

Typed: October 25th, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on Wednesday, September 28th, 2022 at 7:30pm at the Township's Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.

Present at the meeting were: Ed Drasdis, Theresa & Alyssa Cook, Laura & Steve Mitchell, Donna Rae Purcell, Antoinette Purcell, Gene Nagele, and 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. – present.

Other attendance/attendees:

Mark Semanchik, Solicitor – present.

Evelyn J. Bergan, Secretary – present.

Gerard E. Daley, Chief – CTPD – absent.

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

Helt opens the meeting for public comment.

Alyssa Cook, Rockledge – Addresses the Board by thanking them for approving the zoning exemption that allows her to raise her goats for the past several years – and asks once again for the same exemption should she decide to raise them again this upcoming year. Brenda makes a motion to grant the exemption. Sorokach seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Diane Lenick – approaches the Board to explain that Gene Nagele and Tony Siminitus have decided to do a land trade; she shows the plan, a deed; explains the intentions, and states that they are trying to avoid a zoning variance. Solicitor Semanchik asks for copies of the plan

and states that it will be reviewed and discussed in executive session – and states that our Planning Commission will also need to be involved as well.

Donna Rae Purcell, Forestville – Asks for an update on leasing Township property adjacent to her residence. The Solicitor explains the issues that he sees at this time. Chairperson Helt states that the Board members are working on it and hopefully they will have it figured out for next month's meeting.

Antoinette Purcell, High Road – Asks if the 25mph speed limit on High Road is being enforced now that we have hired more police officers. Supervisor Brennan states that lines were painted in several areas for police to run speed. Antoinette then states there were 2 kids on dirt bikes speeding on High Road the other day. Supervisor Sorokach states that he had a recent conversation with Chief Daley about officers sitting in the station. We hired 3 officers last month and they seem to do more than previous officers – but not as much as he feels they should be doing. Antoinette has complaints and questions about code enforcement issues. The Solicitor explains the lengthy process that must be followed. This discussion continued to complaints of ATV's and UTV's traveling on Township roads. Helt states that the Board members are not in agreement with what Minersville is doing by allowing them to travel on their roads; we are not participating and they are not permitted to travel on Cass Township roads – it will be addressed again with Chief Daley.

Hearing no further comments, Helt makes a motion to close the public discussion. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Helt moves on to the Agenda items:

Trick-or-Treat Night – Helt makes a motion to set the date & time for Trick-or-Treat Night. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

October 31st – 6pm to 8pm.

Rain Date: November 1st – 6pm to 8pm.

Treasurer's Reports – There is a public summary and a list of transactions for the month of August 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.

Planning Commission/Engineer's Report – Helt states that we have a list from Shannon of (43) code enforcement issues that are currently in progress. ARRO is also working on the preliminary roadway and stormwater design for Woodside Road; they will provide an updated construction cost for project budgeting.

Police Report – In Chief Daley’s absence, Helt reads his report. She makes a motion to accept the report as read. Brennan 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 makes a motion to accept the report as printed. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Correspondence: None.

Old/New Business:

Executive Session - Solicitor Semanchik states that he met with Board of Supervisors in executive session prior to this meeting; it began at 6:45pm and went to 7:30pm - during which they discussed property issues, ordinance enforcement, contracts, and personnel matters.

Ordinance – COMCAST – The Solicitor explains that the Ordinance that the Board will consider this evening allowing COMCAST to come into the Township has been properly advertised. Brennan makes a motion to approve the Ordinance. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Franchise Fee Agreement – The Solicitor explains that this also has to do with COMCAST; the municipality is permitted to charge a franchise fee of zero to 5%. Helt makes a motion to approve a fee of 1%. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote. Helt also reads an email from Jenn Frees of Comcast regarding their upcoming plans.

Yurkonis (Tunnel Road) Property - The Solicitor requests approval to obtain the payments necessary for the close out of this matter with the Prothonatary’s Office and Sheriff’s Office. Helt makes a motion to approve. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Act 57 of 2022 – The Solicitor explains this legislation as it pertains to the Tax Collector; he recommends that the Board adopt this Resolution as suggested by PSATS. Helt makes the motion. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Municipal Authority of The Borough of Minersville – The Solicitor explains that we received correspondence from them stating that they would like to make improvements to their facilities; there is an opportunity that they can obtain grant funding through FEMA, but the condition for the grant funding would be that the Township be a participant in what is called The Schuylkill County Hazard Mitigation Plan. He recommends that the Township take action tonight to approve participation in the County Plan. Brennan makes the motion. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

PennDOT – Vulnerable Road User Program - The Solicitor states that we received correspondence from PennDOT regarding this Program; he recommends that the Township notify PennDOT that we are willing to participate in their Program as it pertains to improvements in Highridge Business Park. Helt makes a motion. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Rates for Electricity – The Solicitor explains Evelyn has done some research and received at least two proposals from electric suppliers to save the Township on electric costs. It is his recommendation to wait until next month to see if there are any other proposals received for review; if not, he would make a recommendation for approval.

Motion to Adjourn: 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: 8:09pm.

ATTEST: Elvin E. Brennan, Vice Chairperson

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