

**TAX PAYERS AGENDA OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

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CALL TO ORDER TIME:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Gerald Yozwiak

ROLL CALL: Peter J. Biscontini, Esq., Ciro Cinti, Robert Sax, Thomas Shubilla, 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 October 12, 2023, Plains Township Sewer Authority Meetings of September 28th, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for September 7th, Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting Minutes for September 19th **Monthly Reports:** Police Department; Fire Department, DPW and EMA for October; Zoning Permits & Contractors Licenses Issued for October; Secretaries Report for October. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. The **Treasurers Report for October:** General Fund Receipts in the amount of **\$226,158.06** General Fund Disbursements **\$1,129,544.66**; Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of **10/31/2023 \$2,154,513.20**.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE –

FIRE –

DPW – October 212.88 tons of garbage and tons of Co-Mingled Recycling

RECREATION –

CHAIRMAN MESSAGE –

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills** consisting of the **Utility Bills \$11,063.43; Regular Bills \$205,013.79; Total \$216,077.22. (Cinti abstain for Assured Partners Bill)**

Motion to accept a letter of retirement from Clerk Patricia Neishel as of December 31, 2023

Solicitors Report:

Motion to advertise the Department of Public Works 1997 GMC 6500 Dump Truck for sale on Municibid

Motion to authorize payment application No. 1 of the Plains Township Firehouse Renovations HVAC Project in the amount of \$28,845.00 to Spott's Brothers

Motion to authorize payment application No. 2 of the 2023 West Charles St. Paving Project in the amount of \$7,717.90 to M&J Excavation Inc.

Resolution authorizing lease purchase of Dodge Charger with Fidelity Bank

Motion to authorize the solicitor to execute a stipulation for settlement of tax appeal for Elizabeth

Musto vs. Luzerne County Wilkes Barre Area School District and Plains Township.

Motion to read and accept the first reading of the **2024 Budget.**

INCOME	2024 TENTATIVE OPERATING BUDGET
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 1,675,000.00
Taxes, Enabling Act	3,309,500.00
Licenses & Permits	747,930.00
Fines, Forfeits & Costs	34,200.00
Interest & Rents	16,000.00
Grants & Gifts	6,168,037.00
Department Earnings	410,703.00
Non-Revenue Receipts	820,792.00
Misc Revenue Receipts	159,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 13,341,162.00

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 349,587.00
Mun Bldgs/Offices	924,000.00
Tax Collection	12,275.00

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Bldg, Regulations, Plan/Zone	311,260.00
Police Protection	2,101,150.00
Fire Protection	2,393,813.00
Health Services	6,920.00
Sanitation	500,899.00
General Services/Highways	1,236,788.00
General Services Main.	886,000.00
Parks & Recreation	279,000.00
Library Contributions	22,000.00
Principal/Interest -Unpaid Bills	1,473,211.00
Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Insurances	2,598,729.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 13,341,162.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held December 14, 2023 7:00 P.M. Saturday November 11th we will be holding our annual Veteran's Day Ceremony at our Vets Park at 9:00 am. There will be no garbage collection on Monday November 13th in observance of the Veteran's Day holiday. Residents with Monday collection will have their garbage collected on Tuesday, November 14th. The Administrative and Zoning Offices be closed on Thursday and Friday November 23rd and 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The DPW will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday and Monday November 27th. Residents with Thursday garbage collection will have their garbage collected on Wednesday, November 22nd. Residents with Monday garbage collection, will have their garbage pick-up on Tuesday, November 28th. Residents are reminded that there will be a six-bag limit after the holiday collection week of November 27th through December 1st. All other schedules remain the same.

TAXPAYERS (Time limit 5 minutes taxpayers must sign in).

ADJOURNMENT