

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
JULY 10, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building, 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064.

Vice Chairman, Glenn Borger, called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

I. SECRETARY–THOMAS PETRUCCI:

1. Approval of the June 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes:

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Joyce Lambert to approve the June 12, 2019 regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Prior to the vote, Vice Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public. Motion approved. Vote 3-0.

Chairman, Randy Heard, and Jane Mellert arrived at the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

2. Robert Cornman- Green Knight Economic Development Corporation Community Grant Program:

Mr. Cornman stated that the Green Knight Economic Development Corporation had received approximately 30 requests for grants for the fiscal year 2019. He noted that several requests were from Plainfield Township organizations. Mr. Cornman provided grant checks to both the Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company and to Mr. Glenn Borger on behalf of Tony Borger and the Blue Mountain Youth Soccer League for their successful grant funding requests.

3. Donation Request: Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley:

Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, reviewed financial information with the Board regarding a request for a donation of funds that was received from the Meals on

Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley. The program has supplied 14 Township residents in the amount of \$18,491.00. As per the 2017 990 form filed for Meals on Wheels of the Lehigh Valley, the organization had \$3,596,793.00 in revenue against \$3,562,887.00 in expenses that fiscal year. The organization's sources of revenue are derived primarily from grants, food service fees, fundraising, donations, governmental service fees, and client service fees. The Meals on Wheels program is traditionally heavily funded by the Community Development Block Grant HUD program, the Medicare/Medicaid programs, and SNAP. On the expense side, the largest expenses were employee compensation/benefits and food/kitchen program expenses. Members of the Board were not in favor of donating to Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley due to the precedent it would create for any future donation requests. However, the Board members noted they are greatly appreciative of this program and their efforts.

4. Resolution #2019-16: Approval of Amendment to the Slate Belt Council of Governments (COG) Articles Of Agreement:

Mr. Petrucci stated that there were mainly typos that needed to be corrected in the last version of the amendment provided to the Township from the Slate Belt COG. His understanding is that this should be the final version.

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to approve Resolution #2019-16. 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. LVPC 6th Annual Lehigh Valley Gala & Awards – Call for Nominations: Recommendation to Submit 2018 Little Bushkill Creek Watershed Management Report for Consideration for Environmental Project – Nominations Due 7/31/2019:

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Stephen Hurni to submit the 2018 Little Bushkill Creek Watershed Management Report for Consideration for Environmental Project for the LVPC 6th Annual Lehigh Valley Gala & Awards and to recognize EAC Members Terry Kleintop, Robin Dingle and Mr. Jason Smith from Hanover Engineering in their efforts with this 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.

6. Grand Central Sanitary Landfill (Waste Management) Monthly Update:

Ms. Adrienne Fors stated that the Grand Central Sanitary Landfill (Waste Management facility has been using flares intermittently. There will be a tour on Friday which will show some recent activities that have taken place on the property.

Additionally, there was a Fireman Safety Event night held earlier this week. She noted they had a great turnout with over 75 people in attendance. There were many identified situations/areas that fire companies need to be aware of in the case of an emergency/issue.

Ms. Fors noted that herself along with Joe Statile, Scott Perin, and an Intern from Waste Management, Louise Firestone and George Hinton from Wind Gap Borough, Sherry Acevedo from Northampton County, and Mr. Petrucci, Jason Smith, and Mike Kukles from Plainfield Township, walked through the easement (between Plainfield Township and Waste Management) area located on Waste Management's property on June 20th, 2019. She added that it was a good walk to evaluate what is out there and any future potential trail connections. Ms. Fors stated that they came up with some conclusions of concerns and other additional connection options to be discussed.

Ms. Fors stated that the Butterfly Walk at Jacobsburg is to be held this Saturday, July 13, 2019. With reference to the chili cook-off, Waste Management is looking for celebrity taste testers possibly including Solicitor Backenstoe.

II. TREASURER – KATELYN KOPACH:

1. Approval of the June, 2019 General Fund Disbursements (\$274,811.73):

ACTION: Motion was made by Joyce Lambert and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to approve the June, 2019 General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$274,811.73. 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 June, 2019 Treasurer's Report:

ACTION: Motion was made by Joyce Lambert and seconded by Stephen Hurni to approve the Approval of the June, 2019 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.

I. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER – MICHAEL KUKLES, P.E.:

1. Rolling Meadows Estates: Maintenance Period Ends September 1, 2019 and all Remaining Improvements (Including Construction of Sedimentation Basin #1) Due on or Before September 30, 2019:

Township Engineer, Mike Kukles, stated that the maintenance period is coming to an end. There are still some items that need to be completed with respect to screening, fencing, and detention basins. Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, will follow up with Mr. Wilmot on the matter.

2. 616 Youngs Hill Road Kennel and Dog Training Facility Land Development: Letter of Credit Reduction Request Number 2:

Mr. Kukles has received a second Letter of Credit Reduction Request by Ms. Renee Hall for 616 Youngs Hill Road. Mr. Kukles evaluated and corrected the items from what was requested to what has been completed. There are some items still remaining to be completed prior to a full release of funds.

ACTION: Motion was made by Joyce Lambert and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to approve Letter of Credit Reduction Request #2 in the amount of \$15,156.75 for 616 Youngs Hill Road. The current amount held as security is \$58,745.10. The remaining balance after this reduction, provided all conditions are met, will be \$43,588.35. 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 MANAGER – THOMAS PETRUCCI:

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

- Charrettes/Workshops Conducted on Tuesday, 6/18 and Wednesday, 6/19: Slate Belt Plan Community Priorities Survey for Steering Committee and Community Stakeholders to Rank Community Priorities
- Next Steering Committee Meeting is 7/17 – Interactive Discussion Topics to Include Potential Development, Redevelopment and Investment sites and Local Transportation Concerns

Mr. Petrucci stated that the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) generated a survey based on the topics discussed at the charrette workshops held on June 18th and June 19th. Priority topics to rank include farmland preservation, supporting agricultural activities, economic development, and regionalization of municipal services, among other things. Mr. Petrucci will update the Board at the next meeting based on the upcoming events. Discussion topics will include local transportation concerns, development, etc.

2. Northern Tier Trail Planning: Request to Proceed with Technical Study to Determine Possible Trail Connections from Plainfield Township to Pen Argyl Borough and Wind Gap Borough:

Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, attended a June 20, 2019 on-site meeting/walk through of the current lands subject to an easement agreement on Waste Management's property. Other attendees included Adrienne Fors, Joe Statile, Scott Perin, and an Intern from Waste Management, Louise Firestone and George Hinton from Wind Gap Borough, Sherry Acevedo from Northampton County, and Jason Smith, and Mike Kukles from Plainfield Township. Portions of the easement are currently used for hauling. The other portion of the easement has remained in its original vegetated state.

The Board of Supervisors has previously held a workshop meeting on March 28, 2019 regarding possible trail connections for the Northern Tier Trail. Mr. Bryan Cope reviewed possible trail connections through Waste Management as a connection to part of the Northern Tier Trail. As part of the Northern Tier Trail Feasibility Study, Northampton County, Plainfield Township, Pen Argyl Borough and Wind Gap Borough are looking to connect the Plainfield Township Recreation Trail to Pen Argyl Borough Weona Park and Wind Gap Borough Municipal Park. A possible "land swap" was also discussed. Mr. Petrucci stated that in order to facilitate a possible trail connection discussion on the existing easement lands and to make informed decisions, additional technical information is required.

The main issues identified were handling the large amount of wetlands on the existing easement land property. There are also a few areas that are significantly overgrown. Safety was also identified as a primary area of concern. Mr. Petrucci stated that it is necessary for himself, Mr. Jason Smith, and Mike Kukles to explore possible options for a safe trail connection and for the Board of Supervisors to authorize that action to occur. Mr. Petrucci stated that Northampton County is drafting an Intermunicipal Agreement between Plainfield Township, Bushkill Township, Pen Argyl Borough and Wind Gap Borough to review and study how the Northern Tier Trail connections in this area can be accomplished. The committee will work on the options of making these connections, and Mr. Petrucci remarked that it would be prudent to have the technical information in hand while reviewing potential connection options.

Ms. Mellert expressed interest in attending the meetings. Ms. Mellert also questioned Ms. Sherry Acevedo from Northampton County Parks whom was also in attendance. Ms. Mellert questioned what her take was on the easement. Ms. Acevedo stated that the trail is in excellent condition. She could have a crew go out and clear everything in two days. The drainage structures still exist. However, there are a series of wetland issues that will need to be addressed. Overall, the trail is still intact from what it was originally. She noted many safety concerns that she witnessed at the site. Ms. Acevedo added that the feasibility study is a bird's eye view. The next steps are for

the municipalities to define that view and extend it further into actions. Once the draft Intermunicipal Agreement is in place, the County will get everyone together to ensure all municipalities are in agreement with the plan.

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to proceed with the Technical Study to Determine Possible Plainfield Township Recreation Trail Connections from Plainfield Township to Pen Argyl Borough and Wind Gap Borough. *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. Agricultural Best Management Practices- Growing Greener Project 2019 Re-Bid No. 2: Bid(s) to be Opened at 12:05 PM on Wednesday, July 10, 2019:

Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, stated there was one bid received from Flyway Excavating in the amount of \$101,605.70 for the Agricultural Best Management Practices- Growing Greener Project 2019 Re-Bid No. 2 that was opened at 12:05 PM on Wednesday, July 10, 2019. Mr. Petrucci spoke with Mr. Jason Smith, and he indicated that the estimated total project costs for both the Achenbach and Stuber projects in the amount of approximately \$60,000.00 was based on the materials costs associated with the Road Department originally conducting the work. The Road Department has expressed a concern with taking on the various aspects of this project. Mr. Petrucci spoke with Mr. Jason Smith of Hanover Engineering, Inc. about this project, and he would recommend moving forward with this bid, as he has had positive experiences with the contractor on Wildlands Conservancy projects. Jason Smith believes that both projects will be beneficial to the watershed.

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to award the contract to Flyway Excavating in the amount of \$101,605.70 for the Agricultural Best Management Practices Growing Greener Project 2019 Re-Bid that was let on July 10, 2019 at 12:05 PM. *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.

Ms. Mellert stated that for future agricultural restoration projects, there should be more detailed research on how necessary the projects are for the amount of funds being spent. Resident, Millie Beahn questioned what these projects entail. Mr. Petrucci noted these projects are twofold. The first portion is for sampling and gathering data for the local streams in order to get those areas delisted. The second portion is to implement best management practices to keep animals out of the stream and have better water quality for our streams. Mr. Petrucci agreed that he can further research and refine possible projects moving forward. He stressed that data is hard to

go by for projects as the data is constantly changing. The Township will need to determine where the DEP is at with what they test and how often.

Ms. Mellert added that there are major wetlands on the Finken Farm in the Township. Mr. Petrucci noted this issue needs to be further reviewed and that this may be an NPDES Permit issue.

Mr. Petrucci added that he recommends the Board not to approve subdivisions that do not have appropriate infrastructure, piping, sidewalks, etc. Roadside swales have not necessarily conveyed the stormwater appropriately over the past few years.

4. Review of DRAFT Ordinances: Quality of Life Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Raising and Keeping of Non-Commercial Domesticated Residential Chickens:

Mr. Petrucci noted that there are two current drafted ordinances for discussion/review. With respect to the first ordinance, this is in reference to quality of life issues including animal waste, high weeds, garbage, furniture, and other forms of waste/junk. This process is similar to a parking ticket. This would provide the ability to write a ticket on the spot to a person in violation of this ordinance. The payment would need to be paid for within 15 days of issuance. If no payment has been received, the Township would then proceed legal action with the Magistrate. If there are continuous violators, the fines would be at a higher cost. A lien can also be placed on the property. Bangor Borough has a similar ordinance in place and they have expressed that they are pleased with the outcomes of the ordinance. Ms. Mellert previously contacted the Board and Mr. Petrucci regarding questions she had on the ordinance. Outdoor kitchens that are already in compliance will be excluded. Dandelions and paint booths will be removed from the ordinance. After discussing Ms. Mellert comments at length, Mr. Petrucci will revise the ordinance accordingly- including removal of some language, remove typos, clarify definitions- and remit the revised version to the Board members and Solicitor Backenstoe.

In reference to the chicken ordinance, this will need to be reviewed by the Planning Commission in accordance with Municipalities Planning Code requirements. However, the Board indicated that they would like the ordinance to be drafted at the level of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Petrucci stated that there are multiple areas in the Township where there are chicken nuisances. This ordinance permits the keeping of domesticated chickens. Residential districts will be allowed to have chickens. Within the current proposed Zoning Districts for permitted use of chickens, it was suggested that the IBP (Industrial/Business Park) Zoning District be added to the ordinance given the amount of residential lots in this area. This ordinance intends to regulate the number of coops on each property, setbacks for the placement of coops, etc. The number of chickens for properties were also discussed. Resident, Millie

Beahn, questioned whether this will apply to farms in the Township. This ordinance will only apply to residential areas. This ordinance is necessary in order to avoid future issues with regard to the keeping and raising of chickens. Ms. Beahn suggested expanding the ordinance for all fowl instead of limiting it to chickens.

Mr. Petrucci will take all comments received under consideration with respect to setbacks and dimensional requirements and provide a revised version of the ordinance to the Board members and the Solicitor for review at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

5. Resolution #2019-17: 2019 Community Investment Partnership Program (CIPP) Additional Request for Grant Funding for Plainfield Township Act 537 Plan Update- \$25,000.00:

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Jane Mellert to approve Resolution #2019-17 as submitted. *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. Slate Belt Council of Governments: 2019 Community Investment Partnership Program (CIPP) Grant Support Request (Sewer Jetter and Crack Seal Machine):

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Stephen Hurni to approve a financial contribution to Slate Belt Council of Governments for the 2019 Community Investment Partnership Program (CIPP) Grant Support Request- Sewer Jetter and Crack Seal Machine in the amount of \$149.00. *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.

7. Resolution #2019-18: Class 8 Diesel Truck Grant Due September 23, 2019:

Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, stated that the Board had held an extensive discussion on the matter previously. Mr. Petrucci researched the possibilities to increase the Township match of funds towards new diesel trucks for the Road Department.

Mr. Petrucci proposed an increased local match of \$150,000.00, which is an increase from the minimum required match of 10.00% (\$38,839.76) to 38.62%, Plainfield Township would be requesting \$238,397.60 in funding from PA DEP. \$238,397.60 divided by the calculated/estimated .775 lifetime NOx emissions reduced for the vehicle replacement project is equal to \$184,758.14, or \$184,758.14 per ton.

The increased match from the Township makes the application considerably more palatable. The trucks to be replaced are the 2000 GMC Topkick, with current mileage of 36,252 miles and the 2003 Freightliner, with current mileage of 54,480. These vehicles should be replaced within the next 3-5 years. Mr. Petrucci noted that the GMC Topkick will be 25 years old in 2025, and the 2003 Freightliner will be 22 years old- both right at the age where they should be replaced in order to remain reliable Township municipal work trucks.

The current breakdown of the associated costs of replacing the trucks is provided as follows:

| Municipal Work Truck Component | Unit Cost (\$) | Quantity | Total Cost (\$) |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 2020 Mack GR42BR Axle Back Granite Cab & Chassis | \$129,313.80 | 2 | \$258,627.60 |
| Dump Body Upfit, including Body, Plow, Spreader, Lighting, and associated hydraulics/electronics | \$64,885.00 | 2 | \$129,770.00 |
| | | Total Cost | \$388,397.60 |

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairman, Randy Heard, and seconded by Glenn Borger to approve Resolution #2019-18. Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Ms. Mellert stated that the one vehicle does not have much mileage. She noted that it is great that this grant exists; however, this specific grant does not make a great deal of sense. Mr. Petrucci stated that the Topkick especially, out of the two, will need to be replaced in the next 3-5 years. These trucks are used all year round. He also noted that the funds for this program were derived from a settlement with Volkswagen due to the diesel emissions scandal.

Motion approved. Vote 4-1 with Randy Heard, Glenn Borger, Joyce Lambert, and Stephen Hurni in favor and Jane Mellert not in favor.

8. Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company: Request for Assistance from Fire Company for Plainfield Township to Conduct Repairs on Driveway at Fire Station (6480 Sullivan Trail):

Mr. Petrucci requested members of the Road Department to come out to the Fire Company property (6480 Sullivan Trail) in order to investigate the current wear of the driveway. Mr. Petrucci stated that the driveway needs to be rectified. Mr. Petrucci provided the following options to the Board:

Options for the Board to consider are as follows:

1. Provide a response to the Fire Company that the driveway is not the responsibility of the Township to maintain.
2. Continue to fill in significant potholes with cold patch.
3. Have the Road Department use the Township/Borough paver to conduct repairs on a portion of the driveway area that was determined by Larry Sapone to be in the worst condition. This area was measured to be about 5,000 sf (50' x 50 entrance area and 25' x 100' strip up the middle of the driveway), which works out to 450 tons for a 1.5" depth overlay of 9.5mm asphalt. The estimated cost of materials for the 9.5mm asphalt applied at a 1.5" depth is **\$22,950.00.**
4. Have the Road Department use the Township/Borough paver to conduct repairs on a significant portion of the driveway area that was determined by Larry Sapone to be in the worst condition. This area was measured to be about 10,750 sf (50' x 50 entrance area and 30' x 275' strip up the middle of the driveway), which works out to 967.50 tons for a 1.5" depth overlay of 9.5mm asphalt. The estimated cost of materials for the 9.5mm asphalt applied at a 1.5" depth (967.50 tons) is **\$49,342.50.**

Supervisor, Stephen Hurni, questioned where the fire trucks would be stored in the meantime during driveway improvements. Mr. Cortezzo stated that they will contact local agencies in the area in order to move their trucks off-site to ensure full accessibility. Solicitor Backenstoe stated that the Township Road Department cannot normally perform work on private property unless their intent would be to donate their work/time to the Fire Company. Mr. Hurni suggested removing funds from the EIT.

Mr. Borger questioned if the Fire Company were to close, whether the Township would receive the funds back that were offered to the Fire Company. Solicitor Backenstoe noted that this is a possibility depending on how the Charter Agreement is constructed. The other option in order to ensure the Township would receive funds back for the driveway would be to place a lien on the property. This could protect the Township considering the Township does not own the property.

Mr. Cortezzo added that the Fire Company is currently being reassessed on 10 acres of their land. They have multiple hearings coming up in the next few weeks regarding the reassessment. Ms. Mellert expressed concern with other entities not being reassessed in the Township. Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, will place this project within the budget for next year and will obtain the Charter Agreement for review of how to proceed with the project.

9. USDA Revised Spotted Lanternfly Treatment Form – Approval of Plainfield Township Participation:

Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, stated that the USDA previously circulated a form that held the Township liable for any treatment for the Spotted Lantern Fly on private property. This form has since been revised and has removed all liability provisions with respect to the Township.

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Glenn Borger to authorize Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, to sign the newly revised USDA Revised Spotted Lanternfly Treatment Form for Plainfield Township Participation. 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.

10. Radar Speed Feedback Signs Update: Product Demonstration Completed on June 27, 2019; PennDOT TE-952P Temporary Permit 12 Month Permit Required; Manufacturer required to be on Bulletin 15 List of Approved Products:

Mr. Petrucci received a demo of the custom signals product. This product is on COSTARS for a radar speed sign, however, it has not been approved for PennDOT usage within the Commonwealth. He stated that the provider of the product is currently attempting to get on the approved list by PennDOT. If this product is not successfully added onto the list, the Township will need to purchase a speed radar sign that is approved by PennDOT which will be more costly.

11. Approval of Capital Reserve Equipment Expenditure: Utility Truck Chassis and Body (Capital Reserve Equipment 438-740 Budgeted Item- \$145,000.00):

Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, has met with both Larry Sapone and Jim Ackerman on numerous occasions and discussed extensive various options for a utility truck. Both Mr. Sapone and Mr. Ackerman conducted extensive research on various utility/bucket truck combinations, and the Road. The following are COSTARS price quotations for both a Ford F-550 chassis from Koch 33 and a Utility Truck body from Versalift, are provided for the review and approval of the Board:

- Koch 33 COSTARS Contract Pricing for 2019 Ford F-550 Chassis- \$49,312.00
- Versalift COSTARS Contract Pricing for Utility Body (including an aerial boom/bucket, crane, power inverter, and safety/lighting accessories)- \$91,348.00
- **Total- \$140,660.00**

The Board of Supervisors previously approved the 2019 Budget with a \$145,000.00 Capital Reserve allocation towards a utility truck purchase. The current utility truck is a 2003 Ford F-450 model. The overall purpose of this utility truck purchase is to enhance the safety of the Road Department workers, who currently do not utilize an OSHA/ANSI-approved method in order to reach hard-to-reach places. The Versalift aerial boom/bucket truck is completely OSHA/ANSI compliant, with all operators requiring certification/training to be able to operate the equipment. The new utility truck also has increased capacity with the crane (to lift inlets and sewer grates), has an internal inverter power source (instead of needing a generator), and has enhanced lighting on the entire truck.

ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Glenn Borger to approve the Capital Reserve Equipment Expenditure for a Utility Truck Chassis and Body in the total amount of \$140,660.00, broken out as follows:

- Koch 33 COSTARS Contract Pricing for 2019 Ford F-550 Chassis- \$49,312.00
- Versalift COSTARS Contract Pricing for Utility Body (including an aerial boom/bucket, crane, power inverter, and safety/lighting accessories)- \$91,348.00
- **Total- \$140,660.00**

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.

Resident, Wanda Gruber, stated that any repairs that are needed in the future to the vehicle are high in price to the Ford F-550 being made out of aluminum. The Board took this under advisement and noted that trucks are simply being made out of aluminum now; there is not much the Board can do about it.

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

1. Planning and Zoning Report- June, 2019:
2. Road Department Report- June, 2019:
3. Fire Company and Ambulance Report- June, 2019:
4. Recreation Board Report- June, 2019:

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairman, Randy Heard, and seconded by Stephen Hurni to approve the June, 2019 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.*

Ms. Jane Mellert noted that within the Recreation Board meeting minutes within the Recreation Board Report for June 2019, it was mentioned that Mr. Robert Cornman was not in attendance at the meeting, but further into the minutes, Mr. Cornman was referenced in a motion. Mr. Petrucci will make the corrections as noted.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. Slate Belt Regional Police Department Monthly Report- June, 2019:

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairman, Randy Heard, and seconded by Joyce Lambert to approve the June, 2019 Slate Belt Regional Police Department Monthly Report 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.

CITIZEN'S AGENDA/NON-AGENDA:

Wanda Gruber- With respect to the draft Domesticated Chickens Ordinance, Ms. Gruber asked whether the chickens can roam freely on other people's properties. Mr. Petrucci stated the ordinance addresses that the chickens must remain on the owners subject property.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

1. ***Glenn Borger, Vice Chairman-*** Mr. Borger recommended installing cameras at the baseball/soccer fields located off of Kesslersville Road. Mr. Borger stated that fireworks were set off on the property and there are more people coming to the field after dark. He added it is only a matter of time before there is vandalism. Mr. Petrucci stated that the cost for each camera is approximately \$2,100.00. The cameras would use the existing

camera system and server. An Internet connection would need to be installed at the field for the use of the cameras.

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to approve the purchase of security cameras at the Baseball/Soccer field located on Kessler'sville Road. *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. **Joyce Lambert-** Ms. Lambert stated that the tennis courts in the rear of the Municipal Building has a large crack with weeds growing through the crack. Mr. Petrucci will obtain a quote for both repairing and redoing the tennis courts.
3. **Jane Mellert-** Ms. Mellert stated that the EAC met on July 8th, 2019. She provided a letter to the Board of Supervisors from the EAC requesting consideration of Township Manager, Tom Petrucci sending a letter to Austin Drager of the NRCS District Conservationist to ask the following questions:
 - Are conservation plans being monitored to minimize water run-off issues?
 - Request recommendations to incorporate into our watershed management plan and information to educate our landowners as issues arise.
 - Ask if any of the conservation plans are being updated to include and incorporate protection of High Quality streams such as the Waltz Creek and Little Bushkill.

Ms. Mellert added that with the most recent storm events, there have been many stormwater runoff issues including a property on Engler Road in Plainfield Township. She noted that farms not preserved within the Township are not reviewed on an annual basis. Mr. Petrucci stated that with a heavier enforcement, there may be pushback received from farmers. He added that there are many issues occurring within the Township as he has witnessed the Engler Road issue in person. Mr. Petrucci stated that contacting the Federal Government is a significant action and in lieu of that, he recommends the Board sending a letter to the Conservation District as the first step.

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairman, Randy Heard, and seconded by Stephen Hurni to authorize Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, to send a letter to the Conservation District in reference to the questions proposed by the EAC. *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. **Stephen Hurni-** Mr. Hurni received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Jr. Police Academy. He added the Police Commission will be purchasing an EMS vehicle for multiple uses including a mobile command station in the event of an accident. Officer Santiago received a kind thank you letter. Mr. Hurni stated that issues with fireworks were discussed at the last Police Commission meeting. When fireworks are going off, by

the time an officer gets there, the fireworks are gone. Mr. Petrucci stated that the Township can only regulate the times in which fireworks are set off within the Township.

5. Randy Heard, Chairman- No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- DAVID BACKENSTOE, ESQUIRE:

Solicitor David Backenstoe noted that he will not be able to attend the next regular Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for August 14th. However, he will have another Solicitor at the meeting in attendance. He added that the DEP Air Quality Permit hearing for the Slate Belt Heat Recover Center (Synagro) will be held on August 12, 2019. Environmental Legal Counsel, Attorney Embick, will be in attendance. Review/Discussion topics at this meeting include both the Draft Air Quality Approval Permit and the NPDES Permit for the Slate Belt Heat Recovery Center.

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 9:54 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.