

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

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

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

-Moment of Silence on the passing of former Fire Chief, Jack Baranski

**ROLL CALL:** Peter J. Biscontini, Esq., Ciro Cinti, Robert Sax, Thomas Shubilla, and Gerald Yozwiak. Also present Attorney Stephen Menn and Lynell Ent.

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 August 11th; Plains Twp. Planning Commission minutes of July 7<sup>th</sup> and August 4th. **Monthly Reports:** Police Department for August; Fire Department for August; EMA Coordinator for August; DPW Report for August; Zoning Permits Issued for August; Contractors Licenses Issued for August; Secretaries Report for August. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. The **Treasurers Report for August:** General Fund Receipts **\$1,308,321.48**; General Fund Disbursements \$674,515.62; Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of **8/31/2022 \$3,431,826.71**. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE – None**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE – Biscontini Reported:** Just a reminder school is back in session, we have a lot of complaints of people driving around school buses please do not do that. The Department will be assisting the school district at the elementary school, middle school and high school with traffic. I want to thank Detective Dan Lewis for his 15 years of service with the Department, he is leaving in October to take a position with Homeland Security.

**FIRE – Sax Reported:** 161 fire calls last month. Smoke detectors are still available and our fire department will install them free of charge. We have Chief Mark Ritsick here to introduce our new fireman. (Chief Ritsick: Welcome to Marc Malvizzi and the Board Congratulates Marc.)

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**DPW – Shubilla Reported:** for August there were 230.45 tons of garbage and 53.63 tons of Co-Mingled Recycling. I would like to thank the DPW for the good job cleaning out catch basins November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion at Plains Municipal Park there will be an electronics recycling event from 9am to 11 am and at the Plains Yankees Football Field there will be a Shred Fest from 9am to 12pm.

**RECREATION – CINTI Reported:** There are several activities going on at the Municipal Park right now, soccer, football at the pavilion is still being rented. Security cameras were installed at the Municipal Park.

**CHAIRMAN MESSAGE – From Yozwiak:** Would just like to remind everyone out there to watch out for scams asking you to send money or give out personal information, be vigilant and aware of these dangers. There are dangers in today's society, be vigilant. Flags are at half-mast because the Queen of England passed and Sunday is 9-11.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills** consisting of the **Utility Bills \$25,521.50; Regular Bills \$226,437.05; Total \$ 251,958.55. BY: Shubilla 2ND: Sax For: Biscontini, Cinti except abstain from Assured Partners bill due to business relations, Sax, Shubilla and Yozwiak. Motion Carried**

Motion to forward the handicapped application of Anna Mae Yelland 76 Skidmore Street to the police department for a traffic study. **BY: Biscontini 2<sup>ND</sup> All For Motion Carried**

Motion to accept the resignation of Detective Dan Lewis from the police department effective October 14, 2022. **BY: Sax 2<sup>nd</sup>: Shubilla All For Motion Carried**

Motion to accept the 2023 MMO for Police, Fire and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans as submitted by AFG Pension Administrators. **BY: Cinti 2<sup>ND</sup> Biscontini All For Motion Carried**

**SOLICITORS REPORT**

Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing application for Local Share Account Funding for Costar New DPW Pick-Up and Dump Truck total project cost in the amount of \$173,700.00. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Sax All For Motion Carried**

Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing application for Local Share Account Funding for Costar New Fire Truck Pumper Project in the amount of \$752,000.00. **BY: Sax 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried**

Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing application for Local Share Account Funding for Costar New DPW Garbage Packer total project cost in the amount of \$216,367.00. **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried**

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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: Biscontini 2<sup>ND</sup> Sax All For Motion Carried**

Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing application for Local Share Account Funding for the Plains Township East Mountain Roadway Paving Project in the amount of \$800,000.00. **BY: Sax 2<sup>nd</sup> Cinti All For Motion Carried**

Motion to authorize execution of a three-year agreement with Waste Management for garbage disposal. **BY: Cinti 2<sup>ND</sup>: Shubilla All For Motion Carried**

Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the acquisition of a certain parcel of land from those with legal interest in lieu of condemnation by the Township at 58 St. James Street. **BY: Sax 2<sup>ND</sup>: Biscontini All For Motion Carried**

Motion to authorize the execution of a Co-Applicant Stormwater Agreement by and between JLM Real Estate and Plains Township. **BY: Shubilla 2<sup>ND</sup>: Cinti All For Motion Carried**

Motion increase fees for police services as follows: Reportable Crash Report \$15.00, Non-Reportable Crash Report \$25.00, Instant Report \$25.00 and Non-Arrest Fingerprinting \$25.00. **BY: Biscontini 2<sup>ND</sup>: Sax All For Motion Carried**

Motion to authorize the engineer to prepare and advertise the following street improvement projects: Hilldale Phase III, Stanton Street Inlet Replacement Project, Clark Lane Inlet Installation Project, Wilcox Street Stormwater Replacement Project, 2022 Paving Project, Boat Launch Installation Project. **BY: Cinti 2<sup>ND</sup>: Shubilla All For Motion Carried**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – BY Yozwiak:** The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held October 13, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

**TAXPAYERS**

Rose Marie & Mike Haydu: Their sprinkler system was ruined by RCN and their basement was flooded with water and mud. He feels they broke several connections on the sprinkler system and were aware of it when they left. RCN told them they would take care of the damage and would put the yard back right but they have not been back yet to do anything and have not contacted them. Rose Marie would like to know why no one told them they were coming into the development to bring them services they were not interested in.

Sam Marzouca: He is also from Birchwood hills and he feels that RCN should not have been in his yard and that the restoration they did on his yard is a shoddy job.

Jim Wasilewski: He has water leaking in his basement and believes RCN damaged his sprinklers also.

Al Susek: He has big holes in his yard from RCN and they damaged his gas lines and had to have the gas company come in to fix it. RCN said they would be back later to fix the holes. They were there about a week or so ago. How long is he supposed to wait for them to come back?

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It was recommended by the Board and Attorney Menn that the homeowners inform their homeowners insurance and Commissioner Biscontinini will contact Mike from RCN to find out if he is aware of the ongoing situation.

**ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All For Motion Carries TIME: 7:45**

Respectfully Submitted By,

Accepted By,

  
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Lynell Ent  
Assistant Secretary

  
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Gerald J. Yozwiak  
Chairman