

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MARCH 9, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 9, 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* newspaper.

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 was excused from attending the meeting. Stephen Hurni participated in the meeting via teleconference, as permitted by the Second Class Township Code.

Also present were Township Manager Thomas Petrucci, Township Engineer Jeff Ott, P.E., and Solicitor David Backenstoe.

I. TOWNSHIP SECRETARY– THOMAS PETRUCCI:

1. Executive Session Announcement (Potential Real Estate Acquisition) – March 9, 2022 (6:00 PM to 7:00 PM):

Tom Petrucci reported that the Board of Supervisors held an executive session on March 9, 2022 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM to discuss matters pertaining to the potential acquisition of real estate.

2. Official Action Following Executive Session:

ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Donald Moore to authorize Township Manager Petrucci to order an appraisal for a potential real estate acquisition property identified as #2022-01.

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

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

3. Approval of the February 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes (DRAFT):

ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Donald Moore to approve the February 9, 2022 regular meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

4. Approval of the February 17, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes (DRAFT):

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Donald Moore to approve the February 17, 2022 special meeting minutes.

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

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

5. Forks Township Act 209 Study – Land Uses Assumption Report – Comments Due March 14, 2022:

ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Glenn Borger to direct and authorize Township Manager Petrucci to submit the following comments to Forks Township for their Act 209 Study Land Uses Assumption Report.

- *The Transportation Service Area (TSA) of 5.2 square miles shown on page 4 appears generally consistent with the commercial land uses set forth in the Forks Township Zoning Ordinance that are situated along the Uhler Road, Kesslersville Road, and Sullivan Trail corridor.*
- *The TSA primarily excludes the northern areas that directly adjoin the Plainfield Township northern border, with the exception of a very small piece of land along the Stockertown Borough border. This is generally consistent with the land use plan of Plainfield Township in that area, which is primarily included within the rural Farm and Forest Zoning District.*
- *While Forks Township experienced an increase of population change between 2010-2019 of 5.1%, the projected growth from 2020 to 2040 is 28.8%, as per the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) Population Projections. The projected population growth for Forks Township is aggressive, in the opinion of Plainfield Township officials, and it is questionable whether that number will actually be*

realized. The population growth percentage is theoretically possible based on the current land uses/zoning maps, the results of the residential build-out analysis described on pages 12-15, and the sewer franchise area and public water maps shown on pages 23 and 24. The population projections do not account for evolving external factors, such as the increased costs of materials (especially for the construction of new dwelling units), changing social trends (for example, the population growth rate of the United States has been trending downward over the last few years and was at an all-time low in 2020), and the fluctuating national and global economies.

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

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

II. TREASURER – THOMAS PETRUCCI:

1. Approval of the February, 2022 General Fund Disbursements (\$249,307.29)

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Jane Mellert to approve the February, 2022 General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$249,307.29.

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

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

2. Approval of the February, 2022 Treasurer’s Report:

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Jane Mellert to approve the February, 2022 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 4-0.

3. Addendum to Fidelity Bank Accounts – Signatures Required: Removal/Addition of Signatories:

Township Manager Petrucci notified the Board of Supervisors that the addenda required for the Township’s Fidelity Bank accounts are ready for signatures. The addenda removes signatories that are no longer affiliated with the Township and adds the appropriate new signatories.

4. Approval of the Non-Uniform Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Defined Contribution Pension Plan Statements – 4th Quarter 2021 and January 1 to December 30, 2021:

ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Stephen Hurni to approve the Non-Uniform Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Non-Uniform Defined Contribution Pension Plan Statements for the 4th Quarter 2021 and January 1 to December 30, 2021 as prepared by Girard Pension Plan Services.

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

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

5. Review/Confirmation of Receipt: Audited Financial Statements for 2020 – Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company:

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Glenn Borger to confirm the receipt of the 2020 Audited Financial Statements for the Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company.

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

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

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

1. Letter of Credit Reduction Request #1: 550 Male Road Warehouse Land Development:

ACTION: Motion was made by Donald Moore and seconded by Stephen Hurni to approve the Letter of Credit reduction request for the 550 Male Road Warehouse Land Development in the amount of \$3,449,044.57 from the current amount held of \$4,051,485.16, thereby resulting in a new balance of \$602,440.59, in accordance with the letter of the Township Engineer dated March 3, 2022.

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

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

2. Engler Road Conceptual Design/Cost Estimate – Confirmation of Next Step (Meeting with Property Owners):

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Jane Mellert to authorize the Township Engineer and Township Manager to meet directly with

impacted property owners along Engler Road to review high level concept plans and receive input from said property owners to address and correct the stormwater issues. This input is necessary for the Township Engineer to gain the necessary insight into what is transpiring at the location.

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

Supervisor Moore identified that he had experienced a similar situation with the stretch of roadway (Berhel Road) located in front of his property, and he noted that he was not inclined to move forward with suggestions proffered by the Northampton County Conservation District and engineers. He noted that there are instances when property owners may not want to proceed with certain solutions.

Resident, Chuck Piazza, asked how the meetings will be scheduled. Township Engineer Ott and Township Manager Petrucci confirmed that the meetings will be scheduled one-on-one with property owners.

A list was circulated to obtain the addresses/phone numbers of the residents that live along Engler Road to assist Township Engineer Ott and Township Manager Petrucci with scheduling the meetings.

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

3. Planning Commission/Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) Application Submission Deadline:

Supervisor Moore brought up the above-referenced agenda item that was listed under his Supervisors Report section while Township Engineer Ott was still in attendance. Supervisor Moore questioned Township Engineer Ott whether it would be prudent to increase the Planning Commission application submission deadline from twenty-one (21) days to twenty-eight (28) days. Supervisor Moore questioned if the Board were to lengthen the application submission deadline, would the Township receive the letters at an earlier date or would it simply lengthen the review timeframe for professional consultants. Supervisor Ott stated that an internal policy would be implemented to ensure that the professional consultants would submit their review letters at an earlier date.

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

V. TOWNSHIP MANAGER – THOMAS PETRUCCI:

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

The next Plan Slate Belt meeting will take place at the Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company Banquet Social Hall on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 (7:00 PM).

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

No report was provided.

3. Emergency Medical Services Update/Discussion (Suburban EMS and Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company):

Jeff Young, who is the Executive Director of Suburban EMS, Don Dereamus, and who is the Governmental Relations Manager of Suburban EMS, and Tim Werkheiser, who is the Operations Manager of Suburban EMS, were in attendance to provide an update to the Board of Supervisors concerning the current status of the Suburban EMS organization providing emergency medical services to the Township. Also in attendance was Alex Cortezzo, who is the Fire Chief of the Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company.

Jeff Young stated that the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the organization negatively both economically and from a personnel standpoint. The staff levels are not sufficient enough to cover both ambulance and transport services; this is an industry-wide issue.

Back in 2019, Suburban EMS had promised Plainfield Township that the organization would provide an ambulance stationed at the Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company Station. Suburban EMS has not been able to fulfill that promise, and Jeff Young apologized to the Board of Supervisors for not advising them of this fact sooner. Despite the lack of the ambulance at the Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company Station, Plainfield Township is still receiving sufficient coverage of the area for emergency medical services, as per Jeff Young.

Don Dereamus provided a general overview of the emergency medical services industry. He indicated that costs have increased seventy percent (70%) since 2002. Reimbursement during the same time period has only increased by twenty-seven percent (27%). COVID-19 exacerbated the problem. Suburban EMS has simultaneously experienced a significant decline in revenue and a loss of personnel at a rate of twenty to thirty percent (20%- 30%). Suburban EMS is addressing this issue with increased training classes; tentatively, they hope to increase staffing by the June/July, 2022 timeframe.

Tim Werkheiser reported that there are eighty (80) to one-hundred (100) emergency medical services calls occurring in Plainfield Township each month. Suburban EMS responds to about ninety-five percent (95%) of calls; five percent (5%) of calls are handled by mutual aid (Wind Gap and Nazareth).

Alex Cortezzo stated that the Fire Company is not receiving rent for the staging of the transport service vehicle at the Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company station. From a space perspective, the Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company cannot continue to provide the space, in his opinion. Following a discussion, it was agreed by the Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company, Suburban EMS, and the Board of Supervisors that this specific issue would be addressed directly by representatives of the Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company and Suburban EMS.

4. Notification of Receipt of Zoning Hearing Board Applications:

Following discussion and consideration of options, the Board of Supervisors resolved to authorize Supervisors Moore and Hurni, as well as Township Manager Petrucci, to interview the two (2) candidates that submitted applications for consideration to be appointed to the one (1) vacant Zoning Hearing Board position.

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Jane Mellert to form a committee of the Board of Supervisors consisting of Donald Moore and Stephen Hurni to interview the two (2) candidates that submitted applications for consideration to be appointed to the one (1) vacant Zoning Hearing Board position.

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

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

5. Consideration of Adoption: Ordinance No. 410 – Consumer Fireworks Regulations:

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Stephen Hurni to adopt Ordinance No. 410 (Consumer Fireworks Regulations), which is summarized as follows:

1). Ordinance No 410 incorporates the provisions of Act 43 of 2017 (referred to as the “Pennsylvania Fireworks Law”- codified within the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes at Section 43- Act of Oct. 30, 2017, P.L. 672, No. 43 Cl. 72 – Tax Reform Code of 1971, 72 P.S. § 7101 et seq.).

2). Ordinance No. 410 imposes new restrictions and regulations on using, firing off, igniting or dispensing any consumer fireworks and display fireworks within the municipal limits of Plainfield Township.

3). Ordinance No 410 limits the use of consumer fireworks to New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day (July 4th), and Labor Day. The use of display fireworks requires the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

4). The use of consumer fireworks within Plainfield Township is restricted to the following time periods: Between the hours of 6:00 PM EST to 10:00 PM EST, with the exception of New Year's Eve, which has an extended time period restriction of 6:00 PM EST to 12:30 AM EST.

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

Resident, Carlton Michaels, questioned whether there is a big problem in the Township with respect to consumer fireworks. He expressed the sentiment that the regulations are too restrictive.

Resident, Nolan Kemmerer, also expressed the sentiment that the regulations are too restrictive, and he stated that there should be more days permitted.

Supervisor Moore stated that there have been numerous concerns raised by residents, including noise/quality of life concerns, as well negative impacts to pets and people suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. The Township conducted a survey relating to the use of consumer fireworks, and the survey showed that there is a range of people being impacted by the use of consumer fireworks. He also noted that the survey showed that there are those individuals that are not impacted, as he anticipated. He also reported that the ordinance is consistent with the above-referenced memorandum that was authored by Senator Mario Scavello. Senator Scavello's office has received reports of negative impacts due to fireworks activity from residents, veterans, parents with small children, municipal officials and people with pets.

Resident, Carlton Michaels, stated that Plainfield Township should not be regulated to the point of other municipalities (such as Forks Township). He also noted that some people like to discharge fireworks when family members who are members of the Armed Forces return home from assignments abroad. This ordinance does not provide for the allowance of such actions. He opined that there are already too many restrictions in the Township, and that the passage of this regulation will continue to further erode the rights of residents.

Supervisor Mellert identified the fact that there have been instances where police intervention has been required due to the repeated use of consumer fireworks in the Township. She cited a specific example of an incident where a resident stated that he “could not take it anymore”- specifically referring to the discharging of fireworks.

Resident, Millie Beahn, stated that there are residents that are disturbing the peace in the late evening hours when they discharge fireworks.

Resident, Nolan Kemmerer, stated that restricting the use of consumer fireworks to five (5) days is too limiting.

Resident, Terry Kleintop, questioned if the memorandum concerning an amendment to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Consumer Fireworks Law that was circulated by Senator Mario Scavello will move forward. Supervisor Moore opined that it is unlikely to ever move forward due to concerns with the setback requirements.

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

6. Consideration of Adoption: Ordinance No. 411 – Amendment to the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) Establishing Ordinance – (Article 3- Commission, Boards and Organizations- D- Environmental Advisory Council- §1-331 to §1-338):

Township Manager Petrucci reported that Ordinance No. 411 was advertised, as per the previous direction of the Board of Supervisors, and it is ready for adoption, if the Board is so inclined to adopt the ordinance.

Supervisor Moore identified that the current ordinance provides for, among other things, lowering the number of EAC members from seven (7) to five (5) members. Supervisor Moore stated that there is sufficient level of interest in the EAC to keep the number of members at seven (7). He does not want to leave off a good candidate.

ACTION: Motion was made by Donald Moore to table Ordinance No. 411 for adoption.

Supervisor Mellert stated that there are other items included within the Ordinance that need to be addressed. Supervisor Moore stated that the other changes still should be made, but not at the expense of lowering the number of members. Supervisor Mellert stated that a five (5) member EAC is adequate, because every other commission or committee in the Township is comprised of five (5) members.

Resident, Terry Kleintop, inquired why the Board of Supervisors are lowering the number of EAC members from seven (7) to five (5). Supervisor Mellert stated that there were times when a majority of the EAC was comprised of members of the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. There were time constraints with

members of the Planning Commission serving on the EAC. The Township is at a point where the majority of the members of the EAC are not on the Planning Commission, so the Township is considering to proceed in a different direction. Supervisor Mellert stated that the Township Manager also attends the meetings and provides input and administrative assistance. All of these combined factors should allow the Township to lower the number of members from seven (7) to five (5) members.

Resident, Terry Kleintop, stated that the EAC is responsible to formulate its own agendas for meetings, and this differs from other agencies of the Township. Supervisor Mellert countered that the agenda of the EAC is based upon the directives that the Board of Supervisors assign to the EAC. Supervisor Mellert stated that the EAC is currently experiencing a period of transition after several long-time members recently left the EAC.

Supervisor Moore expressed the opinion that lowering the number of members from seven (7) to five (5) members is restricting the ability of the EAC to return to the level that it was operating at in the past.

Supervisor Moore questioned if the ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors during this meeting, how soon could the governing body subsequently amend the ordinance. Township Manager Petrucci replied that the ordinance could be amended the very next month, if the Board approved official action to advertise and draft an ordinance amendment. Solicitor Backenstoe concurred with that assessment.

Supervisor Borger then seconded Supervisor Moore's motion to table Ordinance No. 411 for adoption.

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

Motion failed. Vote 2-2, with Donald Moore and Glenn Borger voting "yes" and Stephen Hurni and Jane Mellert voting "no".

ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert to appoint Stan Shelosky to a three (3) year term as a member of the Environmental Advisory Council. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Stephen Hurni to adopt Ordinance No. 411, as advertised and presented.

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

Motion failed. Vote 2-2, with Stephen Hurni and Jane Mellert voting “yes” and Donald Moore and Glenn Borger voting “no”.

7. Consideration of Appointment(s) to Environmental Advisory Council:

ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Stephen Hurni to appoint Stan Shelosky to a three (3) year term as a member of the Environmental Advisory Council.

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

Supervisor Moore suggested that the motion be amended to appoint all three (3) candidates that are being considered. Supervisor Mellert politely declined to acquiesce to this request.

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

ACTION: Motion was made by Donald Moore and seconded by Glenn Borger to appoint Megan Uliana and Joseph Colosi to three (3) year terms as members of the Environmental Advisory Council.

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

Motion failed. Vote 2-2, with Donald Moore and Glenn Borger voting “yes” and Stephen Hurni and Jane Mellert voting “no”.

ACTION: Motion was made by Donald Moore and seconded by Glenn Borger to appoint Joseph Colosi to a three (3) year term as a member of the Environmental Advisory Council.

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

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

ACTION: Motion was made by Donald Moore and seconded by Glenn Borger to table Ordinance No. 411 for future discussion.

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

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

8. Approval of Advertisement: 2022 Bituminous Materials Bid:

ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Stephen Hurni to authorize Township Manager Petrucci to prepare and advertise the 2022 Bituminous Asphalt Materials bid.

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

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

9. Approval/Authorization: Bituminous Materials/Stone – Use of COSTARS Vendors as Alternatives:

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Stephen Hurni to authorize Township Manager Petrucci to utilize COSTARS vendors for the procurement of both bituminous asphalt (as an alternative option to the primary bid) and stone materials, as needed.

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

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

10. Approval of COSTARS Purchase Orders: 2023 Mack GR42BR Axle Back Granite Cab & Chassis x 2= \$270,558.00/E.M. Kutz Body, Plow and Spreader Upfit #1- \$91,663.00; /E.M. Kutz Body, Plow and Spreader Upfit #2- \$93,053.00- Total for Purchase Order/2023 Expenditures - \$455,274.00:

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Glenn Borger to approve the below identified COSTARS purchase orders:

E.M. Kutz, Inc. Budget Proposal #1 dated March 2, 2022 - \$91,663.00, as per COSTARS #025-053

E.M. Kutz, Inc. Budget Proposal # 2 dated March 2, 2022 - \$93,053.00, as per COSTARS #025-053

E.M. Kutz Purchase Order Total- \$184,716.00

Allentown Mack Sales & Service, Inc d/b/a TransEdge Truck Center Proposal: Two (2) 2023 Mack GR42BR Axle Back Granite Cab & Chassis Municipal Work Vehicles is a total of \$270,558.00 (\$135,279.00 each), as per COSTARS No. 025-033

**Allentown Mack Sales & Service, Inc d/b/a TransEdge Truck Center Purchase
Order Total- \$270,558.00**

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

Resident, Nolan Kemmerer, inquired as to why the second upfit proposal for E.M. Kutz, Inc. was higher than the first proposal. Township Manager Petrucci explained that the second proposal included a slightly different plow specification (one has a cutout for mailboxes and one does not have that option configured).

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

11. 2021 GrowNORCO Grant- Addition of Two-Bay Multi-Purpose Garage – Plainfield Township Municipal Complex –Clarification (COSTARS Bid vs. Competitive Bid):

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Jane Mellert to authorize Township Manager Petrucci to advertise the Invitation to Bid/Notice to Bidders for the Plainfield Township/Slate Belt Regional Police Department Two-Bay Multi-Purpose Garage to be located at the Plainfield Township Municipal Complex. The Grow NORCO grant completion deadline is December 31, 2022.

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

Resident, Terry Kleintop, inquired if the building is needed for the accreditation of the Slate Belt Regional Police Department; Township Manager Petrucci responded in the affirmative.

Resident, Nolan Kemmerer, asked if the previous COSTARS price quotation discussed at the end of last year for the two-bay multi-purpose garage was still in effect and valid; Township Manager Petrucci replied that the pricing has certainly increased. The intent of the competitive bid to be advertised and placed on PennBid is to attempt to solicit more competitive pricing through several vendors. The Township can always utilize COSTARS if the competitive bid option does not work out in the favor of the Township, but the price will be adjusted from the original price quotation.

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

12. Approval of Advertisement: Specifications for Salt Storage Shed Replacement:

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Donald Moore to authorize Township Manager Petrucci to advertise the Invitation to Bid/Notice to Bidders for the Salt Storage Shed Replacement Project.

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

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

13. Recommendation from Recreation Board: Incorporation of West Bangor Memorial Association into Recreation Board as Sub-Committee:

Township Manager Petrucci reported that the West Bangor Veteran's Memorial Association would like to incorporate the administrative and planning tasks associated with the annual West Bangor Memorial Day Services ceremony into the Recreation Board/Board of Supervisors.

The Memorial Day Services ceremony program has remained essentially the same for about forty (40) years, and there is an identified concern with the current group remaining in place in the future. The Memorial Day Services ceremony has not been held for the last two (2) years due to the liability and safety concerns associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Association would like to simultaneously remove any liability associated with the Association and commence succession planning for when the current group of volunteers are no longer able to serve on the Association. The Township currently owns and maintains the facility, and the Association members plan/hold the Memorial Day Services ceremony event.

During the March 1, 2022 Recreation Board meeting, the Recreation Board members took action to recommend that the Board of Supervisors incorporate the West Bangor Memorial Association into the Recreation Board as a sub-committee.

Following discussion and confirmation from Solicitor Backenstoe that the action could be memorialized by way of an approved resolution confirming the sub-committee, the Board of Supervisors took official action to authorize the Township Manager to draft a resolution for consideration of approval by the Board of Supervisors during the April 13th regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Glenn Borger to authorize Township Manager Petrucci to draft a resolution for consideration of approval by the Board of Supervisors during the April 13th regular Board of Supervisors meeting. The resolution will formally create a West Bangor Veteran's Memorial Association sub-committee of the Recreation Board.

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

In response to a question asked by Supervisor Moore, it was confirmed that members of the Recreation Board will serve on the sub-committee, and the intent is to spearhead more involvement into the West Bangor Veteran's Memorial Association both now and in the future.

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

14. Letter of Support Request: Two Rivers Trail Gap 9A – Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Grant Request by Northampton County:

Northampton County was previously awarded Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) funding in the amount of \$654,036.12 to complete the Bushkill Township portion of the Two Rivers Trail Gap 9A project.

As per Bryan Cope, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has confirmed that Northampton County may submit a grant application to the DCNR C2P2 grant program and use TASA funding as matching funds to complete the Plainfield Township portion of the project.

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Donald Moore to authorize Township Manager Petrucci to submit a letter of support to the Northampton County Department of Parks and Recreation for a DCNR C2P2 grant application for the proposed/planned Two Rivers Trail Gap 9A project.

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

In response to a question asked by resident Chuck Piazza, it was clarified that the Two Rivers Trail Gap 9A trail extension will connect the Belfast Junction trailhead to Jacobsburg State Park utilizing PennDOT S.R. ROW.

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

15. Letter of Support Request: Gall Farm Preserve – Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Grant Request by Northampton County:

Township Manager Petrucci also identified that Northampton County will seek DCNR C2P2 grant funding to help fund a portion of Phase 1A of the Gall Farm Preserve project, which includes the parking lot and connector path to the Plainfield Township Recreation Trail.

ACTION: Motion was made by Donald Moore and seconded by Stephen Hurni to authorize Township Manager Petrucci to submit a letter of support to the Northampton County Department of Parks and Recreation for a DCNR C2P2 grant application for the proposed/planned Gall Farm Preserve project.

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

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

BOARD AND FIRE COMPANY AND AMBULANCE REPORTS:

1. Planning and Zoning Report- February, 2022
2. Road Department Report- February, 2022
3. Fire Company and Ambulance Report- February, 2022
4. Recreation Board Report- February, 2022

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Stephen Hurni to approve the February, 2022 reports 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 4-0.

SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

1. Slate Belt Regional Police Department Monthly Report- February, 2022:

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Stephen Hurni to approve the February, 2022 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 4-0.

CITIZEN'S AGENDA/NON-AGENDA:

All comments of citizens were addressed during the specific agenda items for the meeting.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

1. *Stephen Hurni, Vice-Chairman-* No report.

2. **Jane Mellert- Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Resolutions:**

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Donald Moore to submit the following draft Resolution to PSATS as proposed by Supervisor Mellert for the consideration of the PSATS Resolutions Committee prior to the PSATS Conference taking place:

That PSATS seek legislation to allow local municipalities to enact ordinances concerning the land application of biosolids (including both Class A and Class B), AND FURTHER, that this legislation allow municipalities to adopt regulations that address the following:

- *Provisions for the land application of biosolids near perennial or intermittent streams;*
- *Provisions for the land application of biosolids near occupied dwellings;*
- *Provisions for the land application of biosolids near exceptional value wetlands;*
- *Provisions for the land application of biosolids near seasonal high water tables;*
- *Provisions for the land application of biosolids near the regional groundwater table;*
- *Provisions for the land application of biosolids near steep slopes of fifteen (15) percent (15%) or greater;*
- *Provisions for adopting a process to notify adjoining landowners of properties where the land application of biosolids is proposed;*
- *Provisions for water quality testing of biosolids materials for contaminants;*
- *Provisions for water quality sampling of PA DEP streams where biosolids are applied on lands for the purpose of laboratory analysis of temperature, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, Total Phosphorus, Total Suspended Solids, Ammonia, Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, Nitrate/Nitrite Nitrogen, Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Total Organic Carbon, Surfactants, Copper, Fecal Coliform Bacteria, and Escherichia Coliform Bacteria;*
- *Provisions to prohibit the use of biosolids by a municipal water/sewer authority on preserved farmland;*
- *Provisions to establish limits for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) concerning the land application of biosolids.*
- *Provisions to incorporate state watershed standards and regulations, as applicable to local municipalities (ex. Delaware River Basin Commission standards).*

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

The provisions concerning steep slopes and the Delaware River Basin Commission were added by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with suggestions made by resident, Terry Kleintop, following discussion.

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

Supervisor Mellert reported that the Slate Belt Regional Police Commission has worked on proposed revisions to the Slate Belt Regional Police Department Charter Agreement, and the draft document will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for their review and comment during the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

3. Donald Moore- Planning Commission/Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) Application Submission Deadline:

Following the discussion under the Township Engineer category, it was decided that Township Manager Petrucci will speak with Jeff Ott and ascertain the realistic number of days that his firm requires to provide review letters for all Planning Commission application submissions.

4. *Randy Heard*- Not in attendance.

5. *Glenn Borger Chairman*- No report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- DAVID BACKENSTOE, ESQUIRE:

1. Order and Stipulation of Counsel – Tax Map Parcel ID No. H9-12-1B-0626:

ACTION: Motion was made by Donald Moore and seconded by Glenn Borger to approve the Order and Stipulation of Counsel for Tax Map Parcel ID No. H9-12-1B-0625 for a previously filed Northampton County tax assessment appeal. The estimated amount of the refund owed for Plainfield Township real estate taxes is \$3,718.60.

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

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci
Township Manager/Secretary
Plainfield Township
Board of Supervisors