

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

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A. CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:00

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Thomas Shubilla

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

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 Commissioners Regular Meeting and Reorganization meeting for January, Plains Township Sewer Authority Meeting for July, August, September and November; Plains Twp. Recreation Board minutes for January and February, Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting of December Planning Commission Meeting for January. Zoning Permits and Contractor Licenses issued for January. **Monthly Reports:** of the Police Department, the Fire Department, EMA and DPW for January; Secretaries Report for January. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. The **Treasurers Report for January** General Fund Receipts \$275,288.72 General Fund Disbursements \$1,445,621.00 Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of 1/31/2026 - \$2,057,769.77. **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Condusta All for, motion carried**

E. CORRESPONDENCE – None

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – I would like to commend all of the departments for their work during the recent storm. We have not seen snow like that in years, everyone did a great job. We have two new cars ordered for this year. I want to commend the officers that were on yesterday, Sgt Smith, Officer Walsh, Officer Remus, Officer Keen and Officer Callahan they had a difficult call and did a great job handling it and everything worked out in the end.

FIRE – 106 total calls 77 Fire Calls, 29 Captain's incidents We recovered through Fire service recovery 3,495.25. I want to commend the fire department for their action at a residential fire at Rivermist last week. I also want to thank them for their assistance with the recent snow storms, they were out digging out fire hydrants this week. We also just put the new fire engine into service and it is out in the garage if anyone would like to see it. It is a beautiful vehicle and is going to be an asset to the community.

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DPW – A very big month for DPW with two very large snow storms on consecutive weekends. So thank you to the DPW for their hard work and commitment. We are still dealing with the lingering snow piles and narrow streets, hopefully those melt sometime soon, please bear with it. A few watermain breaks happened also just because of the consistent cold temps, so the DPW was out salting those areas, trying to keep the ice to a minimum.

RECREATION – Pavilion rental letters and leases will be going out soon to those that got dates. There are still dates available, not many but a few so get your applications in. Summer Camp employees, we are taking applications from teachers, or soon to be teachers. We are also taking applications for part time parks help, seniors or college students that want to work.

CHAIRMAN's MESSAGE – Much like everyone has said we had such extreme weather this month that we really do need to thank all of the departments for their hard work. With snow removal and working in the extreme cold. We have been discussing a number of projects throughout the town, we will be having the e-waste and shred event again in November. We are also considering a household hazardous waste event, we are trying to get that worked out. This Saturday is Valentines Day, and a half dozen long stem roses will cost you 69.95 – 100.00 but the day after apparently they drop by 50% so, if you want to say they got lost in the mail, its just a thought.

G. OLD BUSINESS – none

H. NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills** consisting of the **Utility Bills \$29,791.91; Regular Bills \$217,420.82; Total \$247,212.73. BY: SAX 2ND: BISCONTINI All for, motion carried (Cinti abstains for Assured Partners Bill)**

Motion to approve the handicapped parking application for Susan Faltz of 33 Jones St. as recommended by police traffic study **BY: Cinti 2ND: Sax All for, motion carried**

Motion to solicit bids for the back-up salt bid for the 2026-2027 Winter Season **BY: Condusta 2ND: Cinti All for, motion carried**

Motion to authorize reimbursement to Cataldo Medico for overpayment of taxes per Luzerne County Tax Assessment Appeals in the amount of \$18.38. **BY: Sax 2nd: Biscontini All for, motion carried**

Motion to adopt a resolution to recognize April 2025 as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month.

Motion was amended to reflect current year: April 2026, By: Condusta 2nd: Cinti All for, motion carried

Motion to authorize Verdantas to solicit bids for the N. Beech Road Drainage project. **BY: Biscontini 2nd: Sax All for, motion carried**

I. SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to enter into a lease financing agreement with 1st Equipment Finance for the purchase of two 2026 Chevy Tahoe PPVs, and authorize execution of any paperwork necessary subject to review and approval of the approval of the Township Solicitor
BY: Sax 2nd: Condusta All for, motion carried

Motion to adopt an ordinance to amend the Plains Township 457 Deferred Compensation Plan to comply with federal laws and regulations **BY: Cinti 2ND: Sax All for, motion carried**

Motion to enter into a purchase agreement for Clear Investigate with LPR for 3 years, and authorize the execution of any necessary paperwork, subject to review and approval of the Township Solicitor **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Condusta All for, motion carried**

Motion to extend the service agreement with JL Pest Control to provide services for 2026.
BY: Cinti 2ND: Biscontini All for, motion carried

Motion to adopt a resolution to adopt the 2025 Luzerne County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update **BY: Condusta 2ND: Cinti All for, motion carried**

Motion to list the 2013 and the 2016 Ford Sedans for sale on the Municibid website. **BY: Cinti 2nd: Sax All for, motion carried**

Motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement for the early retirement of Firefighter Shedlock upon review and approval of the Township Solicitor. **BY: Biscontini 2nd: Condusta All for, motion carried**

Motion to authorize Verdantas to proceed with a design for the Community Development Grant Project. **BY: Condusta 2nd: Cinti All for, motion carried**

Motion to enter into an agreement with PennDOT for traffic signal maintenance and authorize the execution of any necessary paperwork, subject to review and approval of the Township Solicitor **BY: Sax 2nd: Cinti All for, motion carried**

Motion to adopt a resolution amending the Zoning Fee Schedule. **BY: Biscontini 2nd: Condusta All for, motion carried**

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held March 12th at 7:00 P.M. The Administrative, Zoning Office and DPW will be closed on Monday February 16th for the holiday. Residents with Monday pick up will have their trash picked up on Tuesday February 17th. All other schedules will remain the same.

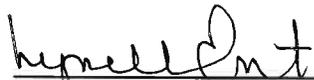
J. TAXPAYERS - none

John Cogan from WaWa thanked the board for their help and for entering into the agreement with PennDot so that their project can move forward.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Accepted by:



Lynell Ent, Secretary



Thomas Shubilla, Chairman