The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held Thursday, June 28th, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Township Municipal Building, Duncott, Pa.

Present at this meeting were the following: Chris Kemmerling, Karen Tropp, Frank Zukas, James Wentz, Margaret Doyle, Marybeth Matz, Tina Skibiel, Joyce Cutler, Paul Fesnock, John Schumann, Charlie Kostura, Joe Geles, and Pete Ricigliano.

Chairman James D. Thomas called the meeting to order.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.


Corporal Danielle Mowery -- Cass Township Police -- present.

Evelyn J. Bergan – Administrative Assistant, present.

The May 2012 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 May 2012 Supervisor’s Meeting Minutes. John made the motion. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

Articles on the Agenda this month:

Highridge Business Park – Lot 3 & Lot 6 Subdivision and Land Development Plans & Municipal Liens for Lot 3 & Lot 6: Jim introduced Frank Zukas of SEDCO to the audience. Frank explained that the development agreements between Cass Township and SEDCO. He then followed in explaining the municipal liens for the properties are in lieu of escrow. Frank thanked Solicitor Brennan for his assistance in the process. Frank requested the board take formal action on the land development agreements and the municipal liens. Jim thanked Frank for his presentation and asked for questions and/or comments. Hearing none Jim asked for a motion to accept the land development agreement for Lot #3 (Travel Plaza). John made the motion and Mike seconded. Motion passed. Jim asked for a motion to accept the land development agreement for Lot #6. John made the motion and Mike seconded. Motion passed. Jim asked for a motion to agree to a municipal lien for Lot #3 in the amount of $412,786.00. John made the motion and Mike seconded. Motion passed. Jim asked for a motion to agree to a municipal lien for Lot #6 in the amount of $440,383.00. John made the motion and Mike seconded. Motion passed.

Refinance the USDA Loan -- Jim explains that in 2000, the Board took a loan out with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for various storm water, road reconstruction and paving throughout the Township. The payment is $1,072.40 per month, and is deducted from the State Aid Fund. Sean McElroy from the USDA contacted us recently and suggested that we may consider refinancing since the rates have lowered. Jim Thomas contacted Sherri Hammer of Representative Neal Goodman’s Office and she helped to provide us with the necessary information to move forward. The balance of the loan is currently $83,864.00 – we will have the same terms but will save a considerable amount of money. Mike added that the offered rate is 3.75% at the First National Bank of Minersville, with no closing costs – we will be saving approximately $3,000.00 in
interest with the same payoff date. Jim asked for questions and / or comments. Hearing none, Jim made a motion to authorize Mike Kulpcavage and Evelyn Bergan to complete and sign any / all documents relating to the process of obtaining the loan to refinance the present USDA loan. John seconded. Motion passed.

**Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Positions** – Jim states that he was contacted by John Matz of Schuylkill County Emergency Management about the need to appoint additional Emergency Management Coordinators for Cass Township. John named two residents that would be very suitable to fill the two open Deputy positions and will do a fine job serving in the capacity – Chris Kemmerling and John Kellman. Jim spoke to both individuals and they have agreed. Jim asked for questions and/ or comments. Hearing none, Jim asked for a motion to appoint John Kellman deputy emergency management coordinator. Mike made the motion and John seconded. Motion passed. Jim asked for a motion to appoint Chris Kemmerling deputy emergency management coordinator. Mike made the motion and John seconded. Motion passed.

**James V. Ryan / Coal Castle Fuels, Inc. Subdivision Time Extension** – Jim stated a letter was received from Diane Lenick. Diane is requesting a 90 day extension to record the subdivision plan on behalf of her clients. The time limit is due to expire July 25, 2012, the extension will give them until October 25, 2012 to record the subdivision plan. Jim stated he reviewed this with the township engineer Ed Bosack who is fine with granting the extension. Jim asked for questions and/or comments. Hearing none, Jim asked for a motion to grant the 90 day extension. Mike made the motion and John seconded. Motion passed.

**Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau** – Jim gave a brief explanation on how the repository sale process works. In so he stated the township needs to grant approval in advance of the sale of disapprove with a valid reason. Jim noted the initial bids on the Thomaston Road parcels were $20.00. They were rejected by the Commissioners. They agreed on an amount of $250.00 for each parcel. The parcels being sold are 05-01-0040.000 and 05-01-0040.001. Jim stated the township has no reason to disapprove the request to sell and therefore he is recommending the board approve the sale and have them back on the tax rolls. Jim asked for questions and / or comments. Tina Skibel stated the school district must also approve. Joyce Cutler asked if it is Reading Anthracite ground. Jim asked for a motion to approve the request from Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau. John made the motion and Mike seconded. Motion passed.

**Planning Commission:**

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

**There was a June 2012 Meeting held...**

**Board Member Resignation** – Planning Commission Chairman, Bob Ryan received and email from Jamie Wentz stating that he is resigning from the board. Jim thanked Jamie for his service to the Township. Jim asked for questions and / or comments before taking action to accept the resignation. Hearing none, Jim asked for a motion to accept the resignation of James Wentz from the planning commission.

**Fanelli Trucking expansion** - The Planning Commission granted 4 waivers but NO Action necessary by the supervisors.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Mike presented the May 2012 Treasurer’s Report. Jim asked for questions and comments. Hearing none, Jim made the motion to accept the April 2012 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.

All Police Reports are on file in the Police Department for review upon request.

**Correspondence:**

*County EMA* – Jim stated we received notice a tabletop exercise is scheduled for the Pine Grove and Minersville municipalities in July.

**Old / New Business:**

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

*Shady Lane / Green Ave. Road Project* – The road opening is progressing. It will be ready for traffic soon.

**Call for Discussion from the Audience:**

Paul Fesnock asked if the outfit hired to count attendance at Big Diamond is helping. Tina Skibel asked if they remitted what they owed from the prior year. Joyce Cutler stated that the neighbor’s cats are making a mess, defecating on her property. Neighbors are fed up with it. Cats are damaging the properties. John Schumann asked how much was spent on the Green Ave. project. Marge Doyle stated the road was open for years and years. Marge stated she remembered it always being open when she was young. John Schumann stated East Elk used to be opened to meet Shady Lane. John Schumann asked if the township is going to consider opening any other roads.

**Adjournment** – Jim asked for motion to adjourn. John made the motion. Mike seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: James D. Thomas, Chairman

Seal:

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:15 PM

ATTEST: John M. Walaitis, Assistant Secretary

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THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CASS TOWNSHIP WILL BE HELD ON Thursday, July 26th at 6:30 PM AT THE CASS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, DUNCOTT, PA.