



Cass Township Board of Supervisors

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The Board of Supervisors of Cass Township held their regular monthly meeting on April 27th, 2023 at 7pm at the Township's Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.

Present at the meeting were: Michael Kulpcavage, Ed Drasdis, John Kellman Jr., Mike Panak, JoAnne Panak, Chris Ternowchek, John Kalovcak, Frank Angelo, Chris Witmer, Donna Rae Purcell, and Mike Ondisco.

Brenda Helt calls the meeting to order.

All recited the Pledge of 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 – present.

Chairperson Helt states that the minutes from the March 2023 BOS meeting have been placed at each seat. She makes a motion to approve the minutes if there are no corrections or omissions. Sorokach seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Helt opens the meeting for public comment.

Chris Witmer, Forestville – Asks for an update on her complaint which was provided when Nick Hazlett, Code Enforcement Officer, arrived at the meeting.

Chris Butler, Forestville – States that he spoke to Neal O'Brien of J.B. Cable Company and was told Comcast put them out of business. The Solicitor responds that the Township has a non-exclusive franchise agreement with Comcast which means that J.B. Cable Company can still provide service to the residents of the Township if they choose to do so. He also explains that the Township was not involved in any discussions or negotiations that were held between the owners of J.B. Cable Company and Comcast – but there is nothing that would prevent J.B. Cable Company from providing service to the Township residents if they choose to do so. Solicitor Semanchik adds that Comcast is taking advantage of Federal funding made available

to them during COVID to provide broadband services all over Schuylkill County – not just in Cass Township. The choice of service is up to the customer – they can choose J.B. Cable, Dish, Comcast, etc. – the choice is theirs.

Donna Rae Purcell, Forestville – Asks if there is any update on the land sale. The Solicitor replies that there is nothing being done at this time.

Hearing no further comments, Helt moves on to the Agenda items:

Summer Help – Helt states that the Board would like to set the hourly rate for summer help at \$12.00 per hour; she makes a motion. Brennan seconds. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Treasurer's Reports – There is a public summary and a list of transactions for the month of March 2023 are at each seat. Helt makes a motion to accept both reports as they are printed – 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 – Benesch has provided their report.

Amending the SALDO - Solicitor Semanchik states that the engineer is recommending that the Board amend the SALDO; he requests to be conditionally authorized to work with Benesch to research what would be involved in the amendment and report back to the BOS at the next meeting – because to amend the SALDO will be a big cost the Township so if there is another way to address it without incurring the cost and get the same result, he would like to research it. Helt agrees and makes the motion. Sorokach seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Valley Road Minor Subdivision – The Solicitor explains that there are still some third party approvals that are necessary with regard to an HOP – so RAC is asking for an extension on the submission of these plans for an additional (90) days; he recommends that the Board approve the request. Helt makes the motion to approve. Sorokach seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Extension of a Zoning Permit – The Solicitor explains that a resident is asking for an extension on a zoning permit due to no fault of the property owner; he recommends that the Board approve the request. Brennan makes the motion to approve. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

SEDCO – Lot 6 - The Solicitor explains that they are moving forward with trying to prepare that lot for development; they have submitted financial security (\$535,000); he recommends that the Board grant acceptance of it. Brennan makes the motion. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Tyson – *The Solicitor explains that they did some work back in 2018; they submitted financial security at that time. The projects/improvements have been completed and inspections were done. Tyson is now asking that the Township release their security; the Solicitor recommends that the Township approve the request. Helt makes the motion to approve. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

Police Report – *Chief Daley reads the 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. Brennan makes a motion to accept the report as printed. Sorokach seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

Correspondence:

Request for Use of the Field – *Helt explains that we received a request from Minersville Little League asking permission to use the field. Sorokach makes a motion to approve the request. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

Old/New Business:

Quotes for Skid Loader – *Road Master Brennan states that they would like to obtain quotes. Supervisor Sorokach states that it would be through the state-wide contract – most municipalities have a skid loader and our backhoe is getting bad – so this is just a discussion making the residents aware.*

Sale of Tunnel Road Property – *The Solicitor states that the advertisement for the Sheriff's Sale was in the paper today for this property; it is set for June 16th, 2023 – so if anyone is interested in buying the property, the opening bid amount is \$31,000.*

Woodside Road Project - *Helt states that the project is going out for bid and the Board will have them at next month's meeting.*

Executive Session – *Solicitor Semanchik states that he met with Board for executive session prior to this evening's meeting which started at 6:15pm.*

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

Meeting Adjourned.



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