

Typed: June 28th, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Cass Township held their regular monthly meeting on May 25th, 2023 at 7pm at the Township's Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.

Present at the meeting were: Rick Pielacha, John Kellman Jr., Dave Schultz Jr., Mike Ondisco, and Bobby Doyle.

Brenda Helt calls the meeting to order.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Officers:

Michael Sorokach III – absent.

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 April 2023 BOS meeting have been placed at each seat. She makes a motion to approve the minutes if there are no corrections or omissions. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Helt opens the meeting for public comment.

Rick Pielacha, 350 Forest Lane – Asks the Solicitor for an update on the status of a parcel of land that is located near his property and is owned by one of the coal companies. Solicitor Semanchik states that he researched the parcel and it is in Pagnotti's name so he reached out to them to see if they would maintain the property – or allow Mr. Pielacha to maintain it – and they were more inclined to work something out to allow Mr. Pielacha or someone else to maintain it. Pagnotti's comment was that if someone would like to maintain it, they would not stop the person from doing it. Mr. Pielacha states that he wouldn't be able. Solicitor Semanchik states that he will contact Pagnotti and inform them of the complaint and instruct them to send someone down to cut it or pay someone to do so.

This led to a lengthy discussion into the sale of the Yurkonis property; and Comcast installation throughout the Township.

Bobby Doyle, 138 N. Maple Ave. – Had a complaint regarding overgrown grass and weeds at the address of 73 N. Maple Ave. Evelyn states it has already been reported to code enforcement.

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

Resolution – Gordon-Butler Act 537 Plan – SCMA – Helt makes a motion to adopt the Resolution with a retroactive date of 04/27/2023. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Municipal Consistency Letter – West Creek Stream Rehabilitation Project - Helt states that a letter was provided to Benesch as per their request with a retroactive date of 05/10/2023. Brennan makes a motion. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Bids – Woodside Road – The BOS have reviewed the bid results, but still have questions that they would like to review and clarify with Benesch; therefore, Helt makes a motion to table the bid award at this time. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Treasurer’s Reports – There is a public summary and a list of transactions for the month of April 2023 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 dated May 25th, 2023.

Quandel Rebuild Project – Solicitor Semanchick provides an overview of applications that have been submitted. He recommends that with regard to the LD plans that have been reviewed and revised – and provided that the engineer believes that all of the necessary information is contained in the LD and floodplain documents - that they be approved. The second part of his recommendation as it relates to a height variance for a tower relating to safety, he recommends that the BOS waive the requirements to have a zoning hearing; this is also consistent with Attorney Shane Hobbs’ legal opinion. The Solicitor recommends the BOS take action under this hardship and the fact that it is a rebuild; he directs the Board to take action to authorize the issuance of the zoning permit to allow the project to go forward on the condition that all the applications are submitted and all the fees are paid. Helt makes the

motion to authorize the issuance of the zoning permit as per the Solicitor's recommendation. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Police Report – Chief Daley reads the report. He explains a safety issue and makes a request for the purchase of a new radio to be installed in the SUV – and – he explains the need to upgrade to a new reporting system; he states that he will get quotes for both. Helt makes a motion to accept the police 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. Brennan makes a motion to accept the report as printed. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Code Enforcement Report - Helt states that there is no report this month since the CEO is on vacation.

Solicitor Semanchik thanks Chief Daley for his input into a code enforcement issue we were dealing with a few weeks ago – and states that it seems to have resolved the problem.

Correspondence:

Executive Session – Solicitor Semanchik states that at 6pm tonight he met with the Board members in executive session during which they discussed code enforcement issues, ordinance enforcement issues, personnel issues, and some contract issues.

SEDCO – Lot 6 - Solicitor Semanchik states that the BOS took action last month regarding Lot 6 and the efforts have begun to develop it. Benesch reports that they have been performing some inspections, so SEDCO is moving forward with the project; they have submitted the necessary LD agreement, as well as, the security that is also necessary for the improvements.

Tyson Foods – Solicitor Semanchick states that they are trying to do some upgrades for stormwater issues in their parking lot – they have presented some plans and ideas - but any future action taken by the Township was conditioned upon them getting the necessary 3rd party approvals from DEP, as well as, the Schuylkill Conservation District. The Conservation District has already reviewed the plans and have made a number of findings; they gave Tyson Foods until June 5th, 2023 to respond and upgrade their plans – so there is nothing more to do on the Township's end of it at this time.

Sheriff's Sale – June 16th, 2023 – Yurkonis Property – Tunnel Road - Solicitor Semanchik states that we hope there will be someone bidding on the property, but if even if that does not

happen, the end result of the sale will be to finally title the property in the name of the Township so we can control the destiny of it.

Old/New Business: Nothing.

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: 7:29pm.

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