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The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on Wednesday, March 27th, 2019 at the Township’s Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.

Present at the meeting were:

Chris Ternowchek, Joyce Cutler, Robert Gill, Mary Lou Bergan, & Bob Helt.

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.


Chairperson Helt states that the minutes from the February 2019 meeting minutes have been placed at each seat. Helt makes a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes and to accept them as printed if there are no corrections or omissions. Wentz seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance # 2019-01 – Rubbish & Garbage:

Chairperson Helt explains that the Police Department requested this Ordinance as an update to the Property Maintenance Code. The Solicitor states that it is an update to Property Maintenance Code – Section 307.4 entitled ‘Littering & Dumping’ – and he reads the Ordinance aloud.

Chris Ternowchek, Flag Lane – Asks what about the homes that no one lives in and there is garbage all over the property. The Solicitor responds that is covered another section of the Code. Chris asks who would enforce it. The Solicitor responds the code officer and police.
Helt makes a motion to accept Ordinance # 2019-01 as discussed. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – Closed.

Helt calls for discussion from the audience.

Joyce Cutler, Duncott – Asks if the Township has a noise ordinance or anything pertaining to noise after a certain hour. Officer Daley states that the Township does not – but by law – your neighbors cannot disturb you at anytime of the day – for example, 10pm is quiet time. Joyce states that she is not referring to her neighbors – the railroad has been leaving the train run near Gula’s – she understands that there are times when they need to leave the engines run, but they park them near the homes and it’s horrible. Officer Daley states that he will contact the railroad and ask them to park them elsewhere. The Solicitor states that if that doesn’t stop it, Joyce can come back to the Township – the Township has some avenues they can approach it by formal complaint through the Public Utilities Commission.

Chris Ternowchek, Flag Lane – States that she has neighbors that are buming late/all hours of the night and whatever it is, it smells really bad. Officer Daley states that he and Chris spoke about this issue before the meeting; and he will address it.

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

Helt moves onto the items on the agenda.

Robert Gill – Keystone Insurance Group - Rob explains the 2018 dividend disbursement check that the Township received from EMC Insurance in the amount of $7,752.88; he explains that with the upcoming renewal, he would like to see if this year the fire companies WC coverage could be combined with the Township so that the fire companies would not need to be covered separately under State Worker’s Insurance Fund. He states that if the Board is agreeable, he will return in May with a quote for renewal.

Treasurer’s Report: Chairperson Helt states that both the Public Summary and the List of Transactions for the month of February 2019 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. Brennan 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/Engineer’s Report/ARRO Consulting, Inc.: Chairperson Helt states there is nothing to report this month.
**Police Report:** Officer Gerard Daley reads the March 2019 report as submitted by Chief Richard C. Clink. Helt makes a motion to accept the police report as read. Wentz seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

**Road Foreman’s Report:** Chairperson Helt states that the Road Foreman’s report has been placed at each seat. Helt makes a motion to accept the Road Foreman’s report as printed. 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:** Nothing.

**Old / New Business:**


Solicitor Karpowich states that Reading Anthracite Company will be taking down (2) houses this year; and we hope the County reviewed the subdivision plan and that the Board will be able to sign the plans (for this property) next month.

**Motion to Adjourn:** With no further business, Chairperson Helt makes a motion to adjourn. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned.

**ATTEST:** Brenda M. Helt, Chairperson  
**SEAL:**  
**TIME MEETING ENDED:** 6:51 PM

**ATTEST:** James A. Wentz, Vice-Chairman  
**TIME MEETING ENDED:** 6:51 PM

The next regular monthly meeting of the Cass Township Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, April 24th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.