

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
APRIL 22, 2021**

The second regular monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, April 22, 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.**

Vice-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: Vice Chairman, Glenn Borger, Jane Mellert, Stephen Hurni and Joyce Lambert. Chairman, Randy Heard, arrived at approximately 7:07 P.M.

Also present was Township Manager, Thomas Petrucci.

- *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:**

No members of the public were in attendance.

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

1. Correspondence Received from Pen Argyl Borough: CRG Acquisition, LLC (Industrial Land Development):

**ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Stephen Hurni to formally accept the correspondence dated April 8, 2021 that was received from Pen Argyl Borough concerning any future zoning/planning applications that are submitted to the Township for the CRG Acquisition, LLC Industrial Land Development and to send a response to Borough Council and the Mayor that Plainfield Township administrative personnel, including but not limited to the Township Manager and Zoning Officer, will provide notification when any planning/zoning applications for the proposed development are submitted for the consideration of either the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, or the Zoning Hearing Board.**

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

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

2. General Discussion: Slate Belt Regional Police Department Station Lease Agreement/Secure Bay Garage

During a January 28, 2021 meeting that Tom Petrucci attended with Slate Belt Regional Police Commission members Dave Hess (Wind Gap) and Joe LeDonne (Pen Argyl), it was specifically requested by Mr. Hess and Mr. LeDonne that Plainfield Township should provide information to the Slate Belt Regional Police Commission in order to justify the cost of the total rent that Plainfield Township charges to the Slate Belt Regional Police Department for the use of the Slate Belt Regional Police Department station.

It was the understanding of Tom Petrucci that this request was made by Mr. Hess and Mr. LeDonne with the overall goal of ensuring that the rent amount is both equitable and easily justified to their governing bodies and residents. Additionally, Mr. LeDonne indicated that Pen Argyl Borough has made it a point to review any contracts with built-in percentage increases (such as the 2% rental increase provision in the current Lease Agreement) and ascertain whether these percentage increases are warranted.

Tom Petrucci had provided the Board of Supervisors with comprehensive information which provided fiscal transparency and insight into all long-term capital and maintenance costs that have been incurred for the Plainfield Township Municipal

Building and Slate Belt Regional Police Department Station since the inception of the Slate Belt Regional Police Department (April 1, 2015).

The Board of Supervisors engaged in a discussion concerning this matter. Following a thorough review of the subject matter, the governing body took official action.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Jane Mellert to authorize the Township Manager to share the comprehensive fiscal information that was compiled in order to provide insight into the costs associated with the long-term capital and maintenance costs of the Plainfield Township Municipal Building and Slate Belt Regional Police Department Station with the members of the Slate Belt Regional Police Commission (including Pen Argyl Borough and Wind Gap Borough) and to request that the Commission/Pen Argyl Borough/Wind Gap Borough provide a response to the Township after receiving the information.**

*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. 2008 Old Dominion Leaf Vacuum – Sealed Bids:

**ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Glenn Berger to authorize the Township Manager to submit a sealed bid for the 2008 Old Dominion Leaf Vacuum, which is currently being auctioned by the Slate Belt Council of Governments, in tandem with Wind Gap Borough. In a scenario where the Township and the Borough are awarded the leaf vacuum upon the receipt of all bids, the equipment would be added to the existing Intergovernmental Agreement between the two entities by way of an addendum.**

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

Prior to the vote, Jane Mellert inquired as to whether Upper Mount Bethel Township should have also been included with the purchase of the equipment. It was stated that there are two (2) leaf vacuums available.

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

**CITIZEN'S AGENDA/NON-AGENDA:**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORTS:**

1. *Randy Heard, Chairman*- Nothing to report.
2. *Glenn Borger, Vice Chairman*- Nothing to report.
3. *Joyce Lambert*- Nothing to report.
4. *Jane Mellert*- Nothing to report.
5. *Stephen Hurni*- Reported that Chief Jonathon Hoadley will be formally sworn in by Judge Craig Daly on May 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Pen Argyl Borough Weona Park Pavilion, if any members of the Board of Supervisors are interested in attending the ceremony. Additionally, he reported that the Slate Belt Regional Police Commission has not received any updated information to date concerning the ongoing arbitration matter.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Joyce Lambert to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci  
Township Manager/Secretary  
Plainfield Township  
Board of Supervisors