

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OF JANUARY 8, 2026**

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CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:02

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Thomas Shubilla

ROLL CALL: Peter J. Biscontini, Esq., Ciro Cinti, Dennis Condusta, Robert Sax, and Thomas Shubilla

Thomas Chalker – plaque presentation

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 December, Plains Township Sewer Authority Meeting of October; Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting of November and Special Board Meeting minutes from November. Zoning Permits and Contractor Licenses issued for December. **Monthly Reports:** of the Police Department, the Fire Department, EMA and DPW for December; Secretaries Report for December. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. The **Treasurers Report for December** General Fund Receipts \$806,686.40 General Fund Disbursements \$1,022,376.85 Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of 12/31/2025 - \$3,228,203.29. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Sax All for, motion carried**

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – I would like to thank Sgt. Smith for all of his work and getting a conviction on the homicide case, sentencing will be in March
Biscontini – all my years giving that report and I never got to do a homicide.

FIRE – Thank the department for their work last year 1,331 fire calls and 509 captains' incidents for a total of 1,840 calls for the year. They met with over 500 students at the local schools and daycares to talk about fire safety. They installed 120 smoke detectors in Township homes, received approx.. \$111,120.00 in grants for equipment, and ended the year by donating 5 full bins of toys to toys for tots.

DPW – The recycling center will be closed on Saturdays until March for recycling. We received a new plow truck yesterday. I would also like to thank them for the job they did over Christmas and New Years. 28.26 tons of recycling was picked up in January and 190.21 tons of garbage

RECREATION – The dates of our summer camp may have to change a bit due to the

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elementary school needing to change the last day of school to later in June. Part time summer employment for rec and dpw are needed. You can apply up at the twp. municipal building. The only other thing is the pavilion reservations are filling up fast so if you were planning on submitting an application do so now. Deputy Chief Sebia, thank you for doing PJ's committee report, we appreciate you writing it.
Biscontini – actually the report was longer but I summarized it.

Commissioners message: I would like to thank the board for trusting me with this position. In all my time as a commissioner I think it was only ever Jerry Yozwiak and Rob Sax as chairman of the board so I have big shoes to fill, thank you all. We would like to welcome Dennis to the board, I have known Dennis a long time and you are gonna do great. And I would be remiss if I didn't, like Jerry remind everyone that the farm show starts this Saturday. Go see the butter sculpture of the statue of liberty.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills** consisting of the **Utility Bills \$28,632.05; Regular Bills \$1,389,598.23; Total \$1,418,230.28. (Cinti abstain for Assured Partners Bill) BY: Biscontini 2ND: Condusta all for, motion carried**
2. Motion to authorize the disposal of old Township records from 2015 consisting of various pieces of correspondence, bills, banking information etc.
BY: Condusta 2ND: Cinti all for, motion carried

I. SOLICITORS REPORT

3. Motion to reappoint John Kelly to the Plains Township Sewer Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2030 **BY: Sax 2nd: Biscontini all for, motion carried**
4. Motion to appoint Erik O'Day to the Plains Township Civil Service Board for a term to expire December 31, 2028 **BY: Biscontini 2nd: Cinti all for, motion carried**
5. Motion to reappoint Lisa Giovannini to the Plains Township Civil Service Board for a term to expire December 31, 2030. **BY: Condusta 2ND: Sax all for, motion carried**
6. Motion to appoint Robert Gupko to the Plains Township Zoning Hearing Board for a term to expire December 31, 2030. **BY: Sax 2ND: Condusta all for, motion carried**
7. Motion to adopt a resolution appointing the members to the Boards, Commissions and Authorities. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini all for, motion carried**
8. Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing Jeff Gustinucci to prepare and submit the 2025 Recycling Performance Grant for a fee of \$3,000.00. **BY: Sax 2ND: Condusta All for, motion carried**

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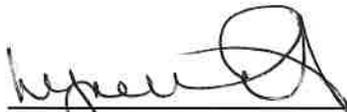
ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held February 12 at 7:00 P.M.

TAXPAYERS (Time limit 5 minutes taxpayers must sign in). – none

ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini all for, motion carried TIME: 7:17

Respectfully Submitted by:

Accepted by:



Lynell Ent, Secretary



Thomas Shubilla, Chairman