A Scheduled Work Session of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held Wednesday, February 9th, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the Township Municipal Building, Duncott, Pa.

Present at this meeting were the following: Mike Kulpcavage, Jim Quinn, Chris Kemmerling, Matt Quinn, John Kellman, and Bob Ryan.

Chairman Brian Canfield called the meeting to order.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.


Solicitor Edward M. Brennan was also present.

PUBLIC WORK SESSION:

The work session is a follow up from the previous meetings with the Fire Companies of Cass Township. Brian Canfield thanked those present for attending.

Canfield noted that Forestville and South Cass Fire Companies did not have representation.

Canfield opened with the explanation of an umbrella organization.

Chris Kemmerling talked of the other fire companies concerns or such an organization.

John Walaitis expressed he thought the Board of Supervisors intentions with this new organization were made clear. Jim Thomas added to that point.

Solicitor Brennan also gave explanation of the umbrella organization. Companies leasing their equipment to the township for a dollar but they still own, operate and maintain. Nothing on the ground would change, only on paper.

Brennan stated the Board of Supervisors is not forcing any mergers here. He then expanded on his experiences with the Minersville Fire Companies merger.

Brennan stated “Make it clear, the entities are not going to change.”

Brennan stated there is a need for further discussion with George Halcovage, Township Insurance Agent to see if and how much savings can be obtained.

Kemmerling noted the new changes in the workers compensation procedures in the event of an injury and Halcovage offered to attend the meetings of the fire companies to present these changes.

Canfield stated he was told Forestville had at least one initial discussion.

Kemmerling thought that three of the four fire companies deal with Halcovage for insurance.

Kemmerling stated insurance cost were approximately a thousand dollars per piece of equipment.

Canfield further touched on the lack of attendance for the work session.

Kemmerling and Ryan reviewed Clover Fire Company’s 2010 revenue and expenses.

Kemmerling presented the Board of Supervisors with several hand outs for review.

Kemmerling reviewed the hand outs with the Board of Supervisors and those in attendance.

Kemmerling talked about the costs associated with training of the fire fighters.
Brennan discussed different ways to receive charitable contributions.
Brennan stated issues to address.
- Meet with the other Fire Companies via Chief’s Meeting
- Communities are changing
- Training and expenses are on the rise
- Hold a meeting with the Highridge Business Park tenants and have each fire company represented. Have the companies explain their finances and the costs they were forced to absorb since the inception of the Business Park

Adjournment – Hearing no further discussions from the audience, Brian asked for a motion to adjourn. John made the motion. Jim seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: Brian P. Canfield, Chairman
TIME MEETING ENDED: 7:45 PM

ATTEST: James D. Thomas, Vice-Chairman
TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:45 PM

THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CASS TOWNSHIP WILL BE HELD ON Thursday, February 24th, at 6:30 PM AT THE CASS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, DUNCOTT, PA.