

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF  
MARCH 9, 2023** **PAGE ONE**

**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 February 9th; Plains Township Recreation Board Meeting of February 6th; Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting of January 17th. **Monthly Reports:** Police Department for February; Fire Department for February; DPW Report for February; Zoning Permits Issued for February; Contractor Licenses Issued 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 **\$446,274.90;** General Fund Disbursements **\$799,481.10;** Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of **2/28/2023 \$581,297.98.**  
**BY: Shubilla 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE – Biscontini** announced that we are bringing back the Crime Watch. The first meeting to be held on April 17, 2023 at 7:30 P.M. here in this room. Will be advertising on Facebook and maybe the newspaper. We will have a guest speaker, address concerns, will have some food and they we will meet quarterly, four times a year. Commended the department for assisting the Kingston police department recently with a substantial drug investigation. Lieutenant's Bohan and Lussi along with Sgt. Smith attended FBI Supervisors training. It was a relatively quiet month. Looking into adding to the department.

**FIRE – Sax** reported also had a quiet month, with 95 calls, 6 captains calls for a total of 101 total calls. Spring time is coming and we will be concentrating on high weed complaints and blighted properties. Still have smoke detectors available. We will supply and install, free of charge. Contact the office.

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**DPW – Shubilla** reported that thankfully have been blessed with not a lot of snow this year, yet. For February, department collected 32 tons of Co-Mingled Recyclables, and 173 tons of garbage. Announced that drop-off Yard Waste at the DPW Building on Cemetery Street will begin April 1, 2023 which is the week before Easter and May 1<sup>st</sup> will begin at the curbside pick-up.

**RECREATION – Cinti** announced this year's Summer Camp dates have been set. Will start Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> until Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be a seven-week program. Still looking for workers for the summer camp along with summer recreation workers and with DPW. College kids or graduating seniors. Apply up at the Town Hall Building on Main Street. Getting the fields ready for the summer season, baseball, softball and tennis. Wilkes-Barre Area will be giving us a couple employees to help. The Little League also will be helping with the fields on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Sax** added under the Fire Department that we were awarded over \$500,000 under the American Rescue money from Luzerne County for fire equipment. Great addition for the department.

**CHAIRMAN MESSAGE – Yozwiak:** Thanked our engineer, Commissioners Sax and Cinti for attending the meeting in Jenkins Township with him. We spoke up and it worked. Voted no on the warehouses up there off Sunset Drive. We have an ordinance that is going to be advertised for restrictions on certain roads in the Township. Also, in 1979 this week Mr. Ed died. Also is not a fan of the 15 second rule in baseball. Let's debate next month.

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills** consisting of the **Utility Bills \$23,861.96; Regular Bills \$175,664.02; Total \$199,525.98. BY: Sax 2ND: Biscontini For: Biscontini, Cinti except abstain from Assured Partners bill because of business relations, Sax, Shubilla, Yozwiak. Motion Carried.**

Motion to ratify the hiring of Karl Blight as a DPW laborer at a rate of \$12.00 per hour with a \$100 clothing allowance effective February 21, 2023, subject to successful completion of physical, post-employment offer testing and background check. **BY: Cinti 2<sup>ND</sup> Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to re-hire Lou Luchetti as a seasonal recreation maintenance worker at the rate of \$12.00 per hour effective March 13, 2023. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti All For 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 a relation. Motion Carried.**

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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** added that it will be great to have them back at camp this summer. **Biscontini For: Biscontini, Sax, Shubilla, Yozwiak.**

**Abstain: Cinti – Due to being a relation. Motion Carried**

**SOLICITORS REPORT**

Motion to reject and rebid the Firehouse No. 2 Renovations Project bid of February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Menn** noted that bids came in higher than expected and as a result we are going to re advertise. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All For Motion Carried.**

Motion to adopt an ordinance establishing and creating the Plains Township Land Bank Authority. **BY: Sax 2ND: Shubilla All For Motion Carried.**


Motion to award the bid for the Mill Creek Acres Stormwater Project to Stell Enterprises, Inc. for the low bid of \$19,199.00. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti All For Motion Carried.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS by Yozwiak:** The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held April 13, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. The Administrative and Zoning Offices will be closed on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and the DPW will be closed on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> all in observance of the Easter Holiday. Residents with Monday garbage collection will have their garbage picked-up on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. All other schedules will remain the same. Board wishes everyone a Happy and Safe Easter Holiday.

**TAXPAYERS - None**

**ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All For Motion Carried. TIME: 7:15 P.M.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

  
**Patricia Sluhocki**  
**Secretary**

**Accepted By**

  
**Gerald J. Yozwiak**  
**Chairman**