

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OF MARCH 14, 2024**

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A. CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:10

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Gerald Yozwiak

C. 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.

D. GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to accept: **Minutes:** Board of Commissioner Regular Meeting of February, Plains Township Sewer Authority Meeting of January, Planning Meeting minutes for February, Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting Minutes for January, Recreation Board meeting minutes for February & March, **Monthly Reports:** of the Police Department; Fire Department, EMA and DPW for February, Zoning Permits and Contactor licenses Issued and 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 in the amount of **\$904,769.11** General Fund Disbursements **\$718,716.53**; Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of **02/29/2024 \$1,111,794.40**. **BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti All for, motion carried.**

E. CORRESPONDENCE – None

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – Operation Trigger Lock resulted in 67 traffic citations. Every month we tell you that if you see something you should say something, call 911 or call the department. This month someone did that and it led to the police finding ghost guns in the garbage, and the person who was making them being arrested. I would also like to thank Mike Augustine for all of his years of service here at the department. He will be retiring, I want to thank him for all of his hard work. If anyone has any questions, otherwise end of report.

FIRE – For Fire we had 108 fire calls and 30 captains incidents for 138 total calls. We had to respond and assist and B'nai B'rith in downtown W-B to help with the highrise, It was us, Wilkes Barre, Kingston, Hanover all of those departments work very well together. As a reminder the department does have smoke detectors available they will supply and install free of charge so please let them know. – End of report.

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DPW – Spring has sprung so pot hole season has begun, the department has been out doing pot holes, if you know of any please let us know. The guys have been out with some cold patch, the hot patch is not ready yet but when it is we will be out doing them permanent with the hot patch. Saturday November 2nd is the e-waste recycling event we are also trying to get the same date for the shred fest recycling.

Also, I am sure everyone knows there has been a problem with the garbage bags, we are working with the company to try and resolve that. Please do not put your garbage out any earlier than 6:00pm the night before your garbage pickup, as per the ordinance. Yard waste drop off at the recycling center starts March 23 9:00-12:00.

RECREATION – We are still taking reservations for the pavilion we have limited dates available on the weekends. Please be careful driving at the parks – we have sports that have started and kids are using the playground equipment now that the weather has turned nice. The Lions Club will be having the Easter Egg hunt at the municipal park on March 30th at 10 am. Please have your children / grand children come up to the egg hunt. It's a great event that they sponsor every year at the Plains Pavilion. That is all. One more thing, if anyone knows of anyone for summer employment especially kids that are of college age, or seniors in high school, for the Parks or DPW let us know.

CHAIRMAN MESSAGE – I am counting how many people are in here and I am going to eliminate employees and past employees, retirees right, since we out number you people we are going to have to close the township. End of report. No, hey we appreciate you coming out, things must be running ok if no one is here yelling, go enjoy the weather, its been beautiful today. Fred, the fishing video was unbelievable. From the Board we wish everyone a Happy Easter.

G. OLD BUSINESS –

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills** consisting of the **Utility Bills \$29,391.79; Regular Bills \$201,947.76; Total \$231,339.55. (Cinti abstain for Assured Partners Bill) BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini All for, motion carried**
2. Motion to re-hire Lou Luchetti as a seasonal recreation maintenance worker at the rate of \$12.00 per hour effective March 4, 2024 **BY: Cinti 2nd: Sax All for, motion carried**
3. Motion to re-hire Michelle Waslasky as Supervisor for the Summer Camp at a rate of \$14.50 per hour. **(Cinti Abstain) By: Biscontini 2nd: Shubilla All for, motion carried.**
4. Motion to re-hire Haley Waslasky Oliver as Assistant Director for the Summer Camp at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. **(Cinti Abstain) By: Sax 2nd: Biscontini All for, motion carried.**
5. Motion to accept a letter of retirement from Officer Michael Augustine from the Plains Police Department and approve all retirement benefits entitled to as stated in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Shubilla All for, motion carried.**

I. **Solicitors Report:**

6. Motion to authorize payment application No. 1 of the Plains Twp. Firehouse #2 Renovations Project from Smith and Miller Roofing LLC in the amount of \$178,787.41 **By: Shubilla 2nd: Cinti All for, motion carried.**
 7. Motion to adopt an ordinance amending the Township of Plains zoning map for rezoning of tax parcels currently, titled to Geisinger Wyoming Valley from Residential District to Commercial / Industrial District and tax parcel titled to Plains Township from two family residential district to conservation district **BY: Biscontini 2nd Sax : All for, motion carried**
 8. Motion to authorize amendment of Ordinance #2 of 2023 to restrict oversized vehicles on Gail Drive, Jay Drive and Stocker Street in Plains Township **By: Shubilla 2nd: Biscontini All for, motion carried**
 9. Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for funds with the Department of Environmental Protection for a Municipal Recycling 902 Grant for 2024 **BY: Biscontini 2nd: Cinti (Sax abstain) All for, motion carried**
 10. Motion to adopt a floodplain management ordinance for Plains Township to conform with legislative mandates from Commonwealth and Federal government. **By: Cinti 2nd: Shubilla All for, motion carried**
- Public Comment concerning the Hudson Road Streetscape Project – **No Comments**
11. Motion to adopt a resolution for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for the Hudson Road Streetscape Project **By: Biscontini 2nd: Sax All for, motion carried**
 12. Motion to re-advertise the back-up salt bid for the 2024-2025 Winter Season. **By: Sax 2nd: Cinti All for, motion carried**
 13. Motion to execute deeds for property behind Bonita, Molitoris, Schappert, and Tossi homes, in Birchwood Hills. **By: Shubilla 2nd: Sax All for, motion carried**

ANNOUNCEMENTS –The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held April 11, 2024.

The Administrative, Zoning & Tax Offices will be closed on Friday March 29th, and the DPW will be closed on Monday April 1st in observance of the holiday. Residents with Monday garbage collection will be collected on Tuesday April 2nd. All other schedules remain the same.

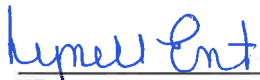
J. TAXPAYERS (Time limit 5 minutes taxpayers must sign in).

None

K. ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All for, motion carried TIME: 7:25

Respectfully Submitted,

Accepted by,



Lynell Ent
Secretary



Gerald J. Yozwiak
Chairman