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The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on Wednesday, September 27th, 2017 at the Township’s Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.

Present at the meeting were:

Mary Lou Bergan, Brenda Helt, Ty Leinneweber of Lehigh Engineering, Richard Twigg, Marian Twigg, Craig Schies, Arlan Wagner, Ron Bowers, Kaitlyn Bowers, Chris Ternowchek, and Aaron Heffron.

James Wentz calls the meeting to order.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Officers:


Other attendance/absentees:

Donald G. Karpowich, Solicitor – present.

Evelyn J. Bergan, Secretary / Manager – present.

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

James states that the minutes from the August 30th, 2017 Board of Supervisor’s Meeting have been placed at each seat and he makes a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes and to accept as printed if there are no corrections or omissions. Lynn seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

James calls for discussion from the audience on the agenda items.

Marian Twigg, 640 Forest Lane – States that she would like to compliment Lynn Schies on her nice Treasurer’s Reports that she prepares for the meetings. She adds that Lynn does a great job and shows the transparency of the Board; she hopes that the next Treasurer will continue with that same format since it’s really, really nice. Lynn and James both thank Marian.

Brenda Helt, Line Avenue – States that she would like to inquire about all the work that is being done on Line Avenue and White Lane; asking why it is being done; she has been living there for
(26) years and there has always only been (1) catch basin in front of her home and now there are (3) within (20) feet of each other; she also saw that work was done on the road as well. She asked if the Township has all this money to do these projects, why aren't the roads being fixed that have no blacktop. James addresses Brenda stating that she is aware of the bridge project that took place there several years ago. Brenda replies, yes. James states that when that project was complete, the elevation of the road was higher than it was before the bridge project so it caused flooding for a resident. Brenda asked how many residents. James replies, a resident. Brenda asked if it caused basement flooding or what kind. James replies just surface flooding, so in order to control that flooding, catch basins were installed. Elvin asks Brenda if she thinks the road needed any patch work there. Brenda states that she doesn't think it needed to be cut like it was since there are roads in Forestville that don't have any blacktop on them. She goes on to state that she is just wondering why the Board is doing all this work for (1) resident in the Township when there are other residents in the Township that have flooding and they haven't been helped at all. She asks if the Board is going to help all the residents. Elvin states that they are going to try and they are working on it. Lynn states that the purpose of the road work was to replace the curb because there used to be a curb there; she states that Brenda came to her years ago and questioned it. Brenda states that that was about (8) years ago when they came through with sewage, so it took that long. Lynn states that Brenda asked her about it and Lynn told her to contact them. Lynn states that when the bridge was put in, the engineer came down to their house, and they told Benesch that they wanted the catch basin in front of their house. Brenda asks why the catch basins are in front of her house if the problem is down farther. Lynn replies because the engineer….Brenda asked if the Township has the engineer's plans for the catch basins and ask if they are public knowledge because she'd like to see them. Lynn replies that Brenda can contact Benesch. Brenda asks again if there are plans. Elvin states that they tied into the existing system. Brenda states so there are no engineer's plans. James states he believes that he has a recommendation from an engineer and states that they had spent quite a bit of time looking at the issues and what was done was the best and easiest solution. Brenda states that the Board is aware that there is a creek that runs down there and the water runs into the creek bed and it's been like that for (26) years that she has been living there. James states that is precisely why they added onto the existing storm water system so they did not need to apply for a discharge permit into that stream; they did not create a new system. Brenda asks if the Board is done with this project now or are they going to spend more money on it. Elvin states that he doesn't know yet. Brenda states again that she wants to see the engineer's plans to see why those catch basins have been put there because the water doesn't even run into them, it runs around them. Elvin states that it might run into them now and not into your yard. Brenda states that she doesn't have a problem with it running into her yard; there are other things that need to done. She states that she just wants everyone in the Township to get the fair treatment. There are people with flooding issues in Jonestown and other places where their yards have flooded and the Township hasn't done anything for them for years. James states that he can name several instances where the Board has made efforts to relieve flooding for homeowners. Brenda states just as long as everyone gets the fair treatment. James states that he will try his best. Lynn comments, good job.

CHAIRMAN
JAMES A. WENTZ

VICE-CHAIRMAN/ROAD FOREMAN
ELVIN E. BRENNAN JR.

SUPERVISOR - TREASURER
LYNN M. SCHIES

SECRETARY - MANAGER
EVELYN J. BERGAN
Hearing no further questions or comments, James moves on to the agenda items:

**Part-time Police Hire -- Eric C. Sterner** -- James states that upon recommendation of Chief Richard Clink, the Board interviewed Officer Eric C. Sterner. James states that Officer Sterner is a full-time officer in Minersville; he has good training and background. James makes the motion to hire Eric C. Sterner as part-time patrolman for Cass Township Police Department with a starting rate of $17.00 per hour pending both a credit and background check; no benefits. This officer’s probation period will be the fourth quarter of this year and his review will be in January 2018 along with all the other salary increases, etc.

**Police -- Raise in Pay Rate:** James then makes a motion to institute a $.15 raise for all Cass Township police officers. Lynn seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Lynn reads the report. James calls for a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as read and to pay all outstanding bills as can be paid at this time. Elvin makes the motion. James seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

All Treasurer Reports are kept on file in the Township Office for review upon request.

**Planning Commission:**

James states that there were some submissions for this month for ongoing plans.

Upon recommendation of ARRO Consulting, Inc., the Board will make a motion to approve waivers of section 1123.6.4; 1123.8.2; 1123.15.2; 1123.15.6; 1123.15.8; and 1123.15.9 for the **Tyson Foods Inc. Land Development Preliminary/Final Plan**. James makes the motion to approve the waivers listed. Lynn seconds. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

James states that ARRO Consulting, Inc. also recommends that the Board make a motion to conditionally approve the **Tyson Foods Inc. Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan.** Conditions of plan approval were satisfied in the ARRO review letter dated 09/25/2017. James makes the motion. Lynn seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

James states that ARRO Consulting, Inc. also recommends the Board make a motion approving the sewage facilities planning module application matter request for exemptions for the **Tyson Foods, Inc. Land Development Plan.** James makes the motion. Lynn seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.
James states this matter relates to the *Wegman's subdivision for Highridge Business Park Lot 5 and Lot 5-A*. ARRO Consulting, Inc. is seeking a motion to approve the waiver of section 401.1.3. James makes a motion to approve the waiver. Lynn seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

James states that ARRO Consulting, Inc. recommends a motion to conditionally approve the *Highridge Business Park Lot 5 and Lot 5-A Subdivision Plan*. Conditions of plan approval were satisfied in the ARRO Consulting, Inc. review letter dated 09/06/2017. James makes the motion. Lynn seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

**Police Department:** Chief Richard C. Clink reads the September 2017 police report. James calls for a motion to accept the police report as read. Elvin makes the motion. James seconds. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote. All police reports are kept on file in the Police Station for review upon request.

**Road Foreman’s Report:** Elvin read the report. James makes the motion to approve the report as read. Lynn seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote. All road foreman reports are kept in the Township Office for review upon request.

**Correspondence:**

*Trick-Or-Treat Night* – James states that Trick-or-Treat Night will take place on Sunday, October 29th from 6pm to 8pm in Cass Township in conjunction with Minersville Borough. Chief Clink states that there will be police coverage for this event.

**Old / New Business:**

Solicitor Karpowich states that there will be an executive session following this meeting.

James asks if there are any other questions or comments from the audience.

Chris Ternowcheck, Flag Lane – Asked when the pot holes on High Road are going to be fixed. James states that part of the month of August and all of the month of September, none of the municipalities could get blacktop because it was all going to the State contract. The road crew will now continue to work on patching the roads until the weather holds out.

**Motion to Adjourn:** With no further business, James calls for a motion to adjourn. Lynn makes the motion. James seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.
Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: James A. Wentz, Chairman
TIME MEETING ENDED: 6:46 PM

ATTEST: Elvin E. Brennan, Vice Chairman
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The next regular monthly meeting of the Cass Township Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, October 25th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.