

**MINUTES OF THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF
OCTOBER 10, 2024**

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CALL TO ORDER TIME: 7:08

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Gerald Yozwiak

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

Swearing in of New Officers – Officer Bradley Keen, Officer Jordan Remus and
Officer Charles Callahan

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 Commissioner Regular Meeting of September Plains Township Recreation Board Meeting for September; Plains Township Sewer Authority Meeting for July, Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority Meeting Minutes for July and August **Monthly Reports:** Police Department; Fire Department, DPW and EMA for September; Zoning Permits & Contractors Licenses Issued for September; Secretaries Report for September. **Payrolls** of the Administrative, Zoning Office, Department of Public Works and Recreation Departments. The **Treasurers Report for September:** General Fund Receipts **\$800,381.71** General Fund Disbursements **\$1,418,967.43**; Total Ending Balance in the General Fund as of **9/30/2024** **\$3,216,891.54.** **BY: Sax 2ND: Cinti All for, motion carried**

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE – I want to thank them for their work on the recent murder investigation and congratulate them on their work. Sgt. Smith was lead investigator he did an outstanding job, as well as Officers Kelly, Oatridge, Pembridge, Mahmoud and Pena. Thanks again. I want to thank the Road Department as well, today they attended an evacuation training at the high school in the event the fire and police departments are unavailable and need to lead an evacuation of the school. I also wanted to say good luck to our new Officers, Keen, Callahan, and Remus they are going to do a tremendous job, I apologize for not being here, I thought the swearing in started at 7. I thank everyone for being here. End of report.

FIRE – 117 fire calls 46 captains incidents for a total of 163 calls. This month fire fighters handed out backbacks to students at Solomon school donated by the PAV and the Henry Club Ladies Auxiliary. October is Fire Prevention month and the firefighters

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will be out in schools and in the community teaching about fire safety. Just a reminder that the department has smoke detectors available if anyone needs them free of charge, just give them a call and they will come and install them for you.

DPW – Out collecting yard waste curbside. Shred fest is scheduled Saturday November 2 9-12 and Electronics recycling is scheduled for the same day from 9-11 at the park. Please bring your recycling up.

RECREATION – I would first like to thank the officers that were sworn in today they will be a great addition to our force. We are finishing up our adult softball league, soccer, and mini football so they are all basically finishing up and will probably be done by the end of the month. We have the trunk or treat Saturday October 26, noon to 1. After that we will probably be winterizing all of the lines at the park. End of report.

CHAIRMAN MESSAGE – We wont talk about the Phillies losing yesterday, we should have had a moment of silence. At the work session the other night they were making fun of my car, my Saturn about going to Saturn, and it got me thinking, so I looked up the Voyager. In 1977 I'm in high school, the Voyager was launched in 1977 and it is still sending signals back to Earth, it is way out there, it travels 15 miles a second, that is going from her to Scranton in a second, so its not like my Saturn, but I just wanted to give that little bit of info.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize payment of the **General Fund Bills** consisting of the **Utility Bills \$25,122.40; Regular Bills \$228,061.40; Total \$253,183.80.**

BY: Shubilla 2ND: Biscontini Cinti abstains, all for motion carried

Motion accept the resignation of Officer Timothy Minnick from the Police Department as of October 1, 2024 **BY: Biscontini 2ND: Cinti All for, motion carried**

Motion to list the 2008 GMC Recreation Vehicle for sale on municibid. **BY: Cinti 2nd: Sax All for, motion carried**

Motion to award the bid of the Courtright Street Boat Ramp to Stell Enterprises

By: Biscontini 2nd: Shubilla Motion was questioned by Mr. Thomas.

He wanted to let the board know that someone has been dumping garbage at the existing boat ramp. And is asking for extra patrols in the area later at night. The board requested extra patrols from the Chief and stated that the garbage would be removed All for, motion carried.

Motion to execute contract to purchase a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 PPV for the Police Department upon review and approval by Solicitor **BY: Sax 2nd: Cinti All for, motion carried**

Solicitors Report:

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Motion to authorize a sole provider purchase of Police tasers from Axon Enterprises
BY: Cinti 2ND: Shubilla All for, motion carried

Motion to approve the request of PennEastern Engineers waiver for a non-building sewage
waiver for Greystone Storage of Plains LLC **BY: Shubilla 2ND: Sax All for, motion carried**

Motion adopt a resolution to approve LERTA designation for property owned by Valley Crest
Real Estate LP. **BY: Cinti 2nd: Biscontini All for, motion carried**

Motion to approve and amended resolution for transfer of liquor license R-1744 to LPM
Holdings, LLC located at 1492 Highway 315, Plains Township. **BY: Sax 2nd: Shubilla
All for, motion carried.**

Motion to disburse the 2024 Commonwealth of Pa State Aid Pension Allocation to Township
pension plans as follows:

Pension Unfunded Liability Loan Payment to Fidelity Bank **\$440,351.00**

Pension Plan	Remainder State Aid	MMO Balance – General Fund
Police	\$ 35,671.44	\$120,310.56
Fire	\$ 35,671.43	\$172,112.57
Non-Uniformed	\$ 35,671.43	\$15,296.57
Totals	\$ 107,014.30	\$307,719.70

Total State Aid Received \$547,365.30 BY: Biscontini 2ND: Sax All for, motion carried

Motion to have solicitor prepare and advertise ordinance for service cost recovery for
emergency response by Plains Township Fire Department **BY: Shubilla 2nd: Biscontini
All for, motion carried**

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held
November 14, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. We do want to thank everyone for coming tonight for the swearing in.
Our retired secretary and our retired secondary secretary.
Mr. Chair our Veteran’s Day Ceremony will be held at 9:00 am on Monday November 11, at the
Vets Park.

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

ADJOURNMENT BY: Cinti 2ND: Yozwiak All for, motion carried TIME: 7:25

Respectfully Submitted by,

Accepted,



Lynell Ent, Secretary



Gerald J. Yozwiak, Chairman