Typed: August 23rd, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held Thursday, July 25th, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Township Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.

Present at the meeting were the following: Gary Renninger, Tom Krupo, Bob Ryan, Tina Skibiels, Chris Ternowchek, and Sharon Wentz.

Chairman James D. Thomas called the meeting to order.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.


Evelyn J. Bergan – Administrative Assistant, absent.

Jim states that the June 2013 minutes are not available this evening due to unforeseen computer issues that occurred before Evelyn went on vacation. June minutes have been tabled, but will be available at next month’s meeting.

Supervisor’s Note: Jim states there are two additional items that the Board will address this evening that do not appear on the printed agenda. The first is to appoint Mike Kulpcavage as 2nd Assistant Secretary. The second is to appoint a Zoning Officer.

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

Jim opens the floor to the audience for questions and comments...

Gary Renninger, High Road – Asked if people are being singled out by Cass Township Police; giving an example of having a party at his home and his photographer got a parking ticket for being parked on the roadway, but he knows a guy riding a 4-wheeler who was only given a warning.

Chris Ternowchek, Flag Lane – Asked when the drain pipe on Low Road will be installed.

Sharon Wentz, Low Road – Asked if the Board was stating that they do not get involved in police business on who gets arrested and what cases get squashed.

Hearing nothing further, Jim concludes the audience discussion and moves on to the items on the agenda for this evening.

SALDO Ordinance # 2013-04 – Solicitor Brennan gave a brief overview for the audience and recommended that the Board adopt the Ordinance as discussed. Jim made the motion. Mike seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call of Officers: C. Michael Kulpcavage – aye. James D. Thomas – aye.

Child Development, Inc. (CDI) Annual Lease Agreement – Jim explains that the Township and CDI have come to an agreement for a one (1) year lease. Jim made the motion to authorize the Board to sign the paperwork when it’s complete. Mike seconds. Motion passed.

Additional Items:

1 -- 2nd Assistant Secretary
2 -- Zoning Officer

Audience Discussion: Jim opened the floor for public comment due to added items to the Agenda.

Chris Ternowchek, Flag Lane – Asked what the cost is for a zoning officer. Cass Township Engineer Chris Bentz explained that the cost is covered by the fees paid (by the applicants); there is no cost to the Township.

Gary Renninger, High Road – Asked if the Board/Township is raising the tax rate for Big Diamond (Speedway) and what is the rate. Solicitor Brennan explained the history of the amusement tax stating the rate is 10% and always was 10%. The Township is trying to work with the track owners but they are not cooperating. In fact, they have not paid a penny owed in amusement tax for the year 2013 – that is in addition to what they owe from previous years. He adds that the Township is NOT trying to shut them down; we only want them to pay their fair share of taxes – the same expectation that is held for all the residents of Cass Township.

Appoint 2nd Assistant Secretary – Jim explains that it is necessary to appoint Mike Kulpcavage as the 2nd Assistant Secretary in order to keep business moving forward. Jim made the motion. Mike seconds. Motion passed.

Zoning Officer – Jim explains his experience and knowledge in dealing with Schuylkill County Zoning issues and states the need for a zoning officer is in the best interest of the Township. Jim made the motion to appoint Kyle Kehoe as Cass Township Zoning Officer. Mike seconds. Motion passed.

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

There was no July meeting; there were no submissions.

Treasurer’s Report – Mike read the June report. Jim asked for a motion to accept the report as read and pay all outstanding bills. Mike seconds. Motion passed.
Police Report – Report was tabled.

Correspondence – None.

Road Foreman’s Report – In John’s absence, Mike read the report. Jim makes a motion to accept the report as read. Mike seconds. Motion passed.

OLD / NEW Business:

Special Meeting / August 1st – Jim explains that a Special Meeting will be held on August 1st at 6:30 p.m. here at the Municipal Building to open bids for the Forestville Playground Project, as well as, the Line Avenue Culvert Replacement Project. The Woodside Roadway Project was awarded to Dallago’s Backhoe Service with a start date of August 5th, 2013.

Burning, etc. – Jim states that he has received phone calls recently regarding an outdoor burning complaint, as well as, some other minor issues. He cautioned residents about burning combustible materials and the emission of poisonous gases into the air and community. PLEASE BE AWARE THERE IS AN ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS THAT NEED TO BE FOLLOWED RELATING TO OUTDOOR BURNING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIP.

With nothing further, Jim makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconds. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

ATTEST: James D. Thomas, Chairman
TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 7:06 PM

ATTEST: C. Michael Kulpavage, Vice-Chairman
TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 7:06 PM

The next regular Supervisors Meeting of the Township of Cass will be held on August 29, 2013 @ 6:30 PM at the Cass Township Municipal Building.