The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held Thursday, February 28th, 2013 at 6:30 PM at the Township Municipal Building, Duncott, Pa.

Present at this meeting were the following: Tina Skibiel; Kevin Fanelli (L&K Construction).

Chairman James D. Thomas called the meeting to order.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.


Evelyn J. Bergan – Administrative Assistant, present.

The January 2013 Supervisor’s Meeting Minutes 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 made the motion to approve the January 2013 Supervisor’s Meeting Minutes. Jim made the motion. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

Audience Discussion: Please raise your hand; state your name & address for the record.

Jim opens the floor for questions and comments regarding items listed on tonight’s agenda…

Hearing no questions or comments, Jim concludes this portion of the meeting and moves onto the items on the agenda.

Articles on the Agenda this month:

Recycling Ordinance – As explained during prior meetings, Jim states that this Ordinance has been created in order to stop the littering at our recycling center that is consistently getting worse. It will enable our police department to cite for violations that hold up in Court if necessary. Jim makes note that all visits to the recycling center are recorded by camera and can be viewed at any time. Jim asks for a motion to adopt Recycling Ordinance # 2013-01. John makes the motion. Mike seconds. Motion passed.

KRE Securities Agreement – Jim states that the Township hired this company last year to monitor admissions relating to the amusement tax. Solicitor Ed Brennan recommends we hire them again this year to perform the same task. Mike met with KRE Securities to work out an agreement which has been set in writing. There is no increase in their fee for 2013. Mike will sign the agreement on the Board’s behalf. Jim made a motion to approve the agreement between Cass Township and KRE Securities for the year 2013. Mike seconds. Motion passed.

Planning Commission:

All decisions are based on recommendations from the Planning Commission to the Board of Supervisors.
Jim states that since there were no submissions; there was no February meeting.

Fanelli Trucking Expansion – Jim addresses Kevin Fanelli stating that we received the open space fee and our Solicitor has indicated that all seems to be in order with the plans. There are only two outstanding items left – one is the Land Development Agreement which lies in the hands of Harry Crosswell (Attorney for Fanelli) and our Solicitor Ed Brennan. The PC granted conditional final approval at their August 9th, 2012 meeting. The second outstanding item is addressed by Tina Skibiel, PC Secretary, stating that our plans show no signatures from L&K Construction; a representative of Fanelli Trucking; or Rick Yutko (WJP Engineers) – so both Boards are in agreement that one signed set of plans will need to be returned to the Township Office for our files. Kevin is agreeable. Jim states that the Board has decided to grant final approval for the Fanelli Trucking Expansion plans and asks for a motion to approve. Mike makes the motion. John seconds. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report:  Mike read the January 2013 Treasurer’s Report. Jim made the motion to accept the January 2013 Treasurer’s Report as read and pay any / all outstanding bills at this time. John seconds. Motion passed. The Treasurer’s Reports are on file at the Township office for review upon request.

Police Report:  OIC Rick Clink is unable to attend this evening so it’s the Board’s decision to table this month’s report until next month’s meeting. All Police Reports are on file in the Police Department for review upon request.

FYI -- The best way to get in touch with an officer on duty is to call the Schuylkill County Communications Center. For emergencies – call 911. For all non-emergency issues – call 570-628-3792. The calls will be recorded so if there is an issue that arises later, it is documented by the County. You can leave a message on the Police Department voicemail (570-544-5631) for informational purposes but not if you need assistance.

Correspondence:

PEMA letter – The Board has received notification from PEMA that the resident applications that were submitted to the State under the Hazardous Mitigation Program have been found ineligible and have been denied.

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. Kyle is also working with our Solicitor to accomplish getting the dilapidated structures / homes within the Township demolished – as they are viewed as a health & safety concern for the Community. Recently, Code Enforcement and CTPD worked together on a few garbage and/or burning situations that need to be addressed as well.

Jim runs through a summary of issues noted on the monthly Benesch Property Maintenance Report and urges residents & property owners to please maintain your properties; Code Enforcement Officers are out driving around the Township a few days a week checking on property maintenance issues and issuing violations if necessary.

Jim also adds that some of the current code issues that are being enforced / addressed by code enforcement officials are the rental housing inspections, demolition permits, as well as, building permits.

ATTEST: James D. Thomas, Chairman
TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:47 PM

ATTEST: John M. Walaitis, Assistant Secretary
TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:47 PM

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