The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held Thursday, September 25th, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Township Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.

Present at the meeting were the following: Mike Sorokach, Joseph Smulley, Andy Studlack Jr., Elvin Brennan Jr., R.J. Wentz, Sharon Wentz, Ann Marie Studlack, Chris Ternowchek, Anna Marie Cason, Eugene Cason, Jake Smulley and John Pritz.

Chairman John M. Walaitis called the meeting to order.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.


Edward M. Brennan, Solicitor – present.

Evelyn J. Bergan, Administrative Assistant – absent.

Dave Cromyak, Patrolman – Cass Township Police Department – present.

John states that the August 2014 meeting minutes have been placed at your seats. Please review them and inform the Board by the end of this meeting if you feel there are changes necessary. Mike makes the motion to accept the minutes as typed. James seconds. Motion passed. All reply aye -- in favor.

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

Chris Ternowchek, Flag Lane – Commented on grass cutting on Schaeffer's Hill Road and Flag Lane – stating that it looks terrible; whoever is cutting it needs to learn how to use a mower.

Joe Smulley, Forestville – Asks what the status is on the offer from Big Diamond Speedway. Solicitor Brennan replies that it is in litigation; the Board will not discuss the offer in public. He also states that the he is trying to set their Taxpayer Bill of Rights hearing for October.

John Pritz, High Road – Asked why Ed Brennan is present at every meeting. John (Walaitis) replies he is our Solicitor. Solicitor Brennan states that he does not attend every meeting.

Eugene Cason – Asks why the income and expenses are not included in the Treasurer's Report. Mike states that was done 15-20 years ago, but it is no longer done. Records are in the Township Office and can been seen and requested at any time.
John Pritz, High Road – Asks what it would take to add the income and expense information to the reports. Mike states it will not be done. John then asks what if he comes out to the office, obtains a copy, and then hands them out. Mike responds that the reports are public record and he doesn’t care what John (Pritz) does with them.

Joe Smulley, Forestville – Asks Mike Kulpcavage to verify that he is the Treasurer and oversees the expenses. Mike agrees. Joe states that Mr. (Robert) Wentz hauled equipment for the Township; and he asked who owned that equipment. John (Walaitis) states that Al Roman owns the equipment. Joe states that particular equipment is in Federal bankruptcy. John disagrees and states that it is not. Joe then states that the Board is misusing Township money buying parts for that equipment. At this time, Joe became loud and disruptive; he was escorted from the meeting by Officer Cromyak.

Eugene Cason -- Asks why Woodside Road is not being fixed. John states that Woodside Road and Schaeffer’s Hill Road will be fixed in the Spring. John explains that we only received one bid for the work and it would not be prudent for anyone to accept just one bid.

Elvin Brennan, Forestville – Questioned the Board about the drawings of the new Municipal Building and asks where the garage doors are located. John states there are none (on the drawings); the garage is separate.

Chris Ternowchek, Flag Lane – States that we don’t need offices; we need a place to work on equipment.

Jake Smulley, Forestville – Asks if we will get a bathroom at the Forestville Playground and stresses his concerns about kids relieving themselves while at the playground. Mike states that a bathroom is a good idea and the Board will look into it.

Chairman Walaitis closes audience discussion.

Floodplain Ordinance -- John explains that the Township will be adopting a new Floodplain Ordinance at next month’s meeting. Solicitor Brennan adds that if the Township does not update the existing Ordinance (as mandated by the State), the residents will not be able to purchase flood insurance. The engineers are recommending added fees since residents will be required to obtain a floodplain certificate with building permit applications.

Architect’s Proposal for Services -- John states that the Board obtained a proposal from architect David Leung for the layout of the new municipal building; there are (5) phases – the proposal totals $27,500.00; and an architect is absolutely required. James asks if we can use an engineer. John states we don’t even want to try it. James states that WJP (engineers) are willing to meet with us. Mike makes the motion to accept the proposal as discussed for $27,500.00. John seconds. Motion passed. Mike replies ‘aye’ – in favor. John replies ‘aye’ – in favor. James replies ‘nay’ – not in favor and comments “not for one bid”.
STCC Update Report – James states that the only new business is to form an exploratory committee to research the County collecting EIT. James makes the motion to accept the report. John seconds. All in favor; motion passed.

Planning Commission – John states that the Township transferred property on Amanda Lane to the Municipal Authority. The Authority will sell properties to residents based on square footage pricing. Mike makes the motion to accept the report. James seconds. All in favor; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mike read the Treasurer’s report. John makes the motion to accept the report as read. James seconds. All in favor; motion passed. Any resident wishing to review the reports may do so during normal business hours as they are on file in the Municipal Office. John makes a motion to pay all outstanding bills as can be paid at this time. Mike seconds. Motion passed. All in favor; motion passed.

Municipal Authority Report: M.A. meeting was held on September 18th, 2014. John states that the next properties to be sold by the Authority will in the Blue Lane and Willow Lane areas; surveying will be done soon. Also, the residents purchasing property are responsible for transfer taxes and recording of the deed at the Court House. The next meeting will be held on October 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Police Department Report: Patrolman Dave Cromyak reads the report. James makes the motion to accept the report as read. Mike seconds. All in favor; motion passed. Report is on file in the Police Department for review.

Correspondence: John states that any mining/blasting issues can be reported to DEP / Bureau of Mines at 570-621-3118. The Annual Schuylkill County Clean-Up is currently going on (09/22-09/27) - the closest location for Cass Township residents is Minersville Borough.

Road Foreman’s Report: James read his report. Mike makes the motion to accept the RF’s report as read. John seconds. All in favor; motion passed.

Old/New Business:

Brick Donation Drive for New Township Building & Condors Complex: John states that we will hold a brick donation drive for the new building. Any and all donations will be accepted.

After no further business at hand, John asks for a motion to adjourn. James makes the motion. Mike seconds. All in favor; motion passed; meeting adjourned.

Time meeting adjourned: 7:01 PM.
The next monthly *Supervisor's Meeting* of the Township of Cass will be held on *Thursday, October 23rd, 2014 at 6:30 PM* at the Cass Township Municipal Building.