

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OF AUGUST 13, 2026**

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A. CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:05

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Thomas Shubilla.

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

– Officer Aaron Vargas

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 Meetings of July, Plains Twp. Recreation Board Meeting Minutes for July & August, Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting Minutes of May and the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Special Operations Meeting Minutes for July, Zoning Permits and Contractor Licenses issued for July. **Monthly Reports:** of the Police Department, the Fire Department, EMA and DPW for July; Secretaries Report for July. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. The **Treasurers Report for July** General Fund Receipts **\$466,447.61** General Fund Disbursements **\$1,401,301.65** Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of 7/31/2026 - **\$3,360,575.20. BY: Biscontinini 2ND: Sax All for, motion carried**

E. CORRESPONDENCE – None

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – We had 465 calls this month. I just want to thank everyone who attended the National Night Out, it was a great event. Thank you to the DPW, Fire Department, Chief Binker, Officer Poulos, Officer Remus, Sgt. Smith and Officer Cole for helping to put together the event and helping to make it a success.

FIRE – Thanks to the Fire Department for their participation at National Night Out. Captain Nocera has applied for a grant for a new CanAm Side by Side that would be used in our wooded areas for calls. Our department has been working closely with Karen and BHW on high weeds and garbage calls. There were 126 fire calls last month, 17 motor vehicles accidents that we assisted with. The department will install smoke detectors for no charge, call the department to make an appointment.

DPW – with the summer season winding down I would like to thank the departments summer employees for a job well done. As always if you see damaged roads or signs please contact the

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department or myself directly so we can get them taken care of. We had 33.4 coming and 251.9 tons of refuse and garbage.

RECREATION – We have been pretty busy, I would also like to thank everyone for participating in National Night Out. I was a nice event, well attended. I can't wait till we have community day which is September 20th. Recreation has painted the Hilddale Baseball field and the dugouts, it has been a long time since it was done. We will also be painting the Pavilion, we are also along with the Lions Club looking a getting some ventilation at the pavilion, to try and move the air around a bit. Softball still going on, football and cheerleading has started. I would like to that the Recreation Department for the great work they did getting the pavilion and park ready for national night out, they did and continue to do a lot of hard work.

CHAIRMAN's MESSAGE – I had a lot of complements on National Night Out. It was a great event for our residents. Great job done by all of our departments. As Commissioner Cinti noted we will be having Community Day on September 20th, Thank you Commissioner Sax for all of the hard work you are doing for that. A lot of vendors and food trucks will be there. Noon to 4:00 on Sunday September 20th. It should be quite an interesting day. July's meeting I mentioned that we had the time capsule opening, and I mentioned that one of the things in there was Think of the Past, Work for the Future. This has gotten me thinking about the history of Plains Township. And I found a book with somethings that I did not know, Plains was part of the Wanamie Tribe they had a Chief Jacobs the original town name was Jacobs Plains and we just dropped the Jacobs, to get Plains Township. In 1902 our budget was \$40,845.51. I think we spent that in one bill on the bill listing today.

G. OLD BUSINESS –

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills** consisting of the **Utility Bills \$31,513.80; Regular Bills \$235,201.79; Total \$266,715.59. (Cinti abstain for Assured Partners Bill) BY: Condusta 2ND: Cinti All for, Motion Carried**

I. SOLICITORS REPORT

2. Motion to ratify the hiring of James Noone, as a part-time Firefighter as of August 1, 2026 subject to successful completion of all physical, and background examinations
BY: Cinti 2nd: Biscontini All for, motion carried
3. Motion to authorize payment application No. 1 of the Delaware Street Paving Project in the amount of \$248,279.44 to American Asphalt **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 September 10th at 7:00 P.M. The Administrative, Tax and Zoning Offices and DPW will be closed on Monday September 7th 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 September 8 through September 10, 2026. Please note that the September 7th work session is canceled.

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

Bob Wallace - N. Main Street Water

I am here because of water issues at R. 108 N. Main Street. I have water running down the side of my house that I believe is coming from the neighbors drain pipe.

Comm. Condusta – where does the drain pipe go? When was it put in

Wallace – I am not sure it just goes into the ground. Here is a picture of the floor in their garage where the water used to go, now it goes into my driveway.

Karen – I have been there with Nick to look at the issue. There is a crack in the foundation of his garage but we can't say if it was caused by the water or settling. Nick did send a report.

Attorney Menn – the real question is what do you want us to do? It isn't township water. My suggestion to you is to see an attorney, if he is putting water onto your property and it is causing damage you have a private cause of action against him.

Wallace – I was told I cannot put a house back on the lot. I wanted to put in a house that was half the size of the original

Karen – you cannot have 2 primary structures on one lot.

Attorney Menn – you can go to the zoning board and get a variance to put the house back on the lot.

Tom Bridgen – Gail Drive Water

I am looking for an update on the clean out of the gully. I received a ton of water after the last storm. 3 weeks ago I shoveled out the ditch above my property from the stuff that comes down from Jenkins. I don't know what it going on with those letters you sent out but we need to do something.

Comm. Condusta – We are working on a long-term solution but that is not helping you now.

We need to basically clean it out to open it back up.

Comm. Sax – Karen what did those letters say?

Karen – I am not sure it just said something like no dumping in that gully.

Comm Cinti – we are looking to get some drainage put in on Saylor by the state but that could take some time.

Cathy Silveri - Abbott Street Bikes

We have a lot of electric e-bikes on the streets and we almost witnessed a young boy on one get hit by a car. These ebikes are crazy, is there anything going on to get these licensed?

Attorney Menn – Licensing would be state regulated.

Chief Binker – the officers would need to be in the same area they are in order to fine them.

Silveri – would they be fined?

Attorney Menn – What would they be fined for? Do you need a license to operate one?

Binker – That is the problem, there are so many different kinds of ebikes, some you need a

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license for some you don't. the only way to determine which kind it is would be the serial number and then you have to look that up to determine which one it is.

Attorney Menn – That is what I was trying to get to, so even if you did stop someone there is a chance you cant do anything about them riding the bike. Some have requirements and some don't.

Binker – Correct.

Silveri – Ok. I also have a question about all of the abandoned bicycles that are around, they are just left everywhere. So what I was thinking was what if we made people register them.

Attorney Menn – we cant make something like that mandatory. I would be voluntary.

Silveri – If they are registered then when we take them to the police station they can be looked up and returned to their owners.

Binker – the problem with that is no one claims them. Then we have to store them for a year and either donate them or put them in the garbage packer.

Carla Shupp – 102 Hudson Road

I wanted to say thank you for getting BHW to get out there and help with the clean up of the town. I still wanted to ask about getting a neighborhood impact team together to get out there and help with this.

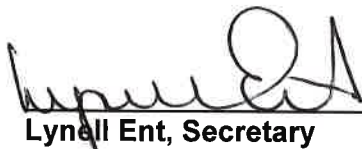
There is a park behind service one that needs to be looked at. The paint is peeling and the splinters are bad.

Comm. Cinti – Thank you for letting me know I will get that on the list and tell them to get it fixed up

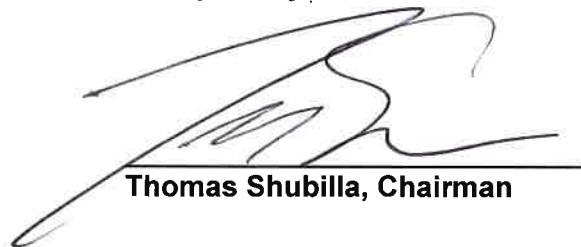
Shupp – I just really feel that we need to stay on top of this stuff.

K. ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Sax All for, motion carried TIME: 7:52

Respectfully Submitted by:


Lynell Ent, Secretary

Accepted By:


Thomas Shubilla, Chairman