

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OF JUNE 11, 2026**

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A. CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:02

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Peter J. Biscontini Esq.

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

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 Meetings of May, Plains Twp. Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes for June, Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting of April, Plains Twp. Sewer Authority Meeting Minutes of April, Zoning Permits and Contractor Licenses issued for May. **Monthly Reports:** of the Police Department, the Fire Department, EMA and DPW for May; Secretaries Report for May. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. The **Treasurers Report for May** General Fund Receipts **\$5,034,665.29** General Fund Disbursements **\$1,024,952.50** Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of 5/31/2026 - **\$5,098,633.86. BY: Cinti 2ND: Condusta All for, motion carried**

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – 367 Call for the month. National Night Out will be Tuesday August 4, 2026. I have been told that Officers Remus and Officer Poulos will be in charge of that, it's a nice night out at the pavilion with food and fireworks. Also, just an announcement that July 3rd at 10:00 am we will be having a ceremony to open the time capsule at the Administration Building. The Bicentennial committee buried some treasures in 1976 and we are going to dig it up and see what is inside.

FIRE – the Department had 158 calls including 4 fire calls and 54 medical asst calls. The department also handles high grass and weed complaints they cited 12 houses for high weeds. If you are in need of Smoke Detectors, call the department and make an appointment to get them installed.

DPW – Recycling center is open on Saturday's from 8 to 12 for co-mingle recycling, cardboard and yard waste. Yard waste pickup is the same day as your regularly scheduled garbage. Please do not put your garbage out any earlier than 6 pm the night before your scheduled pickup.

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RECREATION – It is the 12th year for summer camp. Camp will be held from June 22nd to July 30th 8-1 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. It's a great time for the kids, they get out and socialize. Please if you see any broken items at any of the parks call our main office and let us know so we can get it taken care of. There is a bear with cubs that has been spotted in the park, just be careful and watch out for them.

CHAIRMAN's MESSAGE – Speaking of parks I just wanted to thank the police for the citations that have been given out for the ATV's that were at the PIT, it is hard sometimes to enforce that but Thank you

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills** consisting of the **Utility Bills \$30,891.47; Regular Bills \$230,010.07; Total \$260,901.54. BY: Condusta 2ND: Sax All for, Motion carried - Cinti abstain for Assured Partners Bill**

Motion to ratify the hiring of Tait Stahovic, and as of June 8, 2026 for DPW summer help.
BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti All for, motion carried

Motion to re-hire Ashley Shorts as of June 11, 2026 for Recreation Summer help
BY: Condusta 2nd: Sax All for, motion carried

SOLICITORS REPORT

Motion to appoint Tony Domiano to the Plains Township Planning Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2026 **BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti All for, motion carried**

Motion to request an updated PennDOT traffic study for truck traffic on East and West Saylor Ave. **BY: Cinti 2ND: Condusta All for, motion carried**

Cinti – On this motion there was a study done 3 years ago, before the warehouses were put in on River Street, and there has been an increase in truck traffic, so we do need another study done to try and limit the traffic.

Mr. Bridgen – I agree completely but is it too early to do the study because the warehouses are not all open yet? So there will be more traffic once it is open.

Cinti – by the time they do the study they should be open. I will take a while for the study to be completed.

Motion to hire Aaron Joseph Vargas, as an entry level police officer effective July 4, 2026 subject to successful completion of all physical, psychological and background examinations per the terms of the police department union contract and civil service rules and regulations.
BY: Sax 2nd: Cinti All for, motion carried

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Motion to authorize payment application No. 1 of the North Beech Road Drainage Project in the amount of \$73,246.26 to Franchelli Enterprises **BY: Condusta 2nd: Sax All for, motion carried**

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held July 6th at 7:00 P.M. The Administrative, Tax and Zoning Offices will be closed on Friday July 3rd and the DPW will be closed on Monday July 6th in observance of the holiday. Residents with Monday trash pickup will have their trash picked up on Tuesday. There will be an increased 6 bag limit for the trash pickup week of July 6 through July 9, 2026. Join us for the time capsule opening on July 3rd at 10:00 am

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

The Drozda's – Crescent Drive

Noise

We are here concerning 16 Crescent Drive again. We have some basic questions :
There is a noise / nuisance ordinance correct?

Menn – Yes

Drozda – If there is a change that needs to be made to that ordinance whose job is it to make that change? The Board?

Menn – You mean to adopt an amendment to the ordinance? Yes the board.

Drozda – Ok so what would constitute making a change to the amendment, would noise be a reason. Like decibels and time limits

Menn – That would be up to the board to decide if changes should be made to include what ever they feel is appropriate.

Mr. Drozda – say there was a change and it is set at 45 to 50 decibels and we call and you come by with a meter and it is at 49 that is ok fine, but if it is at 50 then cite them its not that hard. We both wear hearing aids and we talked to him about this and you would not believe the damage that can be done to your ears. She can't get any work done, they are blasting the music right at us.

Biscontinini – It is something that has been discussed but there is no easy answer. Enforcement would still be under the discretion of the officer that goes to the call. We can not tell them what to do. Loud to one is not loud to another.

Mr. Drozda – the other night the officer that was there said it wasn't loud, but my neighbor has a reader and it was 80. It was his opinion that it wasn't loud but I don't agree with him. This is a grey area. The other night at 9:00 an officer asked them to turn it down and they did.

Biscontinini – Over the next month we will discuss it, but it will always be at the discretion of the officer to cite someone.

Condusta – does the music ever go past 10 pm?

Drozda – they play it all day.

Condusta – I know we have talked about this before, so it is not all night?

Biscontinini – We all need to get along with our neighbors.

Drozda – he told us that we need to adapt to his way of thinking. The police can do nothing about it.

Mrs. Drozda – I still have a few more questions – How much evidence do you need to make a change to an ordinance. We have made 5 noise complaints and 4 about the decibel levels.

We also have a list of decibel levels from OSHA here for you. Most neighborhoods are 45

Biscontinini – we would have to look at maybe just a level for music as construction and yard work

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and things can be higher, and are necessary.

Mrs. Droza – you really need to do something as this is bordering on harassment of the neighbors. I know we are the only ones that are here complaining but the other neighbors on each side of them are just afraid.

Biscontinini – we will talk about it at the next few work sessions. It is still up to the officer to cite.

Condusta – Enforcement of the ordinance is the most difficult thing to do. This is a grey area and we have to really work at who should be enforcing somethings.

Chief Binker – We have many calls, and the police department is not the only department that enforces ordinances, the zoning department and the fire department also enforce ordinances. Even if you have a decibel meter we do not have to cite someone when they comply and turn the music down.

Mr. Drozda – Why not

Chief Binker – Because it is not necessary if they have turned it down, why should they be cited.

Officer Walsh you responded to the call last night on Crescent, what happened.

Officer Walsh – Yes, I did. After we spoke to the home owner, Office Callahan and I were walking down the sidewalk back to our cars. We could hear someone yelling, they were coming out of the residence 2 houses up. The female was yelling, so I called to her, Hello what can we help you with. She yelled something about what you can't hear over the music, and we went back and forth, and she yelled something else that I did not exactly hear. We walked up and at that time she was still loud, I asked her to calm down or she would receive a disorderly conduct citation. After a brief pause we had a nice conversation.

Chief Binker – when you were walking off the persons property with the loud music, was it still loud?

Officer Walsh – it was still on but it had been turned down.

Mr. Drozda – But you couldn't hear us.

Officer Walsh – To be fair when Officer Callahan and I were leaving the property the music was on and we were having a conversation of our own, so it wasn't that the music was loud but that we were already engaged in something else and our attention was on that not you coming out of the house up the street our backs were to you, and our vehicles were running.

Biscontinini – we appreciate your explanation Officer Walsh, just to move things along because other people are waiting to speak, if you all would like to continue this you can talk outside. We will continue to discuss this.

Jim Dankovitch – Riverview Drive

There is a storm drain in front of my house. The came and put a plastic thing over the pipe and it must have moved as the water down there is just eroding the land. The hole is so deep now that it will end up in the mines eventually.

Menn – Is this on your property?

Dankovitch - its in the front of my yard and the corner of my neighbors yard

Menn – is this the one that we were not allowed in there.

Dankovitch – Yeah you wanted us to sign an easement, but that will bring down the value of our property.

Menn – I don't think the value will go down, it is not an easement for someone to use everyday, like a shared driveway. it would just be for the maintenance of this pipe

Dankovitch – Yeah you can say that but we backed out of property elsewhere because of this. They talked about coming in and digging up the pipe, but I don't know what that will do to the foundation of my house. Or my neighbors.

Menn – the engineer would need to come and let us know about that.

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Dankovitch – Yeah the way to fix it is to come in and sleeve it.

Condusta – It it ok for me to come and look at it

Dankovitch – Yeah its all over grown

Condusta – did you leave your number

Dankovitch – yeah its there.

Sax – this is the one that empties down on St. Elizabeth?

Dankovitch – yes.

Sax – Maybe we can get WVSA to look at it and see what they suggest.

Dankovitch – ok thank you very much

Scott Stefanski – Crescent Dr.

Good evening – I would like to thank the town for the new speed limit and slow children signs that were installed. I would like to recommend a new crime watch sign dedicated to the late Fredrick Stella who held the watch for decades and who's family remains a pillar in the community. Further I would like to bring the boards attention to the massive potholes between our house – 20 Crescent and Eddies at 18. I would like to express my concern for the on going issues at 16 last month was domestic violence what was this month? And what will it be next month, this is an ongoing nuisance and should be declared such.

Condusta – Where are the potholes?

Stefanski – in front of 16 and 18

Biscontinini – we did try to bring back the crime watch a few years ago, and by the third meeting attendance was at 3 people

Sax – maybe we can try again, put some new blood on it.

Tom Bridgen – Gail Drive

My concern is that nothing is being done with this water issue. People are still dumping in that ditch down below and with the heavy rains that we get the worse the damage is in my building. We need to do something. It's the Twp property that these people are dumping in.

Cinti – Weren't letters recently sent to the property owners?

Karen – Yes I sent letters only one was returned – I do not know which one it was.

Biscontinini – are they still dumping?

Bridgen – I don't know I haven't been down there. But I would assume so. This ditch needs to be cleaned out, dug out to open it back up

Biscontinini – Dennis can you or Karen go down there and see if there is fresh grass dumped there.

Cinti – Steve can you find out which lots are ours

Condusta – I have maps that I can send you.

Sax – so you feel the best thing to do is clean out the channel.

Bridgen – Yes, the ditch is just not deep enough anymore. Its not holding the water.

Biscontinini – We will look at citing an getting it cleaned out.

Carla Shupp – Hudson Road

First Rob and Karen I am going to apologize to you both, you have both known me forever. I will be as nice as I can. My family have been in place for as long as I can remember. I took one hour today driving alone around Plains, alone I did not need someone to help me. And these are all of the issues I found. Properties that are over grown, garbage, properties that are abandoned, vehicles that are broken down. One is Karen's parents house, another is my aunts

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on O'Malley Alley. Pools that have ripped shredded liners that look like they haven't been swam in in years. I know that there is a current investigation into the property that is adjacent to my house, he is a known dealer and still nothing is being done he still lives there. 2 of the properties on this list belong to Dave Rubbico – he does not take care of his properties, he does not take care of the grass. I have had multiple issues with the tenants at 96 prior to the dealer. I cant live like this. I bought my house 7 years ago now its turning into little Wilkes Barre. I cant go anywhere without seeing people in there pajamas. Who let shoppers source in this town with their half naked mannequins and stripper outfits in the windows. This is another problem I have, Karen when I walked into your and complained about my drug using neighbor, your response was not helpful, why are you letting this into our town. Why are they allowed to stay here. The roads are a mess. The amount of stuff in this town, I mean really.

Sax – we do our best to fix these things and try to keep them under control

Biscontinini - we recently hired a company to help Karen with these issues and they are being addressed. This is not a quick process.

Shupp – ya know you can fine them but they are not getting any better.

Condusta – Well what do you suggest.

Shupp make them move

Condusta – what does that look like you can't just make people move

Shupp –there has to be away for you to just make people clean it up or get out.

Sax – It is not just Plains and we are doing our best

ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Condusta All for, motion carried TIME: 8:00

Respectfully Submitted By:



Lynell Ent, Secretary

Accepted By:



Peter J. Biscontinini, Esquire
Vice - Chairman