Typed: November 20th, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on Wednesday, October 30th, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Township’s Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.

Present at the meeting were: Mary Lou Bergan, John Kalovcak, Frank Angelo, Joyce Cutler, Chris Ternowchek, Eric Eichenberg, Mike Brinkash, and Martin J. Cerullo.

Brenda Helt calls the meeting to order.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Meeting start time: 6:30pm.

Roll Call of Officers:


Other attendance/absentees:

Donald G. Karpowich, Solicitor – present.

Evelyn J. Bergan, Secretary – present.

David A. Cromyak, Patrolman CTPD – present.

Chairperson Helt states that the minutes from the September 2019 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 # 2019-3 – Chairperson Helt opens the public hearing for comments regarding the non-uniform pension changes as per PMRS. The Solicitor explains that the Board would need to take action to adopt the Ordinance as it was negotiated with PMRS for the non-uniform (full-time) employees. Helt makes a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Wentz seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote. Hearing closed.

Helt calls for discussion from the audience.
Chris Ternowchek, Flag Lane – Asks Elvin if anything better can be done with the paving job on High Road – and states that whoever did the work should give the Township money back because it’s a terrible job. Supervisor Brennan states that it was the only bid that we got. Chris asks if the Board had to use it. Elvin replies yes, or not do it. Chris states that she wouldn’t have spent money on that job. She feels that the contractor needs to come back and at least lower the humps. Chairperson Helt states that her and Elvin were just discussing this issue earlier this evening. Elvin explains what he feels should have been done by the contractor and states that he will call the contractor tomorrow to see if they will come back to fix it.

Joyce Cutler, Oak Lane – Asks if the Board found anything out about JB Cable. The Solicitor states that a resolution was found, but not an ordinance – it was discussed in Executive Session and the Board is planning on reaching out to the them to try and negotiate an ordinance with them, as well as, to address some of the concerns that were brought to our attention. Joyce then addresses Elvin about the ditch that is located near her residence. She states that the last time the bottom of the ditch was cleaned out was when John (Kalovcak) & Mark (Mitchell) did it – she asks John how long ago that was. He replies (7) years; she states that the water is getting high down in that area so that means the ditch needs to be cleaned out again; she states that the Township guys drive through that area every day. Joyce states that a complaint was made about the holes in the road turning into Trail Towing – and the road guys filled the holes with stone, two days later it rained and washed it out. She asks what is the sense of paying the guys a few hours there filling the holes with just plain gravel, it rains, and we are right back where we started. Elvin states that he knew about the complaint and knew they filled the potholes; he knows nothing more about it – but he states that they checked into that road and it’s not a Township road. Joyce asks if he is saying that Railroad Lane is not a Township road. He replies yes – and goes on to explain that his son’s driveway (Brennan Lane) isn’t a Township road either. Joyce states that where the guys put the stone wasn’t part of Railroad Lane, it was part of Oak Lane. Elvin states then it should have been blacktop and not dirt – unless the whole road is dirt. This discussion continues. Elvin states that he will stop down on Oak Lane tomorrow. Joyce asks if the Township still owns the property up where the old high school was. Brenda replies yes. Joyce asks if there are any plans for it. Brenda replies at this present time no plans for it have been discussed. Joyce states that she feels that’s a waste just sitting up there – she would put it up for sale and get some money into the Township. She asks how long ago it was purchased. James replies 5-6 years ago – and he asks Joyce if she has any recommendations other than to sell it. Joyce replies put it up for sale, it’s a nice area. James replies that it’s a hard sell. Joyce replies try it, you might like it. James replies that he thinks that’s how we got stuck with it honestly. Joyce asks if the Board ever put it up for sale. James replies no. Joyce replies you won’t know until you try it. Elvin asks
about the road going into the back of the property. James states that there is no access to the property – that’s the issue – it’s surrounded by Township property. Elvin asks if it’s land locked. James replies that it borders 901 but you can’t get driveway access to it – that’s why we didn’t put the Township building there.

Chris Ternowchek, Flag Lane – tells Elvin he did a nice job on the ditch down the bottom – and thanks him for sending all the water from the High Road down to her property – and states that since he installed the curb, she gets it all. This discussion continues.

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

Helt moves onto the items on the agenda.

**Q2U2, Inc. – Zoning Amendment** – Attorney Marty Cerullo introduces himself as an attorney representing Q2U2; he explains that he is here this evening with Eric Eichenberg (Quandel Companies). Q2U2 is part of the consolidated companies owned by Noble Bud Quandel. Mike Brinkash (Brinkash & Associates) is in attendance as well - he is working on the plans for their proposed project. Attorney Cerullo states that they are in attendance this evening seeking preliminary action of the Board which would authorize the solicitor to advertise the application for a change of the zoning map and to send the application to both the Township Planning Commission and the County Planning Commission for comments as required by the Township ordinance; he gave an overview of their request to the Board. Solicitor Karpowich states that the earliest this can be done (by the Board) would be at the December meeting because the Planning Commission must be given (30) days to review it; he asks Attorney Cerullo for legal descriptions so he can prepare the ordinance - and asks Mike Brinkash to prepare the revised map with signatures. This discussion continues. Helt calls for a motion to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the public hearing for Q2U2, Inc. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

**Proclamation – School Choice Week – January 26th – February 1st** – Chairperson Helt explains the proclamation and makes a motion to adopt it. Wentz seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Chairperson Helt states that both the Public Summary and the List of Transactions for the month of September 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. Wentz seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote. All Treasurer Reports are kept on file in the Township Office for review upon request.

Chairperson/Vast. Treasurer
BRENDA M. HELT

Vice-Chairperson/Vast. Road Foreman
JAMES A. WENTZ

Supervisor/Road Foreman
ELVIN E. BRENAN JR.

Secretary-Treasurer/Manager
EVELYN J. BERGAN
Planning Commission/Engineer’s Report/ARRO Consulting, Inc.: Chairperson Helt makes a motion to table the Dollar General plans until the Planning Commission holds their meeting next month. Helt makes a motion. Wentz seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Police Report: Officer Dave Cromyak read the report. Helt makes a motion to accept the police report as read. Wentz seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote. Copies of all police reports are on file in the Police Department for review upon request.

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: Census is hiring - $19.50 per hour – information is available at the Township Office.

Old/New Business:
The Solicitor states that the Board held an executive session before the meeting. Also, in regard to the Dutcavage assessment/tax appeal for a property located at 21 North Birch Lane; he recommends that the Board makes a motion to not participate. Helt makes the motion. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

ATTEST: Brenda M. Helt, Chairperson
TIME MEETING ENDED: 6:52PM

ATTEST: Elvin F. Brennan Jr., Supervisor
TIME MEETING ENDED: 6:52PM

The next regular monthly meeting of the Cass Township Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, November 20th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.