The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held Thursday, January 26th, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Township Municipal Building, Duncott, Pa.

Present at this meeting were the following:

Bob Rizzardi, John Schumann, Tina Skibiel, Dee Kulpcavage, Marybeth (Doyle) Matz, Christine Ternowchek, Margaret Doyle, Charles Kostura, Sharon M. Kostura, and Bob Ryan.

Chairman James D. Thomas called the meeting to order.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Officers – John M. Walaitis – present; Mike Kulpcavage – present; James D. Thomas – present.

Cass-Foster Police Chief Anthony M. Kuklinski -- present.

Evelyn J. Bergan – Administrative Assistant, present.

The December 2011 Supervisor Meeting Minutes have been placed at each seat for review. Jim asked the audience to please read them and if there are any corrections, please bring them to the attention of the Board before adjournment. Jim asked for questions and/or comments. Hearing none, he then asked for a motion to approve the December 2011 Supervisor’s Meeting Minutes. John made the motion. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

**Articles on the Agenda this month:**

**Motion to add short-term disability for full-time employees:** Jim explained that last year the Board obtained quote from Gar Thomas of ETA Benefits for disability coverage through Companion Life for our full-time employees. It was found that 13 weeks of coverage could be obtained for $96.94 per month. This item was factored into the budget with the full-time employee’s raises for this year. Jim asked for questions and comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve Companion Life disability coverage for (3) full-employees at $96.94 per month. John made the motion. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

**Jenkins Environmental Assessment Proposal:** Jim explained that the Jenkins property is located along Route 901 & High Road. Last year, the dilapidated structure was taken under conservatorship by the Township and tore down for the amount of $4,500. We presently do not own the property but have control of it. Before demolition, it was found that there fuel storage tanks in the ground – PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) removed the tanks. However; they confirmed that over the years, the tanks had leaked and contaminated the soil, but DEP could not determine how far the contamination had gone into the ground or how much soil was contaminated. The Township cannot move forward with selling the property and/or recouping funds spent on demolition until the soil damage is assessed. The Board has received a quote of $2,500 from Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG, Inc.) for site evaluation and assessment. Jim asked for questions and comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the quote of HRG, Inc. not to exceed $2,500 for evaluation and assessment of the soil contamination located at the Jenkins property. John made the motion. Mike seconded. Motion passed.
Motion to advertise second public hearing of SALDO Ordinance Amendments and proposed Zoning Ordinance: Jim explained that the first public hearing was held consecutively with the most recent regular monthly meeting of the Planning Commission on January 15th, 2012. Tonight, the Board would like to take formal action to authorize Solicitor Ed Brennan to advertise the second public hearing to run consecutively with the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors scheduled for February 28th, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. — with the Intent to Adopt the SALDO Ordinance Amendments and Zoning Ordinance at the March Meeting. Jim asked for questions and comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to advertise the second public hearing as explained. John made the motion. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

Winter Maintenance Employee Rate: Jim stated that the Board would like to retain Joe Kavanaugh as a per diem driver for the Township snow plow vehicle at the rate of $15.50 per hour – no benefits. Jim asked for questions and comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to retain Joe Kavanaugh as a per diem driver for snow plow vehicle as explained. John made the motion. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

FEMA Application / Zack Rinker: Jim explains that Zack Rinker (1314 Valley Road) sustained considerable damage to his property during the most recent flood. Because of individual circumstances, it has been deemed necessary by our engineers that the Township submit the paperwork and application on Rinker’s behalf. Jim asked for questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to authorize Benesch to submit the necessary documents to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) on behalf of the Township for Zack Rinker as explained. John made the motion. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

Guide Rail Invoice / Morgan Rail, Inc.: Jim states that we received an invoice for the guide rail installation located on the Low Road adjacent to the Skavinsky property. Our Township engineers have inspected the project and it is their recommendation that the invoice be paid in full. Jim asked for questions and comments. John Walaitis comments that Morgan Rail did a really nice job. Hearing no further comment, Jim asks for a motion to pay the full amount of the invoice ($4,790.00) to Morgan Rail, Inc. for completion of the guide rail project as explained. John makes the motion. Mike seconds. Motion passed.

Planning Commission:

Note: All decisions are based on recommendations from the Planning Commission to the Board of Supervisors.

The PC held their January Meeting on the 12th -- 6:30 p.m.

Jim states that other than the Public Hearings for SALDO and Zoning (as mentioned in the agenda items), there is no further action required this evening.

Treasurer’s Report: Mike presented the December 2011 Treasurer’s Report. Jim asked for questions and comments. Hearing none, Jim made the motion to accept the December 2011 Treasurer’s Report and pay all outstanding bills as can be paid at this time. John seconded. Motion passed. The Treasurer’s Reports are on file at the Township office for review upon request.


Correspondence: None.
Old / New Business:

**Code Enforcement** – Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Kehoe of Benesch continues to work with Cass Police Department on several code-related issues throughout the Township.

Jim runs through a summary of issues noted on the monthly Benesch Property Maintenance Report and urges residents & property owners to please cut their grass and maintain your properties.

John adds that there are (5) homeowners on Thomaston Road that would like to be included on the *Hazardous Mitigation* list for buy-out but there are issues where the residents own the homes but Reading Anthracite owns the properties. We are trying to find a way to work around this obstacle.

**Discussions from the Audience:**

Tina Skibiel, Pine Knot – Asks if the Board has heard from any other fire companies other than Clover about the Ordinance currently on the books - referring to the False Alarm Ordinance.

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

ATTEST: James D. Thomas, Chairman
TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:51 PM

ATTEST: C. Michael Kulpcavage, Vice-Chairman
TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:51 PM

THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CASS TOWNSHIP WILL BE HELD ON **Tuesday, February 28th, at 6:30 PM** AT THE CASS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, DUNCOTT, PA.