

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building, which is located at 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064. The meeting public notice was duly advertised in the January 4, 2022 issue of the *Express-Times*.

Chairman, Glenn Borger, 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 Glenn Borger, Vice-Chairman Stephen Hurni, Supervisor Jane Mellert, and Supervisor Donald Moore. Supervisor Randy Heard attended via telephone conference.

Also present were Township Manager Thomas Petrucci, Township Engineer Jeff Ott, P.E., and B. Lincoln Treadwell, who was substituting for Solicitor David Backenstoe.

I. TOWNSHIP SECRETARY– THOMAS PETRUCCI:

1. Executive Session Announcement (Real Estate) – 12/15/2021 (9:58 PM to 10:17 PM):

Tom Petrucci reported that the Board of Supervisors held an executive session on December 15, 2021 from 9:58 PM to 10:17 PM to discuss the potential acquisition of real estate.

2. Executive Session Announcement (Personnel) – 1/3/2022 (5:41 PM to 6:12 PM):

Tom Petrucci reported that the Board of Supervisors held an executive session on January 3, 2022 from 5:41 PM to 6:12 PM to discuss personnel matters.

3. Swearing in of Special Fire Police for 2022 – Chairman, Glenn Borger:

Special Fire Police for 2022 - Alex Cortezzo, Richard Johnson, Joseph Hart, Adam Farace, Seth Yahraes, Michael Farace, Bob Rutt, Dale Schlegel, Donald Seiple, Matthew Waldmiller, Thomas Seiple.

Chairman Glenn Borger administered the Oath of Office to the above-listed Special Fire Police for 2022, in accordance with the requirements of Section 1902 and Section 1914 of the Second Class Township Code.

4. Approval of the December 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes (DRAFT):

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Donald Moore to table the December 15, 2021 regular meeting minutes until the January 27, 2022 second regular meeting.

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

5. Approval of the January 3, 2022 Reorganization Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Jane Mellert to approve the January 3, 2022 annual reorganization meeting minutes, with revisions.

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

6. Chandler Estates Minor Subdivision – Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision Plan (Expires February 17, 2022) – Recommend Extending Approval to February 28, 2023

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Donald Moore to approve an extension of time for the conditional approval of the Chandler Estates Minor Subdivision, which was originally approved by the Planning Commission on February 17, 2020 and expires on February 17, 2022, until February 28, 2023.

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

II. TREASURER – THOMAS PETRUCCI:

1. Approval of the December, 2021 General Fund Disbursements (\$164,912.04)

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Jane Mellert to approve the December, 2021 General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$164,912.04.

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

2. Approval of the December, 2021 Treasurer's Report:

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Jane Mellert to approve the December, 2021 Treasurer's Report.

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

3. Appointment of Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer – Effective January 11, 2022:

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Jane Mellert to appoint Selma Ritter as the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of Plainfield Township in accordance with a conditional employment offer letter dated January 5, 2022, with an effective hire date of January 11, 2022.

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

4. Approval of Assistant Treasurer's Bond - \$2,000,000.00:

ACTION: Motion was made by Don Moore and seconded by Stephen Hurni to set the amount of the Assistant Treasurer's Bond as \$2,000,000.00, which is consistent with the amount of the Treasurer bond.

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

III. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER – JEFF OTT, P.E.:

1. 5850 Kessler'sville Road Well Isolation Distance from Septic System Act 537 Waiver:

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Glenn Borger to grant a waiver of the one-hundred feet (100') well isolation distance waiver requirement of Pennsylvania Code, Title 25, DEP, Chapter 72, Section 72.33 for the above-referenced subject property as more fully described in the December 23, 2021 letter issued by the Plainfield Township Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO), who is Daniel Mantz (SEO # 03919). The approval of the waiver is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meet any and all requirements of the SEO and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection statutory requirements as set forth in the December 23, 2021 letter of the Sewage Enforcement Officer.

2. Execute an Indemnification Agreement which shall be recorded at the Northampton County Recorder of Deeds and shall be in a form that is acceptable to the Plainfield Township Solicitor. The Indemnification Agreement shall confirm that Plainfield Township, the Plainfield Township SEO, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection will incur no liability as a result of granting this exemption and confirms that the Applicant is required to maintain the sewage disposal system

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

2. Plainfield Township Municipal Complex Land Development: Stormwater Review (Act 167- LVPC):

Jeff Ott informed the members of the governing body that the stormwater Act 167-required study and submission to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) for the 1999 parking lot expansion at the Municipal Building apparently never occurred at that time. The Act 167-required review of the additional impervious coverage of the Municipal Park parking lot was apparently never completed by the Township. When the Township submitted the Municipal Complex Land Development to the LVPC in 2021, it was returned back because of the lack of this required information. It is noted that the LVPC also does not possess the information in their archives). As a result, the Township must now complete an analysis to ascertain whether the existing detention basin can conform to today's Act 167 standards for the existing facilities at the Municipal Complex.

Jeff Ott stressed that there may be additional work that is necessary to be completed depending on the results of the study.

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Donald Moore to authorize the Township Engineer to proceed with the scope of work as outlined in the proposal dated December 12, 2021 in order to perform an analysis to ascertain whether the existing detention basin can conform to today's Act 167 standards for the existing facilities at the Municipal Complex (estimated budget range of \$7,400.00 to \$12,000.00).

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

Jeff Ott left the meeting following his report to the Board of Supervisors.

IV. TOWNSHIP MANAGER – THOMAS PETRUCCI:

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

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) had provided a draft *Goals, Policies and Actions* document to the Plan Slate Belt Steering Committee on January 5, 2022. This was then forwarded to the Board of Supervisors, who determined during this meeting that comments concerning the draft *Goals, Policies and Actions* document shall be submitted to the Township on or before January 25, 2022, which is one (1) day prior to the January 26, 2022 deadline to submit comments to the LVPC. The Board had discussed other options, including forwarding the document to the Planning Commission or delegating the task to the Steering Committee.

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Donald Moore to memorialize the intent of the Board of Supervisors for the Township Manager to collect all written comments from the Board of Supervisors and the Plan Slate Belt Steering Committee concerning the draft *Goals, Policies and Actions* document prepared by the LVPC on or before January 25, 2022.

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

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

Mary Beth Peters of Entech Engineering, who is the Township's Official Plan consultant for the Act 537 Official Plan Update project, had responded to various questions that were asked by the Planning Commission sub-committee assigned to the project. Following discussion, the Board of Supervisors deemed it necessary for the sub-committee to hold another meeting to review the additional information that was provided by Ms. Peters, who is recommending that the Township should proceed with adopting the Official Plan as it is currently written. Any necessary future connections or extensions to the S.R. 512 corridor could be accomplished by way of a future Sewage Planning Module, which would need to be approved by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Donald Moore to delegate the review of the additional information submitted by Mary Beth

Peters of Entech Engineering to the review of the sub-committee previously established by the Board of Supervisors. The sub-committee members include Tom Petrucci, Mary Beth Peters, Terry Kleintop, Jane Mellert, and Robin Dingle.

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

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

No report was provided.

4. Consumer Fireworks Ordinance- Discussion:

The Board of Supervisors engaged in a discussion concerning the regulation of consumer fireworks in the Township. A summary of the discussion is provided as follows:

- Donald Moore recited the below recap of the results of the Plainfield Township Consumer Fireworks Survey and stated that one-hundred sixty-one (161) different Township residents responded with no IP duplicate addresses.
 - 68.8% of respondents do not set them off and do not visit friends who do;
 - 55.0% of respondents do not feel personal use of fireworks by them is important;
 - 19% of respondents feel personal use is extremely important or very important;
 - 19.9% of respondents feel current restrictions are fairly lenient, 8.9% too lenient, 44% extremely lenient, totaling 72.8% who believe days and/or times should be regulated;
 - 68.1% would be in favor of greater restrictions on fireworks use;
 - 70.7 would not be opposed to greater restrictions on fireworks use;
 - 38.4% said their lives are negatively impacted on a regular basis by fireworks use;
 - 20.4% said their lives are positively impacted on a regular basis by fireworks use;
- A previous draft ordinance of the Township had identified five (5) days in which consumer fireworks could be discharged in the Township, with a time cutoff of 10:00 PM on these days, with the exception of New Year's Eve, which would have a cutoff of 12:30 AM. Fireworks would not be able to discharged before 6:00 PM on any of the specified authorized dates, which are

identified as New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day (July 4th), and Labor Day.

- Donald Moore reported that Senator Scavello has circulated a co-sponsorship memorandum that would increase the one-hundred fifty feet (150') setback from residential properties to five-hundred feet (500'). There is a widespread sentiment in the state legislature that municipalities should have the right to enact regulations concerning the use of consumer fireworks.
- Donald Moore is looking for a reasonable compromise in order to protect the residents that had responded to the Plainfield Township Consumer Fireworks Survey. He expressed the sentiment that it is customary to set off fireworks on the traditional major holidays such as Independence Day and New Year's Eve, but beyond that you are going to have to make excuses as to justify the additional dates.
- Jane Mellert expressed support for Senator Scavello's co-sponsorship memorandum, but she opined that the adoption of the legislation is a long way off. The Township is currently on the right track with its own draft ordinance and should proceed with adopting the version that was originally sent to the Planning Commission.
- Donald Moore reported that he recently had a conversation with a state official, and this official had indicated that Senator Scavello's legislation is too strict and will never pass at the state level. There are other communities, including Pocono Township, with similar restrictions in place to what the Township is currently considering for adoption.
- B. Lincoln Treadwell stated that he serves as the Solicitor to Lower Saucon Township, which has regulations in place to restrict the use of consumer fireworks from 10:00 PM to 9:00 AM. Lower Saucon Township restricts consumer fireworks on Township property and restates all of the other relevant state regulations.
- Donald Moore requested that language should be added to the current ordinance preamble which expresses the sentiment that complaints about consumer fireworks have been received from Commonwealth residents, including impacted seniors, veterans, parents with small children, and people caring for pets and livestock.
- B. Lincoln Treadwell offered the opinion that the ultimate enforcement of any ordinance that is adopted is key. The police department should be consulted to ascertain how the ordinance will ultimately be enforced.

- Adrienne Fors questioned whether the noise ordinance could be used to enforce the discharge of fireworks, and it was stated that the ordinance would be difficult to enforce because of the “intermittent” language. Upon further review, it was noted that Adrienne was referencing Chapter 16, which is a regulation in effect for parks and recreation facilities.
- B. Lincoln Treadwell recommended that the Township should focus on what a judge might say about this ordinance, and he postulated that a judge might ask Township officials to defend the reasons why the particular set of regulations were implemented and then he/she would need to determine if those reasons are adequate. For example, the survey stated that 38% of the residents felt that the use of consumer fireworks is affecting their quality of life; B. Lincoln Treadwell indicated that 38% of the respondents really only works out to about 2% of the Township. Donald Moore stated that he felt 38% of the survey respondents stating this opinion is sufficient justification to adopt the ordinance.
- Donald Moore stated that his own personal life was negatively impacted by consumer fireworks to the point that was at one time considering moving out of the Township and the Commonwealth.
- Adrienne Fors remarked that there were only one-hundred sixty-one (161) Township residents who responded to the survey, and that there are 6,263 residents. The survey may not be representative of the entire Township. Donald Moore stated that the number of households (~2,200) should be used.
- Tom Petrucci observed that the overall issue has been narrowed down to the hours of restriction versus the permissible number of days. The Board members appear to be on the same page with the hours restriction, but direction and further clarification is needed with respect to the number of days that will be permitted within the ordinance. Stephen Hurni also questioned the amount of the penalty for those individuals who violate the ordinance, and Tom Petrucci stated that the final amount will ultimately be determined by the magistrate as a summary offense (up to \$1,000.00 per violation). B. Lincoln Treadwell stated that the magistrate may not be inclined to impose a fine based on two (2) such cases that he had observed in Lower Saucon Township.
- Donald Moore stated that the crux of the issue, in his opinion, is that residents do not know when consumer fireworks are going to be discharged, and you cannot plan accordingly for the events. If the ordinance is limited to only a set number of days, people can plan accordingly.

- Stephen Hurni questioned whether a portion of the sales tax revenue of fireworks is provided to municipalities to assist with enforcement actions, and Tom Petrucci responded that the current adopted legislation does not provide for financial assistance to municipalities. The new legislation co-sponsored by Senator Scavello provides for this funding to municipalities.
- Donald Moore commented that Tom Petrucci had drafted an ordinance in which residents could discharge fireworks three (3) days before and three (3) days after Federal holidays, but he was not in favor of this draft ordinance, because it appears that the Township is trying to justify the number of days.
- Resident Paul Rinaldi Jr. offered the opinion that it will be difficult for the Township to defend why Township residents are only allowed to discharge fireworks on a handful of days, and that the opinion of other residents may differ from the opinion of Supervisor Moore's. He offered the opinion that the Township should implement a policy whereby residents could discharge fireworks beyond the limitation of four (4) or five (5) days. Paul Rinaldi Jr. opined that Donald Moore simply does not like fireworks, and that is why he wants to restrict the fireworks. Jane Mellert stated that the Board of Supervisors had already proposed to implement fireworks regulations prior to the arrival of Donald Moore as a Supervisor, but this is the first meeting where Mr. Moore had the opportunity to address it as a Board member. She stated that when the draft ordinance was forwarded to the Planning Commission for review and comment, the Planning Commission members were split on the issue- with one (1) member stating that the Township should only utilize the Commonwealth regulations (and not exceed the Commonwealth statutes that are currently in place).
- Paul Rinaldi Jr. stated that discharging fireworks off at 1:00 AM is not a good situation, but limiting the allowable discharge of fireworks to only a handful of days could open the Township up to a legal challenge.
- Jane Mellert offered the opinion that people are discharging consumer fireworks so often that it is no longer special anymore. She noted that veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder are negatively impacted by the discharging of consumer fireworks. Donald Moore stated that pets and livestock are also negatively impacted.
- Glenn Borger directed the Board members to consider the following three (3) options:
 - Continue the discussion.
 - Make a motion.

➤ Discontinue the discussion.

ACTION: Motion was made by Donald Moore to move forward with the draft ordinance that was previously forwarded to the Planning Commission, with the addition of the preamble language as previously discussed during the meeting. Mr. Moore then withdrew his motion after Jane Mellert had requested additional time to look at the number of days.

Tom Petrucci will place the matter on the February 9th agenda and send out the previous draft ordinance with revised preamble language for the review and consideration of the Board of Supervisors during the February 9th meeting.

5. Consideration of Approval of Ordinance Advertisement: SALDO Amendment-Digital Sets of Plans Requirement and Paving Specifications:

Tom Petrucci stated that this draft ordinance would require digital sets of plans to be submitted for all Sketch Plans and all Subdivision/Land Development Plans, in addition to all required paper copies. It also amends the current paving specifications to require eight (8) inches 2A modified stone (subbase), four (4) inches bituminous concrete base course and one and one-half (1- ½) inches wearing course for local and collector streets. Five (5) inches bituminous concrete base course shall be used for arterial streets.

Tom Petrucci stated that the overall goal of the Township once this ordinance is adopted and in effect would be to install a digital monitor for the review of land development/subdivision plans during Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors meetings to improve the efficiency and transparency of meetings.

The digital plans requirement will also cut down on the number of monthly packets that are sent out to the Planning Commission members and Township professional consultants. The Township is still required to retain at least one (1) set of all paper plans that are filed with the Municipal Office.

The revised paving specifications would be in effect for all new subdivisions/land developments.

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Jane Mellert to authorize the advertisement of the draft Ordinance requiring digital sets of plans to be submitted for all Sketch Plans and all Subdivision/Land Development Plans, in addition to all required paper copies, and to amend the current paving specifications to require eight (8) inches 2A modified stone (subbase), four (4) inches bituminous concrete base course and one and one-half (1- ½) inches wearing course for local and collector streets. Five (5) inches bituminous concrete base course shall be used for arterial streets. The

advertisement of the Ordinance shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Second Class Township Code and the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC).

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Jane Mellert questioned whether the caption could be condensed, and Tom Petrucci responded that it could not be changed due to legal advertisement requirements.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

6. Earthquake Coverage Price Quotation:

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Donald Moore to authorize the Township Manager to complete the addition of earthquake coverage to the Township's commercial property insurance policy at an annual premium cost of five-hundred sixteen dollars (\$516.00).

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

7. Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) Establishing Ordinance Review (Article 3-Commission, Boards and Organizations- D- Environmental Advisory Council- §1-331 to §1-338):

During the January 3, 2022 annual organization meeting of the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors, the governing body postponed official action on appointing and/or reappointing any members to the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). There are currently four (4) appointments to be made to the EAC, including three (3) terms that expired on January 1, 2022 and one (1) term that was already vacant for all of 2021; the latter vacant term runs through the end of this year (January 1, 2023). The Board of Supervisors is also exploring the option of lowering the number of members of the EAC from seven (7) to five (5).

Following discussion, the Board of Supervisors did not take official action but resolved to allow Jane Mellert, Donald Moore, Terry Kleintop and Tom Petrucci to schedule a meeting to discuss the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) establishing ordinance and report back its findings to the Board of Supervisors as a whole. The Board will hold a discussion concerning the EAC during the Thursday, January 27, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting, so the meeting with Jane Mellert, Donald Moore, Terry Kleintop, Jane Mellert and Tom Petrucci will have to occur prior to the January 27, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting.

BOARD AND FIRE COMPANY AND AMBULANCE REPORTS:

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Glenn Borger to approve the December, 2021 Reports as listed and presented, with the exception of the Road Department report.

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Glenn Borger to approve the December, 2021 Slate Belt Regional Police Department Monthly Report as listed and presented.

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

CITIZEN'S AGENDA/NON-AGENDA:

Joyce Lambert, Resident – Joyce Lambert requested that the Township should research options to utilize the accumulated Refuse Fund balance (~\$173,000.00) and discuss purchasing new recycling containers. Her container has been damaged on several occasions.

Jane Mellert questioned whether the Township could explore lowering the cost of the garbage/recycling collection service for senior residents or residents with limited income sources. Tom Petrucci was directed to research options for the use of the Refuse Fund and report back to the Board of Supervisors at a future meeting.

Adrienne Fors stated that it was her understanding that a portion of the Host Community Agreement funds for Waste Management were intended to be used to offset the cost of the garbage/recycling collection service. Jane Mellert responded that she did not believe that was the case.

Adrienne Fors, Waste Management – Adrienne Fors reported that Waste Management will be sending out an e-newsletter in the near future. The Board will receive the e-newsletter via the Board member’s Township emails. The newsletter will include recycling education information (ex. what materials are able to be recycled and what are not). She confirmed that the landfill has about six (6) years left of life remaining at the facility. Donald Moore stated that he would like to see an option for the possibility of closure- noting that there are not many options to expand the facility (the landfill cannot expand vertically and there are restrictions on other properties currently owned by Waste Management).

Jane Mellert noted that there will be additional economic development occurring in the Township prior to the closure of the landfill.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

1. **Stephen Hurni, Vice-Chairman-** Stephen Hurni questioned whether the Township needs to keep the Elected Auditor positions. Tom Petrucci responded that the Township utilizes a Certified Professional Accountant (CPA) firm to conduct its annual financial audit, and that the responsibilities and duties of the Elected Auditors are abdicated and then transferred to the appointed CPA firm, as permitted by the Second Class Township Code. It was clarified that the Second Class Township Code would need to be changed to abolish the Elected Auditor positions, so any change to the regulations would need to be facilitated by the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) and the state legislature. Jane Mellert stated that PSATS has already discussed this matter in accordance with the approved resolutions.
2. **Jane Mellert-** Jane Mellert questioned the status of the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority (NBMA) meeting that was supposed to take place. Tom Petrucci stated that there is no update to report at this time. There is no new information that would necessitate a public meeting yet, and the Township is waiting until there is enough information to schedule the meeting. It is the understanding of the Township that Material Matters is preparing an operations/work plan (in addition to the required agricultural conservation plan) for the property that will then be reviewed with the Board of Supervisors and any impacted/concerned residents. The operations work plan will detail how the application of biosolids will be handled and the nuisance concerns (ex. odors) mitigated. Jane Mellert reported that a number of residents requested that the NBMA consider selling the property to them at the last NBMA meeting. Tom Petrucci stated that he has reviewed the matter with Jason Smith, who is the Wetlands Scientist for the Township, and additional information from Mr. Smith is forthcoming.

Jane Mellert reported that the Slate Belt Regional Police Commission (SBRPC) held its first meeting of the year, and that Wind Gap will need to take official action to appoint its primary and alternate representatives to the SBRPC. Pen Argyl Borough has a number of questions about the K9 program. Pen Argyl will review the additional information received during the SBRPC January 4th meeting with its Borough Council and determine

if the governing body wants to proceed with the program. Jane Mellert thanked the Board of Supervisors for appointing her as the primary representative of Plainfield Township to the SBRPC.

Stephen Hurni reported that oral exams for the hiring of police officers took place earlier that day. The Slate Belt Regional Police Department will be hiring a full-time officer as well as part-time officers.

3. **Donald Moore-** Donald Moore remarked that it is not typical for the Board of Supervisors to conduct polls for all matters that require a public vote. He noted that the governing body is always in a tough spot to make decisions that will impact the Township as a whole when the populace is not well represented at meetings. With respect to the Consumer Fireworks survey, he had previously questioned whether there were duplicate IP addresses, and Tom Petrucci had noted that he did not believe that to be the case.
4. **Randy Heard-** No report.
5. **Glenn Borger Chairman-** No report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- DAVID BACKENSTOE, ESQUIRE (B. LINCOLN TREADWELL – SUBSTITUTE):

1. Approval of Assignment and Assumption Agreement (Tax Map Parcel ID Numbers F7-17-16-0406, F7-17-16-0626 and F7-17-16A-0406)- Jacobsburg Spec Building (Former Kitchen Magic) Preliminary/Final Land Development:

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Donald Moore to approve the Assignment and Assumption Agreement for the property located at Tax Map Parcel ID Numbers F7-17-16-0406, F7-17-16-0626 and F7-17-16A-0406. It was clarified that the new owner must provide a Letter of Credit that is acceptable to the Township Solicitor before the assignment and assumption of the Improvements Agreement for the Jacobsburg Spec Building (former Kitchen Magic Land Development) become effectuated.

Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

Tom Petrucci reported that the new developer will likely be repealing the current land development project and replacing it with a new land development in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, a motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Donald Moore to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci
Township Manager/Secretary
Plainfield Township
Board of Supervisors