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The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on Wednesday, June 27th, 2018 at the Township’s Municipal Building, Dutcott, PA.

Present at the meeting were:
Chris Ternowchek, Mary Lou Bergan, Antoinette Purcell, and Bob Helt.

6:30pm - Brenda Helt 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 – present.

Richard C. Clink – Chief of Police CTPD – present.

Chairperson Helt states that the minutes from the May 2018 Board of Supervisor’s Meeting have been placed at each seat and she calls for a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes and to accept as printed if there are no corrections or omissions. Wentz makes the motion. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Public Hearing – re: Ordinance # 2018-2 – Amendment to SALDO to Exempt Lot Consolidations or Annexations of Contiguous Lots of Less than (10) Acres from Requiring Subdivision Approval. Solicitor Karpowich states that he would like the record to reflect that the Board did receive a comment letter from Schuylkill County Planning Commission stating that they were in favor of the amendment providing that the Township use certain language as set forth in their comment letter; it is his recommendation to pass the Ordinance as written and explains that it will give the residents who are consolidating lots a break from the fees required to go through the formality of a subdivision. Helt makes a motion to accept Ordinance # 2018-2. Wentz seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Helt calls for discussion from the audience.
Chris Ternowchek, Flag Lane – Asks when the Township is going to start patching roads. Assistant Road Master Wentz states they (DPW) have been patching – heavily this week and a little bit last week; they were up on Owl today and are working their way around. Chris asks about areas on the Low Road and states that it’s a mess. Chairperson Helt reminds everyone that the Township is still hiring for summer help for the road department; if anyone knows of any kids or anyone that would be interested - they can stop by the Township Office to fill out an application.

Antoinette Purcell, High Road – Asks the Board and the Solicitor about a discussion they had prior to the meeting regarding the situation at 140 High Road – and asks about a stipulation given to the owner relating to him obtaining a demolition permit. The Solicitor responds that the owner has to obtain the permit tomorrow and he then has (10) days to complete the work - if he doesn’t complete it within (10) days, the demolition bids are being opened tonight, so the Township will then award the bid to the contractor. If the owner does not come in tomorrow for the permit, the Supervisors will award the bid to the contractor to start demolition on Monday. Antoinette asks if the owner will be permitted on the property. The Solicitor states that in terms of demolition, it will be an active work zone, but it is his property so it is a fine line; he wouldn’t say he’s not allowed on the property, but he would say that the owner would not be able to interfere with the contractor relating to the demolition and back-filling.

Chris Ternowchek, Flag Lane – States that the police car was in an accident this week and asks about the damage. Chief Clink explains that the car is disabled, however, at this time he has calls in to the insurance adjuster to assess the damage. Chris asked what happened. Rick briefly explains that St. Clair Police were having issues with subjects in their jurisdiction. One of the subjects then fled from St. Clair and entered Cass Township at a high rate of speed; Officer Brown caught up with and followed the vehicle onto Schaeffer’s Hill Road and then onto a property on Branch Road; the Crown Vic police cruiser slid on grass into a tree causing damage to the police vehicle. Chief states that charges are being filed on the subject who did have possession of control substances plus there are felonies involved. Prosecution is pending.

Hearing no further questions or comments; Supervisor Helt closes the discussion.

Helt moves onto the items on the agenda.

Demolition Bids – 140 High Road – Supervisor Wentz states that he did reach out to 4-5 contractors – (3) provided the following quotes: AMC Enterprise (Mike Keitsock) - $22,989.00; ADM Logistics, Inc.- $12,800.00; and Bowers Trucking, Inc. - $9,950.00. Solicitor Karpowich states that the Board should make a motion to award the bid to Bowers Trucking, Inc. in the amount of $9,950.00 with the understanding that the Board will give the owner credit for work done from now until the expiration of the (10) day demolition permit. Wentz makes the motion. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.
Treasurer’s Report: Chairperson Helt states that both the Public Summary and the List of Transactions have been placed at each seat for review. Helt makes a motion to accept both of the Treasurer’s reports as printed and to pay all outstanding bills as can be paid at this time. Wentz 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:

There no meeting held in June 2018; there’s nothing to discuss.

Police Department: Chief Clink reads both the May and June 2018 reports. Helt makes a motion to accept the reports as read. Wentz seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote. Copies of all police reports are on file in the department for review upon request.

Road Foreman’s Report: Wentz states again that the guys are out patching/paving on the roads – last week, they were on Phoenix Road, Owl, High Road – and they are working their way around and still trying to keep up with the grass cutting. Chris Ternowchek had complaints about the condition of several of the Township’s roads and states that High Road is a mess; the Township should have hired someone like Tropp or someone to fix it so it so it would be done right; she states that school is out now so the roads should be getting fixed now rather than when school starts. Helt makes a motion to accept the Road Foreman’s report. Wentz seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote. Copies of all Road Foreman reports are on file in the Township office for review upon request.

Correspondence:

Department of Agriculture – Spotted Lantern Fly: Chairperson Helt explains that the Township has received information from the Department of Agriculture regarding the Spotted Lantern Fly; it is a threat to Pennsylvania. She states that the residents can read the information before they leave tonight – and if anyone sees these insects, it is asked that you report it to the Department of Agriculture so they can treat/spray the trees in that location.

Reading Off-Road Riders - Helt explains that RORR attended an annual event (enduro race) here in the Township and they sent a donation to the Township in the amount of $300.00.

Old/New Business:

Proposal – Brinkash & Associates - $3,900 – The Solicitor states that the Board received a proposal from Brinkash in the amount of $3,900.00 to perform the subdivision on the property on which the Municipal Building sits; he feels that the proposal is reasonable for the work that
needs to be done; he recommends that the Township award the proposal conditionally depending on the Board executing the agreement with Reading Anthracite Company. He goes on to explain that in terms of their last email, he suspects an agreement will be in place before the next meeting. The Solicitor instructs the Board to award the survey to Brinkash contingent upon not doing the work until such time as the Township has an agreement with Reading Anthracite Company regarding this property. Helt makes a motion to accept the proposal for the work to be done once there is an agreement with RAC. Wentz seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Motion to Adjourn: With no further business, Chairperson Helt announces that the meeting is adjourned.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: Brenda M. Helt, Chairperson
TIME MEETING ENDED: 6:46 PM

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

The next regular monthly meeting of the Cass Township Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, July 25th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.