

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 via Telephone Conference Zoom Meeting Call-In Number: (888) 788-0099 (US Toll Free)

Conference ID: 391 592 5613 (Press # when prompted)

In accordance with Governor Wolf's ongoing COVID-19 pandemic emergency declaration by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Plainfield Township officials are holding this regular meeting utilizing the Zoom authorized telecommunication device platform only. Remote meetings are permitted under the provisions of Act 15 of 2020 (Health Care Cost Containment Act). The Board of Supervisors will not be physically present at this meeting. This public meeting will be recorded. We kindly ask that all interested parties participating via the dedicated conference call line to only speak during the sections of the meeting that are specifically reserved for public comment or when prompted by the Chairman and to also state your name each time you are speaking. Members of the public and all interested parties will have the opportunity to comment via the telephone conference call prior to any official action taking place and during the Citizen's Agenda/Non-Agenda portion of the meeting. Anyone intentionally disrupting the meeting will be promptly muted and/or ejected from the call.

Chairman, Randy Heard, called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

ROLL CALL:

The following Supervisors answered roll call: Chairman, Randy Heard, Vice Chairman, Glenn Borger, Jane Mellert, Stephen Hurni and Joyce Lambert.

Also present were Township Manager, Thomas Petrucci, Administrative Assistant, Paige Stefanelli, Treasurer, Katelyn Kopach, Township Engineer, Michael Kukles, and Solicitor, David Backenstoe.

- *Now that the roll call of the Board of Supervisors is completed, we will proceed with a roll call of all members of the public who are participating on this call. Please state your name(s) one at a time so the Township can make sure that your participation is recognized.*

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:

Vince Greggo, Resident
Marisa Greggo, Resident
Chuck Piazza, Resident
Terry Kleintop, Resident
Paul Rinaldi, Jr., Resident
Alex Cortezzo, Plainfield Township Fire Chief
Robert Wilmot, Developer
Don Moore, Resident

I. TOWNSHIP MANAGER – THOMAS PETRUCCI:

1. Executive Session Announcement: Real Estate – December 1, 2020 from 2:04 PM to 2:53 PM:

Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, indicated there was an Executive Session held on December 1, 2020 from 2:04 PM to 2:53 PM to discuss potential real estate acquisition.

2. Consideration of Real Estate Appraisal for Potential Real Estate Acquisition: Property #PTOS-2020-1:

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairman, Randy Heard, and seconded by Stephen Hurni to rescind the consideration of a Real Estate Appraisal for Potential Real Estate Acquisition for Property #PTOS-2020-1. Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public. Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

3. Approval of the November 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes (DRAFT):

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to approve the November 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public. Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

4. Approval of Advertisement: 2021 Annual Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting (December 21, 2020 Advertisement):

Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, stated that the reorganization meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, January 4, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to approve the 2021 Annual Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting Advertisement. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

5. Approval of Advertisement: 2021 Annual Elected Auditors Board Reorganization Meeting (December 21, 2020 Advertisement):

Mr. Petrucci indicated the 2021 Annual Elected Auditors Board Reorganization meeting will be held on January 5, 2021 at 8:30 A.M.

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Joyce Lambert to approve the 2021 Annual Elected Auditors Board Reorganization Meeting Advertisement. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.*

Ms. Mellert requested to have an ad placed in the newspaper about the open position for a Township Auditor.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

6. Approval of Advertisement: 2021 Plainfield Township Annual Meeting Schedule (January 4, 2021 Advertisement Date):

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to approve the 2021 Plainfield Township Annual Meeting Schedule Advertisement. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

II. TREASURER – KATELYN KOPACH:

1. Approval of the November, 2020 General Fund Disbursements (\$225,558.71):

ACTION: Motion was made by Joyce Lambert and seconded by Stephen Hurni to approve the November, 2020 General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$225,558.71. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

2. Approval of the November, 2020 Treasurer's Report:

ACTION: Motion was made by Joyce Lambert and seconded by Stephen Hurni to approve the November, 2020 Treasurer's Report. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

3. Approval of the Girard Pension Services Non-Uniform Pension Plan 3rd Quarter Report For the Period July 1, 2020 Through September 30, 2020:

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to approve the Girard Pension Services Non-Uniform Pension Plan 3rd Quarter Report from July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

4. Authorization to Open COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant- 2020 Account with Fidelity Bank (UV Biological Remediation System Grant):

ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to authorize the opening of a COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant 2020 Account with Fidelity Bank (UV Biological Remediation System Grant). *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

5. Approval of Real Estate Tax Refund: 5669 Sullivan Trail in the amount of \$149.71 (Demolition of Dwelling Unit)

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairman, Randy Heard, and seconded by Stephen Hurni to approve the Real Estate Tax Refund for 5669 Sullivan Trail in the amount of \$149.71. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

6. Approval of 4th Quarter Payments for the Plainfield Township Fire Company and Emergency Management Coordinator-

ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to approve the 4th Quarter Plainfield Township Fire Company Payment in the amount of \$25,000.00 as well as the 4th Quarter Emergency Management Coordinator Payment in the amount of \$600.00. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

III. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER – MICHAEL KUKLES:

1. Rolling Meadows Estates Subdivision Extension of Time to July 31, 2021: Letter of Credit/Improvements Due on December 31, 2020:

Township Engineer, Mike Kukles, stated his office was recently contacted by Mr. Robert Wilmot regarding items that have been newly completed at Rolling Meadows Estates. We performed a site inspection of the improvements related to the 2 detention basins on December 3, 2020 with Mr. Wilmot. The minor grading modifications within Basin 1 and Basin 2 were completed with acceptable vegetative cover and the split rail fencing and gates have been installed for both basins. Inspection last week and in good condition.

Mr. Kukles recommended the release of \$34,708.10 from \$60,837.13 currently held to \$26,129.03. The revised amount includes the 10% Act 247 coverage for contingencies, holds security for items that remain to be completed, and provides 15% maintenance for all items that have been completed. In addition, he also recommended the Board place the completed improvements (both basins and the split rail fencing) into the 18 month maintenance period. Mr. Kukles noted his office has no objections to granting an Extension of Time through June 30, 2021 in order to complete the remaining improvements. If approved by the Board, the maintenance period for the recently completed items would run from December 9, 2020 to June 9, 2022.

ACTION: Motion was made by Joyce Lambert and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to release \$34,708.10 from \$60,837.13 currently held to \$26,129.03 and place the completed improvements (both basins and the split rail fencing) into the 18 month maintenance period for the Rolling Meadows Estates Subdivision. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairman, Randy Heard, and seconded by Joyce Lambert to approve the Extension of Time through July 31, 2021 for the Rolling Meadows Estates Subdivision. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.*

Ms. Mellert noted that the year will need to be changed on the Extension of Time from 2020 to 2021.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

IV. TOWNSHIP MANAGER – THOMAS PETRUCCI:

1. Slate Belt Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan – Monthly Update:

- Revised Plan Virtual Meetings Suspended Until Further Notice

Mr. Petrucci did not have a report at this time.

2. Plainfield Township Act 537 Official Plan Update – Monthly Briefing:

- Revised Sewage Management Program Ordinance Comments Under Review

The revised ordinance, as previously discussed, was provided to the Board of Supervisors. Based on that draft, Mr. Petrucci received additional comments. Such comments are currently under review. Resident, Terry Kleintop, questioned what prompted the Township to update the Act 537 Plan. Mr. Petrucci indicated that this plan needs to be updated every 10 years. The plan has not been updated since 1991. Additionally, there have been many concerns with septic malfunctions in the Township. The plan update was also a recommendation of the 2018 Bushkill Creek Watershed Management Program to update the Sewage Plan.

3. Plainfield Township MS4/Stormwater Management Program – Monthly Briefing:

Mr. Petrucci did not have a report at this time.

4. Official Action to Approve Full-Time Zoning Officer Employee – Start Date of January 4, 2021:

Ms. Sharon Pletchan has signed the contract on December 16, 2020 with Plainfield Township for the new Full-Time Zoning Officer Position.

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairman, Randy Heard, and seconded by Stephen Hurni to approve Ms. Sharon Pletchan as the Full-Time Zoning Officer for Plainfield Township with a start date of January 4, 2021. Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public. Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

5. Resolution #2020-19: 2021 Plainfield Township Budget Approval:

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to approve the 2021 Plainfield Township Proposed Budget by way of Resolution #2020-19, which is set forth as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF
NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA (“PLAINFIELD
TOWNSHIP”), APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2021 AND ENDING ON THE LAST
DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Township Manager prepared a draft 2021 Plainfield Township Proposed Budget and submitted said Proposed Budget to the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors in accordance with §1-714 (Budgeting) of the Code of Ordinances of Plainfield Township; and

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors held a Budget Special Meeting on October 22, 2020 and reviewed the Township Manager’s 2021 Plainfield Township Proposed Budget figures; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2020, the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors approved advertising the 2021 Plainfield Township Proposed Budget for public review and inspection; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Proposed Budget has been advertised and available for public review for a period of twenty (20) days in accordance with the requirements of the Second Class Township Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors, as follows:

1. All “Whereas” clauses are incorporated herein and made a part of as though the same were more fully set forth at length.
2. The Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors hereby estimates the revenues and appropriated expenditures from the fund equities, revenues, and other financing sources available for the 2021 for the purposes set forth in the 2021 Proposed Budget.
3. Whatever increases may have been made in the expenditures, like increases were added to the revenues or planned to be expended from reserves/fund balances so that the budget remains in balance, as required by the Second Class Township Code.
4. That the 2021 Plainfield Township Proposed Budget as submitted and summarized by fund is hereby is approved and adopted as the Budget of Plainfield Township for the 2021 fiscal year, which begins on the first day of January, 2021 and ends on the last day of December, 2021.

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public. Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

6. Resolution #2020-20: 2021 Plainfield Township Real Estate Tax Resolution:

Mr. Petrucci indicated that the tax mills for 2021 will remain at the 2020 rate of 7 mills for the 2021 fiscal year.

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairman, Randy Heard, and seconded by Joyce Lambert to approve Resolution #2020-20 to establish the 2021 Plainfield Township Real Estate Tax Rate. Resolution #2020-20 is set forth as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA (“PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP”), FIXING THE TAX RATE LEVIED ON ALL REAL PROPERTY WITHIN PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP MADE TAXABLE FOR TOWNSHIP PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 AT 7.0 MILLS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3205 (a) of the Second Class Township Code, the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors may annually adopt a resolution to levy taxes upon all real property within the Township made taxable for Township purposes, as ascertained by the last adjusted valuation for county purposes, and to fix the rate of the real estate property tax rate.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED by the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that a tax be, and the same is hereby, levied on all real property within Plainfield Township subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2021, as follows:

The Real Estate Tax Rate for general purposes shall be the sum of **seven (7.0) mills** on each dollar of assessed valuation, being further described as **.007 cents (\$.007) on each dollar of assessed valuation**.

The same being summarized in tabular form as follows:

Tax Name	Mills on Each Dollar of Assessed Valuation	Cents on Each Dollar of Assessed Valuation
Real Estate Tax- General Purpose	7.0 Mills	\$.007

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision, sentence, clause, section, or part of this Resolution shall for any reason be found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such determination shall not affect or impart any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Resolution, and it is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Plainfield Township that this Resolution would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision, sentence, clause, section or part not been included herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby superseded.

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public. Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

7. Resolution #2020-21: Adding an Additional Property to the Township's Act 4 Real Estate Tax Millage Freeze Program (Tax Map Parcel ID # G9-12-7-0626):

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairman, Randy Heard, and seconded by Stephen Hurni to approve Resolution #2020-21 for Adding an Additional Property to the Township's Act 4 Real Estate Tax Millage Freeze Program (Tax Map Parcel ID # G9-12-7-0626). Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public. Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

8. Review of Professional Auditing Services RFP Proposals Received on PennBid-Recommendation to Board of Supervisors:

Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, stated that an RFP for Auditing Services was placed on PennBid. The Township received several proposals ranging from just below \$10,000.00 up to \$20,000.00. Mr. Petrucci reviewed all proposals and noted there is a significant pricing discrepancy between the lowest proposal that was submitted and the highest proposal. The lowest proposal was a total cost of \$9,885.00. Mr. Petrucci did not believe that the price discrepancy was warranted. Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC clearly exhibits previous municipal experience in conducting audits and also appears to be knowledgeable in GASB and GFOA standards. Mr. Petrucci recommended that the Township select Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC as the firm to conduct the 2020 Audit following the advertisement of a public notice that is a requirement of the Second Class Township Code.

9. Consideration of Advertisement: Appointment of Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to Conduct 2020 Audit; Consideration of Official Action of CPA Appointment to be made at January 13, 2021 regular Board of Supervisors meeting (Notice of 30 days required as per Section 917 of the Second Class Township Code):

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Jane Mellert to approve the advertisement for consideration of appointment of Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to conduct the 2020 Audit in accordance with the Second Class Township Code. Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Mr. Petrucci indicated the Township will be considering official action on January 14, 2021 meeting.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

10. No Proposals Received: Plainfield Township Road Department Building Steel Sectional Overhead Doors Replacement Project – Request for Quotations (RFQ) on PennBid:

Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, stated that the Township did not receive any proposals for the Plainfield Township Road Department Building Steel Sectional Overhead Doors Replacement Project. He added this project will cost approximately \$14,000.00 to \$19,000.00. The Board recommended Mr. Petrucci to contact vendors directly in order to obtain quotes for the scope of work.

ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to authorize Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, to contact vendors directly for quotes regarding the Plainfield Township Road Department Building Steel Sectional Overhead Doors Replacement Project. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

11. Approval of 2021 No Nonsense Neutering Feral Cat Program Contract:

Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, stated that the Township issued all 50 vouchers for cat neutering/spaying program in the 2020 fiscal year. Mr. Petrucci recommended the Township adopt the same program for the 2021 fiscal year.

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairman, Randy Heard, and seconded by Stephen Hurni to approve the 2021 No Nonsense Neutering Feral Cat Program Contract as prepared. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

12. Approval of 2020 Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape Mini-Grant Project: Clean Fill Regulations Ordinance Professional Consultant Services RFP (Project Due October 31, 2021)- (Request to Refer to Environmental Advisory Council):

Mr. Petrucci indicated that the Township was awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 with the Township matching an additional \$10,000.00 for the 2020 Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape Mini-Grant Project.

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Stephen Hurni to refer to the 2020 Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape Mini-Grant Project Clean Fill Regulations Ordinance Professional Consultant Services RFP (Project Due October 31, 2021)- (Request to Refer to Environmental Advisory Council. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.*

Resident, Terry Kleintop, questioned whether the ordinance will address fill that is brought in from out of State. Mr. Petrucci indicated that the intent of the ordinance is to address fill that is brought in from other areas outside of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

13. Citizen Advisory Appointment Policy: Applications Received/Scheduling of Interviews (If Necessary):

Mr. Petrucci noted that he provided the Board of Supervisors with the applications received for Board positions. Mr. Petrucci questioned whether the Board was interested in holding any interviews with the candidates. The Board did not feel that interviews were necessary at this time.

14. Little Bushkill Creek Watershed Management Plan- 2021 Proposed Action Plan (Environmental Advisory Council Projects for 2021):

ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to forward the Little Bushkill Creek Watershed Management Plan 2021 Proposed Action Plan to the Environmental Advisory Council to provide them a working guide as they review projects for 2021. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

15. Scheduling/Advertisement of Public Hearing (January 13, 2021) – Request of Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company for Intermunicipal Transfer of Pennsylvania Liquor License LID # 3880 CC-5281 (Club/Catering License) from Allen Township Volunteer Fire Company located at 3530 Howertown Road, Northampton, PA 18067 to Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company located at 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, PA 18091 (Social Hall Existing Use)- Advertised Public Hearing and Municipal Approval by Resolution is required by Section 461 of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code (47 P.S. 4-461):

Ms. Mellert indicated that she was under the impression that the Plainfield Township Fire Company previously had a Liquor License with Pennsylvania. Fire Chief, Alex

Cortezzo, indicated that they have always been a BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage) facility. There was a liquor license issued in 1988 point in the past, however, this license was never renewed and has since expired. Mr. Cortezzo added that this will be another great option for the Fire Company to bring in revenue. Mr. Hurni questioned whether there will be an additional cost with insurance. Mr. Cortezzo indicated that there will be no additional cost as they are already paying for it in their current policy. Members of the Board stressed to make sure that all items within this liquor license are correct in order to protect all entities involved.

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairman, Randy Heard, and seconded by Stephen Hurni to schedule the advertisement of Public Hearing (January 13, 2021) for the request of the Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company for Intermunicipal Transfer of Pennsylvania Liquor License LID # 3880 CC-5281 (Club/Catering License) from Allen Township Volunteer Fire Company located at 3530 Howertown Road, Northampton, PA 18067 to Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company located at 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, PA 18091 (Social Hall Existing Use)- Advertised Public Hearing and Municipal Approval by Resolution is required by Section 461 of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code (47 P.S. 4-461. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

ROAD REPORT, PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT, RECREATION BOARD AND FIRE COMPANY AND AMBULANCE REPORTS:

1. Planning and Zoning Report- November, 2020:
2. Road Department Report- November, 2020:
3. Fire Company and Ambulance Report- November, 2020:
4. Recreation Board Report- November, 2020

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairman, Randy Heard, and seconded by Stephen Hurni to approve the November, 2020 Reports as listed and presented. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

It was requested that all reports be posted to the website for residents to be able to review the reports if needed.

SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. Slate Belt Regional Police Department Monthly Report- November, 2020:

A Slate Belt Regional Police Department Monthly Report for November 2020 was not provided at this time.

CITIZEN'S AGENDA/NON-AGENDA:

Vince Greggo- Mr. Greggo stated that he has been having issues with the weeds growing around his farmed property. He urged that this be taken care of due to the fact that he has now been treating his crops and farmland approximately 3 times a year to put an end to weed growth rather than his normal once a year application. He stressed that these weeds are noxious weeds and the properties around his farmland should be cited for having noxious weeds located on their property. Additionally, he noted that a property on Pen Argyl Road has harboring many chickens, goats, and pigs. He stressed the animals are kept in horrible conditions and this is considered animal abuse. This matter also needs to be addressed.

Marissa Greggo- Ms. Greggo stated that she lives directly next to the property on Pen Argyl Road. She has been dealing with many issues on her property including chickens in her yard. She is unable to apply mulch to her mulch beds due to the chickens ruining the mulch. Additionally, she has had many issues with mice and rats. This has been an ongoing issue and would like for this to be addressed.

Terry Kleintop- Mr. Kleintop questioned about the liquor license with respect to the Plainfield Township Fire Company and whether it requires East Allen Township to rescind. Mr. Petrucci indicated that the receiving municipality, which in this case is Plainfield Township, will need to approve the license transfer by Resolution. Mr. Petrucci added that the process isn't near completion and the applicant has to go through the entire Liquor Control Board process.

Mr. Kleintop also questioned when the Plan Slate Belt Meetings will resume. Mr. Petrucci indicated the intent is to hold meetings when in-person meetings can be held. Mr. Kleintop expressed many concerns with the Plan Slate Belt Meetings and individuals not being interested in attending the meetings. He stressed there are a number of people in attendance at the meetings that do not understand why they are there. Ms. Mellert added that it has been quite difficult to hold meetings online. It was questioned what items are not being discussed during the meeting that Mr. Kleintop is concerned about. Mr. Kleintop is concerned about uses in other municipalities and noted that individuals are getting upset rather than discussing what needs to be discussed as this is the reasoning for these meetings. Mr. Hurni suggested that once meetings being in-person, this issue could start off as the discussion. Ms. Mellert added that it seemed Plainfield Township dominated the last meeting and it would be beneficial to provide other members a chance to discuss their opinions. Mr. Kleintop agreed.

Don Moore- Mr. Moore was glad to hear about the new Zoning Officer, Sharon Pletchan. Mr. Moore walked the trail recently. He complemented the Board and Mike Kukles on how well the bridge was done and how nice it now looks located on Grand Central Road. Mr. Moore questioned whether there are any new plans that were submitted from Waste Management. Mr. Petrucci indicated that no plans have been provided.

Mr. Moore has noticed that there are 3 homes on Mill Road that are for sale. Mr. Moore contacted that realtor and the realtor indicated that the buyers have backed out. Mr. Moore has many concerns with respect to the Landfill and noted that there have been new videos posted. He has a lot of concerns about the tactics being used by Waste Management.

Mr. Moore also questioned about the “Community Guide” that was sent out to Township Residents. Mr. Hurni indicated that this guide was printed exclusively by the Hometown Press and was not approved nor was it authorized by Plainfield Township to be printed. Plainfield Township had no involvement in the making or publishing of this Community Guide. An official Township Newsletter will be sent shortly directly by Plainfield Township.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

1. ***Randy Heard, Chairman-*** No Report
2. ***Glenn Borger, Vice Chairman-*** No Report
3. ***Joyce Lambert-*** No Report
4. ***Jane Mellert-*** Ms. Mellert stated the Plainfield Township Fire Company has been working diligently on bringing in revenue. In November 2020, the department held multiple events including a funeral for one of their past members. She noted that the Fire Department shows a lot of dedication to the community. Ms. Mellert proposed writing a letter from Plainfield Township to the Plainfield Township Fire Company thanking them for their dedication to the community as well as wishing them a Happy Holiday and New Year.

ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Stephen Hurni to approve sending a letter to the Plainfield Township Fire Company thanking them for their dedication to the community as well as wishing the volunteer members a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year. Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public. Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

5. ***Stephen Hurni-*** Mr. Hurni stated that at most recent Police Commission meeting, there was no decision made to date about the previously discussed secure bay. Mr. Hurni suggested that all three municipalities involved with the Slate Belt Regional Police need to get together in order to discuss the needs with the Slate Belt Regional Police Department. He added that Ms. Kopach has sent an invoice to the Police Commission with the 2% increase with the rent. Mr. Hurni would like the Township to eliminate the 2% increase for the 2021 fiscal year. Ms. Mellert was in favor of this request. Additionally, arbitration is scheduled for tomorrow with respect to the Slate Belt Regional Police Commission. It is likely that the Police Commission is looking to

eliminate the 2% increase regardless of whether the Township provides a secure bay. Mr. Hurni noted that the Board will need to meet in order to discuss what this is going to look like in the future. Resident, Mr. Chuck Piazza questioned what the approximate increase was for the rent. Mr. Petrucci indicated it is around \$1,500.00. Resident, Mr. Don Moore questioned where the 2% increase came from. Mr. Petrucci indicated that the 2% was provided for in the agreement.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT- DAVID BACKENSTOE, ESQUIRE:

Solicitor, David Backenstoe, recognized and congratulated Mr. Stephen Hurni on his “Governors Excellence Award” from the DCED.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Joyce Lambert to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci, Township Manager/Secretary
Plainfield Township
Board of Supervisors

These minutes were prepared with the assistance of the Administrative Assistant of the Township, Paige Stefanelli, under the direction of the Township Manager/Secretary.