALL TO ORDER TIME:** 7:05 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Gerald Yozwiak

**ROLL CALL:** Peter J. Biscontini, Esq., Ciro Cinti, Robert Sax, Thomas Shubilla, and Gerald Yozwiak.

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 May 12th; Plains Township Recreation Board Meeting of May 31st; Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting of April 19<sup>th</sup>. **Monthly Reports:** Police Department for May; Fire Department for May; EMA Coordinator for May; DPW Report for May; Zoning Permits Issued for May; Contractors Licenses Issued for May; Secretaries Report for May. Noted receipt of the 2021 Tax Collector Audit from the Luzerne Co. Controller. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. The **Treasurers Report for May:** General Fund Receipts **\$5,225,645.99**; General Fund Disbursements **\$1,660,406.87**; Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of **5/31/2022 - \$3,886,574.17**. **BY: Biscontini**  
**2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE – None**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE – Biscontini** reported that Chief Binker has been working on creating a Big Brother/Big Program working with the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and we have several police officers who want to volunteer. They are also working on National Night Out which will be August 2<sup>nd</sup> up at the Municipal Park. Please stay vigilant. If you see anything suspicious, call 911. Chief Binker is here if anyone has any questions.

**FIRE – Sax** reported that the department had 176 calls this month and 51 captain calls. We still have smoke detectors if anyone needs any, give us a call and we will come out and install them. Thanked the police and fire department for their good work in response to the incident the other day at the Pocono Trailer Court. Glad it ended in a good way.

**DPW – Shubilla** reported for the month of May, DPW picked up 220 tons of garbage and 53 tons of Co-Mingled Recycling. The department also fixed numerous storm drains, blacktopped and also their good work in putting up the flags for Memorial Day.

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**RECREATION** – Cinti reported that the Summer Day Camp begins this coming Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and ends Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. The times are 10 – 2 up at our Municipal Park. The Plains Little League Night at the Races is being held tomorrow, June 10<sup>th</sup> at Bernadine Hall. The Little League didn't charge for registration this year so this is a major fund raiser for them. Also, the All-Stars are starting play at the end of the month and we wish them luck.

**CHAIRMAN MESSAGE** – Thanked Larry O'Malia for donation of flowers for the brick. Would like to send a thank you letter to the O'Malia's. Also thanked everyone who showed up at the memorial day service recently. The grass at the Veteran's Park is absolutely gorgeous, the DPW is trying to keep up with the potholes. If you have a complaint on a state road we'll have to call Penn Dot.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills** consisting of the **Utility Bills \$25,614.74; Regular Bills \$318,750.84; Total \$344,365.58. BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti For: Biscontini, Cinti except abstain from Assured Partners bill because of business relations. Sax, Shubilla, Yozwiak. Motion Carried.**

Motion to ratify the hiring of Richard Binker for part-time recreation maintenance at a rate of \$12.00 per hour effective 5/23/2022. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to hire Brian Wolfe Jr. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to hire the following **Summer Help Recreation Workers** at \$10.00 per hour effective May 23rd: Caleb Metcalf, Matthew Egidio. Effective 5/31/2022, Darren Clarke **Summer Camp Counselors** at \$ 10.00 per hour effective June 13<sup>th</sup>, Abigail Lupas and Kalie O'Donnell. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

**SOLICITORS REPORT**

Motion to adopt a revised resolution authorizing application for Local Share Account Funding for the Plains Township East Mountain Roadway Improvements Project in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, requesting \$1,000,000.00. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to authorize a refund for overpayment in the amount of \$37.80 due to a change in assessment of current year taxes to Mark Iorio of 34 North Street. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to ratify the execution of Penn Dot form M-950AA for HOP Stormwater Drainage Facility contingent upon the execution of a Co-Application Agreement by and between Plains Township and representatives of the proposed Plains Dollar General Project **BY: Sax 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 July 14, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. The Administrative, Zoning Offices and DPW will be closed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, all in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. Residents with Monday garbage collection will have their garbage picked-up on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Residents are reminded that there is a six-bag limit after a holiday the collection week of July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup>. All other schedules will remain the same. The Board wishes everyone a safe and Happy Fourth of July Holiday.


**TAXPAYERS** – No Taxpayers

**ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All For Motion Carried. TIME: 7:16 P.M.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

  
**Patricia Sluhocki**  
**Secretary**

**Accepted By,**

  
**For: Gerald J. Yozwiak**  
**Chairman**