

*Typed: September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

*The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on Wednesday, August 31st, 2022 at 7:30pm at the Township's Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.*

*Present at the meeting were: John Kellman Jr., Ed Drasdis, Donna Rae Purcell, Andy Studlack, Antoinette Purcell, Ann Marie Studlack, Christine Ternowchek, Dave Schultz Jr.*

*Brenda Helt calls the meeting to order.*

*All recited the Pledge of the Allegiance to the Flag.*

*Roll Call of Officers:*

*Michael Sorokach III – present.*

*Brenda M. Helt – present.*

*Elvin E. Brennan Jr. – absent.*

*Other attendance/attendees:*

*Mark Semanchik, Solicitor – present.*

*Evelyn J. Bergan, Secretary – present.*

*Gerard E. Daley, Chief – CTPD – present.*

*Chairperson Helt states that the minutes from the July 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. Sorokach makes the motion. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

*Helt introduces Jenn Frees of Comcast – Jenn gives an update explaining that there are still some issues pending (funding and franchise); however, as soon as those issues are resolved, Comcast is ready to go.*

*Helt opens the meeting for public comment.*

*Donna Rae Purcell, Willow Lane – Asks for an update on the Township property adjacent to her residence. The Solicitor states that he is working on a long-term solution for the Township and those property owners. Supervisor Sorokach states that the Board discussed a possible lease agreement that would transfer to a new owner should any of the residents decided to sell their homes. Chairperson Helt states that the Board has decided to go this route (with leases) because if the Township sold them, the properties would have to be put out on bid – and the property owners who have structures placed on the Township properties*

would not be guaranteed to get the property adjacent to theirs – so the leases would be the best option. Helt makes a motion to authorize Solicitor Semanchik to draft leases for the Willow Lane properties. Sorokach seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Antoinette Purcell, High Road – Asks for an update regarding the Township hiring their own Code Enforcement Officer instead of ARRO. Helt states that the Board has been discussing it but needs to figure it out financially. Antoinette states that there are a lot of properties that are a mess. She makes a complaint of high grass/weeds at 224 High Road. Solicitor Semanchik states that he went to a hearing this morning with Shannon Darker (Code Enforcement Officer) and she did very well in representing the Township – she had photos and answered every question that was asked of her – and the Judge ruled in favor of the Township. This discussion continued.

Mike Machita, Low Road – Asks for an update on road work – specifically Woodside Road. Helt gives an update stating that the Board will be putting it out for bid – but they are just not sure at this time what option they will choose to repair it. She states that she is very concerned about the water run-off because Woodside is a steep hill. The Township doesn't want to damage anyone's property or cause more problems. This discussion continued.

Hearing no further comments, Helt closes the public discussion.

Treasurer's Reports – There is a public summary and a list of transactions for the month of July 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. Sorokach seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Planning Commission/Engineer's Report – Helt explains that as Solicitor Semanchik mentioned, he was at a hearing today for a code enforcement case. In addition to that, the Code Enforcement Officer has been very busy; the Board has given Shannon the go-ahead to do whatever she needs to do to get the problem properties cleaned up – so if anyone has a complaint, it can be provided to the Township and we will forward them to Shannon to start the process. The only problem is that the process is a timely and costly one. Helt makes a motion to accept the ARRO report. Sorokach seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Police Report – Chief Daley makes a request to the Board to hire (3) additional part-time police officers: Eric Wilson, Tyler Dissinger, and Daniel Weikel. Helt makes a motion to hire the (3) officers as per Chief Daley's request. Sorokach seconds. Motion passed.

Chief Daley reads the police report. Helt makes a motion to accept the report as read. Sorokach seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

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

Correspondence:

*Fire Insurance* - Helt states that she will be reaching out to the representatives of each of the fire companies to attend September's BOS meeting to discuss the status of the fire insurance provided for all the properties insured in the Township. The Solicitor explains the rating analysis that needs to be completed for fire insurance.

*Schuylkill County Fall Clean-up* – a copy of the schedule can be provided upon request.

*DEP has declared a drought watch* – starting today.

Old/New Business: Nothing more to discuss.

Motion to Adjourn: With no further business, Helt makes a motion to adjourn. Sorokach seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

*Meeting Adjourned.*

**ATTEST: Brenda M. Helt, Chairperson**

**TIME MEETING ENDED: 8:02pm.**

**ATTEST: Michael Sorokach III, Assistant Secretary**

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