Typed: May 26th, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held Thursday, April 30th, 2015 at 6:30PM at the Township Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.

Present at the meeting were the following: Lynn Schies, Bob Ryan, Mike Sorokach, Chris Ternowchek, Ray Minder, Vince Purcell, Mary Lou Bergan, Brian P. Canfield, Tina Skibiel, Jake Smulley, Jon Maddy, Karen Smulley, Robert Wentz, Tom Graydus, Joe Kovalchick, Joseph Smulley, John Borzok, Andrew Studlack Jr., Ann Marie Studlack, Elvin Brennan Jr., Theresa Walsh, and Joe Geles. There are two illegible names on the sheet.

Chairman John M. Walaitis called the meeting to order.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Officers: James A. Wentz – present; C. Michael Kulp cavage – present; John M. Walaitis – present.

Edward M. Brennan, Solicitor – present.

Evelyn J. Bergan, Manager – present.

Richard C. Clink, Chief – Cass Township Police Department – present.

David A. Cromyak, Patrolman – Cass Township Police Department – present.

John states that the minutes of the March 2015 Supervisor’s Meetings have been placed at each seat. Please review them and inform the Board if there are necessary changes. John asks for a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes as printed and to accept if there are no corrections or omissions. Mike makes the motion. John seconds. Motion passed. John calls for public comment/discussion at this time.

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

Chris Ternowchek, Flag Lane – States that when plowing the alleyway behind her house, the road crew destroyed (3) of her arborvitas last year and (9) this year - (12) in total, and she would like them replaced. She also states that they are plowing a dirt alleyway that is not a Township road; and the trees were there a long time – there was no damage to them until last year; the new road crew doesn’t care. John states the Board will take a look and get back to her at the next meeting.

Robert Wentz, Jonestown – Asks the status of the new building; if it has been put out for bids yet. John replies no, not yet.

Jon Maddy, 38 S. Maple Ave – States he is in attendance to talk about South Maple Avenue and the road in front of their homes and the condition of it – he believes Barbara Reilly was here last
month to talk about it as well. Jon states it does belong to the Board of Supervisors and the residents were wondering if when the Board looks into improving some of the other roads, they could budget some improvements that would stop the water from running into their basements – he states that all the water runs from Maple Avenue onto the road adjacent their homes which, according to the Parcel Locator/County website, would be named Primrose Street. Solicitor Brennan states that the County website doesn’t give a deed book reference so it’s necessary to dig deeper than what is posted on the County website, so he is looking into all the old deeds. Jon states that if the Township wants to turn the property over to the property owners, they’ll take care of it, but they don’t want to pave a property they don’t own. He goes on to explain the drainage issues from South Maple and how it affects the property owners.

Vince Purcell, Forestville – Asks if it’s true that the Board of Supervisors is being investigated by the D.A.’s Office. John and Mike both reply no.

Chairman Walaitis closes the audience discussion.

**Cass Township / Minersville Borough Ordinance** – John states that this involves both police departments which would give jurisdiction to both to respond when needed within the Township or the Borough. Solicitor Brennan explains that Chief Combs (Minersville PD) has been working on this, and Ed heard back from B.J. Evans (Solicitor for Minersville Borough); they are fine with the Ordinance and now it needs to be advertised one time. John asks for a motion to advertise the Cass Township/Minersville Borough Ordinance. James makes the motion. Mike seconds. Motion passed.

**Olenick Subdivision 90-day Extension** – John reads a letter that was received from Diane Lenick requesting a time extension. John asks for a motion to approve. Mike makes the motion. James seconds. Motion passed.

**2015 Road Program Update** – John asks James for the status of the program. James states that the head representative from E.J. Breneman and John Davis of PennDOT assessed the road (Schaeffer Hill Road) and it was determined that the road is beyond any type of patch or repair; a reclamation process was recommended. Free-of-charge, E.J. Breneman is getting all the technical data prepared that is required to put the work out for bid. James states that hopefully this week we will receive something and put it out for bid as soon as possible. He adds that he believes the Board is in agreement that it’s a good project; it’ll be from Quandel’s to the top of Schaeffer’s Hill at the bridge. John adds it won’t be a patch job; it’ll be complete. James explains the reclamation process, and states it is expensive. Lynn Schies asks what about Woodside. James states he doesn’t feel Woodside gets the traffic that Schaeffer’s Hill gets; it has a lot more traffic with buses, etc. – we can’t fix them all at the same time.

**Condor Ball Field Request** – John states that Scott Brennan submitted a letter on behalf of the Bill Hill Softball Team requesting permission to use the ball field for the 2015 season for the Minersville Softball League. John states he sees no problem with it as long as the Township receives an insurance certificate. John makes the motion. James seconds. Motion passed.
Summer Hires for Road Department – John states that last year we had (2) summer employees and those same individuals would like to return this year. John adds that he would like to see another summer help-employee hired on an as needed basis. James and Mike both agree. John asks for a motion to re-hire two of our summer helpers, as well as, a third summer employee on an as needed basis. James makes the motion. Mike seconds. Motion passed.

2014 Audit / Advertise Summary – John states the 2014 audit was completed from Patton & Zipay Accounting Firm; we now need to advertise the public summary. John asks for a motion to advertise. Mike makes the motion. James seconds. Motion passed.

CDI & Mountaineer Hose Company / Emergency Services Presentation – John explains that the presentation will be for the children inside the fenced-in grounds here at the building on May 22nd; it will include a fire truck and an ambulance. John states he feels it’s a good thing; the children will learn a lot and our police department will be involved as well. John asks for a motion to approve the presentation as discussed. Mike made the motion. James seconds. Motion passed.

Planning Commission - John states no meeting was held.

Treasurer’s Report – Mike reads the report; and makes note regarding the 2014 Audit – there were no findings. John made a motion to approve the report as read; and to pay all outstanding bills as can be paid at this time. James seconds. Motion passed.

Municipal Authority – John states no meeting was held; however, the next property disposition will be scheduled for Willow Lane/Blue Lane (Tweedsville area).

Police Report – Chief Clink reads the report; and states that as the summer months are approaching here in Cass, as well as, the surrounding municipalities, there are individuals that will be looking for unlocked cars, sheds, etc. – anything that can be stolen easily. He urges to please lock your vehicles, as well as, other items. John asks for a motion to approve the report. Mike makes the motion. James seconds. Motion passed.

Correspondence – John states there is burn ban in effect; it will expire on May 17th.

Road Foreman Report – James read last month’s report, as well as, this month’s. John asked for a motion to accept both reports as read. Mike made the motion. John seconds. Motion passed.

Old / New Business – John states there’s not much going on right now with code enforcement and/or the engineer’s report.

Highridge – Solicitor Brennan states he sent out emails explaining the Highridge Authority; he states that Minersville School District, Foster Township, Cass Township, Schuylkill County, and SCIDA will join forces to form an Authority – each appointing one member. At the next monthly meeting, a public hearing will need to be held prior to the regular meeting just to take public comments on the formation of a joint municipal authority to be known as Highridge.
Improvement District Authority. At a later date, the Board will then designate the area that is the improvement district – that’s been set in motion and Ed states he has shared his research with the other lawyers involved and he knows that the other parties will conduct a similar hearing so we need to do so as well. Mike asks if Brian Canfield would like to add anything as a member of the SCIDA board. Brian states that he feels the timeline for the taxing body looks fine; and it’s pretty straight and forward. Ed states that the first step is the public hearing on the Authority and then sometime in July, we should have the Authority started and by August, everybody should be in and then the TIF Committee (SCIDA) will need to discuss turning money over and those types of things, so we are right on track.

Solicitor Brennan states that the only other thing is that the Big Diamond case has been continued for one month – he spoke to all the Board members about this informally, and states that we are going to speak to the Judge about a mediation session to try and settle the case.

With no further business at hand, John makes the motion to adjourn. Mike made the motion. James seconds. Motion passed; meeting adjourned.

Time meeting adjourned: 6.51PM

ATTEST: John M. Walaitis, Chairman
Time of adjournment: 6:51PM

ATTEST: C. Michael Kulp cavage, Vice-Chairman
Time of adjournment: 6:5PM

The next monthly Supervisor's Meeting of the Township of Cass will be held on Thursday, May 28th, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Cass Township Municipal Building.