

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OF MARCH 13, 2025**

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CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:04

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 Commissioners Regular Meeting of February, Plains Twp. Sewer Authority Meeting Minutes and the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting Minutes for January, Recreation Board Minutes for March **Monthly Reports:** of the Police Department; Fire Department, EMA and DPW for February, Zoning Permits and Contractor licenses Issued and Secretaries Report for February. **Payrolls** of the Administrative and Zoning Office, Department of Public Works, and Recreation Department. The **Treasurers Report for February:** General Fund Receipts in the amount of **\$622,448.14** General Fund Disbursements **\$751,796.74**; Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of **02/28/2025 \$1,685,830.12**. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Shubilla All for, motion carried**

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – The next test will be happening soon. Chief Binker will be going out to the area schools with the information. If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a police officer please let them know. I just want to congratulate some members of the department on a letter we received on their handling of an incident that occurred in the Township a few weeks ago.

FIRE – 107 fire calls, 22 captains incidents for a total of 129 calls, The fire department does have smoke detectors for free and they will come to you to install those

DPW – Hopefully the winter season is over. Dropoff site for yard waste will open on March 22nd, curbside will start the first week of May. The big news is garbage bags are in.

RECREATION – Day Camp 11th year will be held June 12th thru July 31st. 9 am till 1 pm. We are taking applications for summer recreation help, if anyone is interested. The parks are open and being used so please be careful.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE – Yesterday was the 5 year anniversary of COVID. We put that thing on the wall and it is supposed to zap the virus in the air, so I notice when you come here your not sick, so it must work right. So hopefully we never have to go thru that again. The other message I have is this week Pennsylvania is 353 years old. 1681 the King owed at debt to Penn so he named it after his Father William Penn. The Keystone State because of our location, the same as Plains Township, the keystone of the Wyoming Valley, between the northern valley and the southern valley. Last thing this guy in Massachusetts got scammed, he gave them his information and when he got home he got a call from his bank and he was short \$2,500. If its too good to be true it usually is. Be careful out there.

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills** consisting of the **Utility Bills \$27,473.95; Regular Bills \$125,787.94; Total \$153,261.89. BY: SAX 2ND: Biscontini Cinti Abstains, motion carried**

Motion to re-hire Lou Luchetti as a seasonal recreation maintenance worker at a rate of \$13.00 per hour. **By: Cinti 2nd: Sax All for, motion carried**

Motion to appoint Jason Shorts as Parks and Recreation Manager for March to December of 2025. **By: Cinti 2nd: Shubilla All for, motion carried**

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign all contracts and agreements pertaining to the Boat Ramp **BY: Shubilla 2nd: Sax All for, motion carried**

Motion to enter into an agreement with J.H. Williams for 2024 Audit services for a fee of \$18,500.00 **BY: Biscontini 2nd: Shubilla All for, motion carried**

Motion to adopt a resolution to recognize April 2025 as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month. **By: Sax 2nd: Biscontini All for, motion carried**

Motion to list the 2017 Ford Interceptor for sale on the Municibid website. **BY: Cinti 2nd: Biscontini All for, motion carried**

Motion to execute the LSA Grant Cooperation Agreement with the Plains American Legion Post 558 upon receipt of the signed agreement from the Plains American Legion. **BY: Shubilla 2nd: Sax All for, motion carried**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on April 10th at 7:00 P.M. The Administrative and Zoning Offices will be closed on Friday April 18th, DPW will be closed on Monday April 21st in observance of the Easter Holiday. Residents with Monday trash pick-up will be picked up on Tuesday April 22nd. All other schedules will remain the same.

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

Alisha M. – I have acquired the land across from my business so I now own 50% of the entire intersection at School and W. Stanton Street there are only stop signs on only 2 corners of the entire intersection and it is very confusing for drivers. The stop signs are very far from the corners and people go thru the stop signs, and there is no indication that it is a 2 way stop.

Shubilla – We just put up a 2 way stop indication at another intersection maybe we can put one here.

Yozwiak – We can take care of that – get one of those signs.

Alisha – I am going to be doing the entire parking lot over for my customers and I was wondering if anyone could do anything with the mailbox, make it more accessible. The community uses it 24/7.

Yozwiak – So you want the box moved?

Alisha - Access that is safer for the community, a pad maybe?

Shubilla – sometimes getting anything done Postally is not easy.

Yozwiak – we will take a look and talk to the post office. The stop sign is an easy move. We have to look into doing a police study to doing a 4 way stop. But first we can add traffic from opposing sides does not stop and see how it goes.

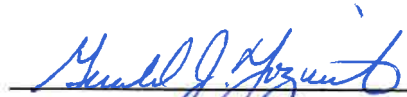
K. ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All for, motion carried Time: 7:19

Respectfully Submitted by:

Accepted By:



Lynell Ent, Secretary



Gerald J. Yozwiak, Chairman