

Cass Township Board of Supervisors

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The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on Wednesday, May 25th, 2022 at 7:30pm at the Township's Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.

Present at the meeting were: Mike Sorokach, Ann Marie Studlack, Antoinette Purcell, Frank Angelo, David M. Schultz, Andy Studlack, Mike Ondisco, and Kelsie Fiscus.

Brenda Helt calls the meeting to order.

All recited the Pledge of the Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Officers:

Brenda M. Helt – present. Elvin E. Brennan Jr. – present.

Other attendance/attendees:

Evelyn J. Bergan, Secretary – present. Gerard E. Daley, Chief – CTPD – present.

Chairperson Helt states that the minutes from the April 2022 BOS meeting have been placed at each seat. She calls for a motion to accept the minutes if there are no corrections or omissions. Brennan makes the motion. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Helt opens the meeting for public comment.

Mike Sorokach, Owl Road – Addresses with Road Master Brennan the issues to remedy water at his driveway. Elvin states that he was thinking of placing a curb so the water doesn't enter into Mike's driveway.

Frank Angelo, High Road – Addresses Chief Daley about traffic problems on High Road, Low Road, and Fifth Street in Minersville created by Helping Harvest food program. Chief Daley states that he will contact the school district, as well as, Chief Combs and let them know of these problems in hopes that they can find a solution. Frank also has complaints about traffic parking by the baseball field (on Fifth Street and High Road); he states that vehicles will be parked right out on the road. There are no parking signs posted, but they still park there. Chief Daley asks if our road department can paint 'no parking' on the road. Elvin agrees.

Kathleen Mooney, 1108 Valley Road – states that her tenant attended a meeting asking for signage and lighting to be placed on Valley Road by the home. Chief Daley states that her



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tenant was informed that PennDOT would need to be contacted because the Township is not permitted to place anything on or along their road.

Hearing no further comments, Helt closes the public discussion and moves on to the agenda items.

506 Tunnel Road — Yurkonis Property — Solicitor Semanchik states that there was a hearing on 05/06/2022 — after exhibits which included (36) photos of probably the most horrible situation that he has had to present in court — based on the cost that the Township has labored to try to clean up that property, Judge Hale ruled in favor of the Township. The process has been favorably concluded. He recommends the next step — which would be to have the Board move forward and deal with the ownership of the property — hopefully in a positive way. The Solicitor states that the Township has done a remarkable job — looking at the photos of the condition of that property, he is glad it is not in his neighborhood — but the commitment the Township made to address it was very favorably accepted by the Judge and her ruling reflects that — so we are at the last step now to concluding it. Helt makes a motion to accept. Brennan seconds. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

<u>Hiring – Summer Help – DPW</u> – Chairperson Helt states that the BOS already hired Aidan Heffron and Evan Motley – and would like to hire another student. She makes a motion to hire James Dube' at \$10.00 (no benefits). Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

<u>Supervisor Position Update</u> - Chairperson Helt states that as everyone knows the Board petitioned the court. Solicitor Semanchik states that there is a hearing with Judge Hale scheduled for Wednesday, June 1st, 2022 at 9:30am. The (4) candidates who submitted letters of interest have all been notified of the hearing. Judge Hale will be interviewing each of the candidates to try and determine the level of interest and how they can best benefit the Township. At the conclusion of that hearing, she will render a decision for the candidate she feels would be best suited to serve the needs of our Township. Helt makes a motion to accept the update. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

<u>Insurance Renewal</u> – Chairperson Helt states that we received the annual renewal proposal from Keystone Insurance Agency. She makes a motion to accept the proposal. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call – Unanimous Favorable Vote.

<u>Treasurer's Reports</u> – There is a public summary and a list of transactions for the month of April 2022 at each seat. Helt makes a motion to accept both reports – and to pay all outstanding bills that can be paid at this time. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.



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<u>Planning Commission/Engineer's Report</u> – Helt states that regarding Woodside Road, we are waiting on Diane Lenick's survey information and the base plans. Once we receive that information, we will get bids. Helt makes a motion to accept ARRO's report. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

<u>Police Report</u> — Chief Daley read the police report. He states that police are currently working on identifying several juveniles that are being arrested for vandalism to St. Kieran's Church and the other buildings. After a brief discussion about trucks and Highridge Business Park, Helt makes a motion to accept the report as read. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

<u>Road Foreman's Report</u> - Helt states that there is a copy of the report at each seat. She calls for a motion to accept the report as printed. Brennan makes the motion. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Correspondence:

<u>America250PA Resolution</u> – Solicitor Semanchik explains the Resolution stating that it's a state-wide effort by PSATS to start planning for the 250-year anniversary of the United States. Helt makes a motion to accept. Brennan seconds. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

<u>Executive Session</u> - Solicitor Semanchik states that he would like the minutes to reflect that he met with the Board members this evening for executive session that began at 7:00pm to 7:35pm—during which they discussed a number of items involving litigation matters, property matters, and some contract agreement issues.

Old/New Business: Nothing more to discuss.

<u>Motion to Adjourn:</u> With no further business, Helt makes a motion to adjourn. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Meeting Adjourned.

ATTEST: Brenda M. Helt, Chairperson

TIME MEETING ENDED: 7:50pm.

ATTEST: Elvin E. Brennan Jr., Vice-Chairperson

TIME MEETING ENDED: 7:50pm.