

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 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 7:00 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, 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:**

Alex Cortezzo, Fire Chief  
Resident, Paul Rinaldi, Jr.  
Resident, Chuck Piazza  
Resident, Don Moore  
Resident, Terry Kleintop  
Adrienne Fors on behalf of Waste Management  
Tom Stang on behalf of Waste Management

**I. TOWNSHIP MANAGER – THOMAS PETRUCCI:**

1. Approval of the January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes (DRAFT):

**ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Randy Heard to approve the January 13, 2021 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.**

**II. TREASURER – KATELYN KOPACH:**

1. Approval of the January, 2021 General Fund Disbursements (\$343,750.67):

**ACTION: Motion was made by Joyce Lambert and seconded by Randy Heard to approve the January, 2021 General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$343,750.67.**

*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 January, 2021 Treasurer's Report:

**ACTION: Motion was made by Joyce Lambert and seconded by Randy Heard, to approve the January, 2021 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 2020 Non-Uniform Pension Plan 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and Annual Statements – Girard Pension Plan Services:

**ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Randy Heard to approve the 2020 Non-Uniform Pension Plan 4th Quarter and Annual Statements as prepared by Girard Pension Plan Services.**

*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. Release of Fire Escrow Loss Funds (5669 Sullivan Trail) – Demolition Completed:

**ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Joyce Lambert to conditionally approve the release of the fire escrow loss funds in the amount of \$42,229.51 for 5669 Sullivan Trail, which was destroyed due to a fire.**

*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:**

No specific agenda items.

Township Engineer Michael Kukles provided a brief update on the status of the Getz Road Culvert Replacement Project. He is working on finalizing the construction schedule with the contractor, and he and Tom Petrucci are working to obtain an in-stream waiver from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to commence the project in the spring construction timeframe.

### **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:

- 30 Day Public Comment Period Commenced February 5, 2021. Notice was placed in the Express-Times and on the Township website. The draft Act 537 Official Plan Update is available for inspection at the Township Municipal Office or on the Township website. The manner to provide public comments is listed within the public notice.

Resident Don Moore asked when the meetings for the Slate Belt Multi Comprehensive Plan will begin again. Tom Petrucci indicated that the intent was to begin the meetings when the weather was more favorable to conduct outside meetings.

- Plainfield Township Planning Commission- March 15, 2021. The Plainfield Township Planning Commission needs to render comments on the draft Act 537 Official Plan within sixty (60) days, and that matter is set for review during the March 15, 2021 Planning Commission agenda. Additionally, the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission must also render comments on the draft Act 537 Official Plan within the same time period.

Resident Terry Kleintop inquired whether or not the Planning Commission would have additional time beyond the March 15, 2021 meeting date, and Mr. Petrucci indicated that he did not believe that to be the case.

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

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

4. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): 9/11 National Memorial Trail - MOU for Plainfield Township – Authorization for Township Manager to Execute on Behalf of Board of Supervisors

**ACTION: Motion was made by Randy Heard and seconded by Stephen Hurni to authorize the Township Manager to execute the 9/11 National Memorial Trail Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.**

*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. *Plainfield Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) Recommendation:* Plainfield Township Open Space Plan Update Initiative by EAC/Township Manager

During the Monday, February 1, 2021 Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) meeting, the EAC members took official action to seek approval from the Board of Supervisors to allow the EAC and the Township Manager to work in tandem to update the current *Plainfield Township Open Space Plan (2009)* using the attached memorandum and corresponding appendices as a guide. The broad goals of this Open Space Plan Update project are listed as follows:

- a. Allowing the Township greater flexibility in the use of Earned Income Tax (EIT) Open Space funds to acquire conservation easements or properties fee simple, with the latter open space acquisition option only to be used in instances where absolutely necessary. The current adopted *Open Space Plan* does not provide a comprehensive process for the acquisition of open space by the Township, and this update would bridge that gap. In other words, the plan should give the Township the ability to utilize a number of methods to potentially acquire open space and allow for a **case-by-case review** of potential acquisitions.
- b. To identify a master list of properties that the Township has an identified interest to acquire based on high priority conservation values. The primary goal would be to seek conservation easements in almost all cases to ensure properties remain on the tax rolls and maintenance responsibilities do not fall solely on the Township. The riparian buffer/recreation trail greenway corridor as shown on the Official Map would receive the highest priority open space acquisition (conservation easement) values.
- c. Updating the mapping that is included in the Open Space Plan (and to provide revised GIS shape file layers) to more accurately track properties that have already been preserved and to identify areas that are prioritized for potential acquisitions.

The Board of Supervisors and residents that were participating in the meeting engaged in discussion on the subject matter prior to taking official action. A summary of the key takeaways is provided as follows:

- The EAC and Township Manager could work on this project without the need for a consultant other than to update the mapping and GIS files. It is estimated that the project will conservatively cost no more than \$5,000 to \$10,000, with half of the project to be possibly funded by a grant. It was noted that the Official Map will be used as the template to update the existing mapping.
- Stephen Hurni inquired as to when the Open Space Earned Income Tax (EIT) will be placed on a referendum for the consideration of the residents to end the collection of said tax, and he was in favor of placing this matter on an

upcoming election ballot- noting the fact that the Open Space Fund is now over \$4,000,000.00. Joyce Lambert stated that she was also inclined to place the consideration of repealing the Open Space EIT on an upcoming election ballot. It was noted that the general election would be the most reasonable time period to place the Open Space EIT referendum on the ballot in 2021 due to the fact that the Township must file the referendum with the Northampton County Elections Office at least thirteen (13) Tuesdays prior to the date of the election (whether the primary or general election).

- Tom Petrucci clarified that the intent of the *Plainfield Township Open Space Plan* update project is to give the Township the flexibility to acquire open space properties that have been prioritized by the governing body (including the combined stream/trail greenway corridor). Updating the Open Space Plan would not obligate the Township to acquire properties, but it would give the Township the option to do so, if so inclined.
- The Open Space EIT is separate from the question of the implementation of a Fire Tax, which is a real estate tax. The implementation of a Fire Tax does not require a referendum.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Randy Heard and seconded by Glenn Borger to authorize the EAC and Township Manager to commence an initiative to update the *Plainfield Township Open Space Plan* to allow greater flexibility in the use of Open Space EIT funds to acquire properties fee simple or by conservation easement for natural areas and open space areas aside from agricultural properties.**

***Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.***

Stephen Hurni inquired as to whether a deadline should be given to the EAC. The goal of the *Open Space Plan* update would be to have the project finished in time for the May, 2021 Board of Supervisor's meeting, and then the Township could reevaluate whether or not a referendum is desired.

Don Moore stated that the current *Open Space Plan* provides for the use of Open Space EIT funds to acquire properties in the manner suggested, but that the procedures are not contained within the plan, and that is what needs to be updated. The Township never conducted the project to update the *Open Space Plan* when it was suggested by the EAC to expand the use of Open Space EIT funds about two (2) to three (3) years ago. In his opinion, the *Open Space Plan* needs to be updated regardless of whether the Open Space EIT funds would be placed on the ballot as a referendum.

Jane Mellert stated that the EAC did identify properties that were appropriate for preservation as part of the Open Space EIT Study that was conducted by the EAC. Then the EAC worked on the Plainfield Township Official Map, which also identified prioritized properties (primarily the trail/stream/riparian corridor). Plainfield Township has been very successful with the farmland preservation program, with most farmland that was preserved in the Township qualifying to be preserved with County and State funds. The initiative to update the *Open Space Plan* is the next step in the process.

Stephen Hurni inquired as to whether the wording of the original Open Space EIT referendum was specific to allow for the use of Open Space EIT funds outside of the preservation of agricultural properties. Tom Petrucci stated the referendum was broadly worded in such a way to give the Township flexibility in acquiring various forms of open space, and that the use of the Open Space EIT funds would not be violative of the referendum.

Terry Kleintop stated that the EAC will need a year's time to update the *Open Space Plan*, which has not been revised to allow for the flexibility to use the funds in the manner now suggested. It was the expressed sentiment of Terry Kleintop that the Township is carrying a high accumulated balance only because the Township has not attempted to use the funds other than for agricultural farmland preservation; the Township has allowed this to happen. The Township has closed the door on other open space opportunities. Mr. Kleintop highlighted the difference between the Open Space EIT, which is a .25% tax on earned wages, and the Fire Tax, which is based on real estate millage. Mr. Kleintop has no issue with the discussion on providing funding for the Fire Company, but wants to ensure that everyone understands that it is a separate type of tax from the Open Space EIT.

Jane Mellert stated that the EAC should be given the opportunity to move forward with the project. Tom Petrucci stated that the framework to update the *Open Space Plan* already exists, and it is the intent of this project to update the *Open Space Plan* by May/June to give the Township the option to review possible properties for acquisition (but to not have the properties acquired by that time period).

Randy Heard stated that the Township should be cognizant of the fact that taxpayers will be taxed twice if the Open Space EIT is kept and a Fire Tax is implemented. He also noted that the Township is legally obligated to provide fire protection to Township residents.

**Motion approved. Vote 5-0.**

6. Consideration of Professional Services Contract Award (Subject to Approval of Township Solicitor/Township Manager): Plainfield Township Community Park Pavilion Project – NPDES Permit, On-Lot Sewage Disposal System, and Final Construction Professional Engineering Design Consulting Services – Recreation Board Recommendation:

**ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Glenn Borger to award the Plainfield Township Community Park Pavilion Project – NPDES Permit, On-Lot Sewage Disposal System, and Final Construction Professional Engineering Design Consulting Services Professional Services Agreement to Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc. (d.b.a. Maser Consulting) in accordance with the recommendation of the Recreation Board. The total contract amount is \$76,679.00.**

*Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.*

It was noted by Randy Heard that Township Engineer, Ott Consulting, Inc., did not submit a bid for this project. Mike Kukles stated that the current workload of Ott Consulting, Inc. did not allow them to submit a proposal for this project.

Chuck Piazza asked why the bid price ratio was incorrect. Tom Petrucci stated that there was an incorrect bid submitted on PennBid for the wrong project (the garage door proposal instead of this RFP), so the numbers were skewed.

**Motion approved. Vote 5-0.**

7. Approval to Advertise: Solicitation of Bids for Collection, Transportation, and Disposal of Residential/Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclables in Plainfield Township (Current Single Hauler Contract Expires June 30, 2021):

Tom Petrucci provided an overview of the base bid options identified as follows:

**Base Bid 1A:**

Curbside collection of residential solid waste and recyclables once a week, with one-half of the Township collected on one (1) day and the other half of the Township collected on another day (the division of the Township to be determined by the Township in its sole discretion), one (1) bulk waste collected once a week, and curbside yard waste collected once a week between April 1<sup>st</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>; by contractor equipment and personnel using manual collection. Contractor submits quarterly invoices directly to households.

**Base Bid 1B:**

Curbside collection of residential solid waste and recyclables once a week, with one-half of the Township collected on one (1) day and the other half of the Township collected on another day (the division of the Township to be determined by the Township in its sole discretion), one (1) bulk waste item collected once a week, and curbside yard waste collected once a week between April 1<sup>st</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>; by contractor equipment and personnel using manual collection. Contractor submits monthly invoices to Township.

**Base Bid 2A:**

Curbside collection of residential solid waste once a week, with one-half of the Township collected on one (1) day and the other half of the Township collected on another day (the division of the Township to be determined by the Township in its sole discretion), recyclables collected every other week (bi-weekly) on one (1) day, one (1) bulk waste item collected once a week, and curbside yard waste collected once a week between April 1<sup>st</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>; by contractor equipment and personnel using manual collection. Contractor submits quarterly invoices directly to households.

**Base Bid 2B:**

Curbside collection of residential solid waste once a week, with one-half of the Township collected on one (1) day and the other half of the Township collected on another day (the division of the Township to be determined by the Township in its sole discretion), recyclables collected every other week (bi-weekly) on one (1) day, one (1) bulk waste item collected once a week, and curbside yard waste collected once a week between April 1<sup>st</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>; by contractor equipment and personnel using manual collection. Contractor submits monthly invoices to Township.

Prior to taking official action, the Board of Supervisors, Township Manager, and members of the public participating in the call engaged in an extensive discussion concerning the final version of the specifications to be advertised on PennBid. A summary of the substantive results of the discussion is provided as follows:

- It was identified by Jane Mellert that the original draft of the specifications provided for up to five (5) fifty (50) gallon containers. This is too high of a volume (250 pounds), in her opinion, based on the current average actual solid waste collection of materials per household and could potentially inflate the cost. The Board of Supervisors resolved to limit the volume of solid waste collected to four (4) thirty-two (32) gallon containers; recycling is unlimited. Residents will be responsible to provide all containers themselves.

- The bid option where the contractor/hauler is the responsible entity to conduct the billing and send invoices to residents should be retained, if possible and determined to be cost effective once the bid results are received.
- The Township will not utilize a door-to-door household hazardous waste program or electronics recycling program due to the additional cost of said programs and the fact that the cost will not be equitable for all residents.
- Yard waste (including sticks, leaves, brush) will be limited from April 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>; the hauler will be required to take yard waste to a composting facility as opposed to a sanitary landfill. Grass clippings will be separate from yard waste; grass clippings will be included as solid waste in the contract.
- The specifications will be revised to include a “per container” charge above and beyond the base volume of four (4) thirty-two (32) gallon containers.
- It was identified that many residents put out a significant volume of solid waste and that the current hauler (J.P. Mascaro) does not typically limit the amount of solid waste picked up on each collection day.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Randy Heard and seconded by Stephen Hurni to advertise the “Solicitation of Bids for Collection, Transportation, and Disposal of Residential/Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclables in Plainfield Township” via the PennBid program following a final review by the Township Manager and Township Solicitor.**

*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. Approval to Advertise 2021 Bituminous Asphalt Materials Bid:

**ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Glenn Borger to authorize the Township Manager to advertise the 2021 Bituminous Asphalt Materials Bid.**

*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.**

9. Approval to Advertise Tri-Axle Truck Delivery Bid:

**ACTION: Motion was made by Randy Heard and seconded by Stephen Hurni to authorize the Township Manager to advertise a Tri-Axle Truck Delivery Bid.**

*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.**

Jane Mellert inquired as to what roads would be resurfaced to require this bid. Tom Petrucci stated that Rasleytown Road (from Getz Road to Bender's Church Road), Batts Switch Road, and Getz Road. She noted that a road inspection should occur this year.

10. Approval to Advertise Milling Machine Bid:

**ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Stephen Hurni to authorize the Township Manager to advertise a Milling Machine Bid as a backup to utilizing COSTARS/Department of General Services pricing.**

*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 to Utilize COSTARS Pricing for Stone Materials:

**ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Randy Heard to authorize the utilization of COSTARS pricing for stone materials in 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.**

12. Bridge Inspection Reports (Traffic Planning and Design Services) – 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge over S.R. 33:

**ACTION: Motion was made by Randy Heard and seconded by Stephen Hurni to authorize the Township Engineer to prepare specifications in accordance with the recommendations for Priority Codes 2, 3, 4 and 5 as set forth in the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Inspection Report as prepared by Traffic Planning and Design Services;**

however, the recommendation to reset the expander rocker bearing nest would not be included in the bid. Where possible, the Road Department will conduct the work.

*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.**

13. Recreation Board Recommendation: Disinfecting Community Park Playground Equipment on Weekly Basis:

During the January 26, 2021 Recreation Board meeting, the Recreation Board members collectively recommended that the Township should disinfect the playground equipment located at Community Park on a regular basis each week. Tom Petrucci noted that the Township has a gas powered fogger and disinfectant to conduct the work, and he estimated that the cost to conduct this work would be approximately \$200.00 to \$300.00 per week. The Board of Supervisors was not inclined to follow this recommendation of the Recreation Board.

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

1. Planning and Zoning Report- January, 2021:
2. Road Department Report- January, 2021:
3. Fire Company and Ambulance Report- January, 2021:
4. Recreation Board Report- January, 2021

**ACTION: Motion was made by Randy Heard, and seconded by Glenn Borger to approve the January, 2021 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.**

**SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

1. Slate Belt Regional Police Department Monthly Report- January, 2021:

**ACTION: Motion was made by Randy Heard and seconded by Glenn Borger to approve the January, 2021 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:**

**Resident, Terry Kleintop-** Mr. Kleintop inquired under the Solicitor's Report as to whether the Township has an existing agreement with Verizon for telephone/internet services similar to the Cable Franchise Agreement that exists between the Township and RCN/Service Electric. It was identified that the Township does not have an existing agreement with Verizon, and any service issues he is experiencing would need to be addressed by Verizon. Alternatively, it was suggested that Mr. Kleintop should contact the Public Utility Commission (PUC) for any unresolved technical issues.

**Resident, Don Moore-** Mr. Moore inquired as to whether Glenn Borger or Joyce Lambert were inclined to state whether or not they are running for re-election in the upcoming municipal election. Mr. Borger and Ms. Lambert both politely declined to answer Mr. Moore's question.

**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-*** No report.
5. ***Stephen Hurni-*** Reported that the Slate Belt COG street sweeper will be delivered at the end of February and that Pen Argyl Borough has a facility where it can be stored. Additionally, he reported to the Board members that the Slate Belt Regional Police Commission has not yet received an update on the arbitration decision.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT- DAVID BACKENSTOE, ESQUIRE:**

1. ***Resolution No. 2021-10:*** Authorizing a Taking of Land for Purposes of Constructing a Township Culvert (Tax Map Parcel ID# G8-4-3-0626- 629 Getz Road):

In order to complete the Getz Road Culvert Replacement Project, the Township needs to obtain both a temporary construction (1,627 sf) and permanent drainage easement (800 sf) on the above-referenced property that is owned by Kraig and Dana Hahn. The

property is subject to a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania agricultural conservation easement. The Commonwealth will not allow another easement to encroach upon the agricultural easement even though the Township's easements will not interfere with the Commonwealth's easement. As a result, it is necessary to initiate eminent domain proceedings for the area of the temporary and drainage easements only. A formal Resolution, which was prepared by Solicitor Backenstoe, is required to initiate the eminent domain proceedings. It was noted that Mr. and Mrs. Hahn would have amicably provided the easements to the Township in the absence of this procedural requirement by the Commonwealth.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Randy Heard and seconded by Glenn Borger to adopt Resolution No. 2021-10 which authorizes the taking of land for purposes of constructing the Plainfield Township Getz Road Culvert.**

*Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.*

Stephen Hurni asked if the Township has inquired with Senator Mario Scavello whether he can rectify this situation. It was agreed upon by the Board of Supervisors that Tom Petrucci should contact Senator Scavello to ascertain if he is able to do anything to assist the Township. Both actions of the eminent domain proceedings and contacting Senator Scavello should occur.

**The motion was amended to include the action of the Township Manager contacting Senator Mario Scavello.**

Terry Kleintop inquired as to whether the Northampton County Farmland Preservation Department should set aside these types of properties within the curtilage so that local municipalities do not have to go through these types of issues in the future. Solicitor Backenstoe indicated that where the Township itself preserves properties, it would typically pick up on the area of the curtilage that would need to be set aside. However, in this specific instance the Commonwealth solely preserved the property, so it was never reviewed by Township officials.

Jane Mellert stated that the Farmland Preservation Program has been in place for over thirty (30) years, and she questioned why setting aside public areas is not part of the standard review process.

**Motion approved. Vote 5-0.**

### **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 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci  
Township Manager/Secretary  
Plainfield Township  
Board of Supervisors