

Typed: July 26th, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Cass Township held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 29th, 2023 at 7pm at the Township's Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.

Present at the meeting were: Frank Angelo, John Kalovcak, John Kellman Jr., Michael Kulpcavage, Ann Marie Studlack, David Schutz Jr., Mike Ondisco, Chris Ternowchek, and Antoinette Purcell.

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. – 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 May 2023 BOS and the Special Meeting held on June 8th, 2023 have been placed at each seat. She makes a motion to approve both sets of minutes if there are no corrections or omissions. Sorokach seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Helt opens the meeting for public comment.

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

Schaeffer Hill Road Project – Sorokach makes a motion to authorize Benesch to perform the work necessary to provide the Board with a preliminary cost estimate. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Hiring – Summer Employee – Helt explains that Evan Motley has once again returned to the Township to work the summer months. Sorokach makes a motion to re-hire Evan (retroactively to his start date of 05/15/2023). Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Hiring – Police Officers – Chief Daley explains that the officers we currently have all hold full-time jobs; and he doesn't feel that the Township is getting enough coverage with the shifts that are being worked. He states that all municipalities are struggling with trying to find officers, but he has placed an advertisement in hopes of hiring additional employees. Helt makes a motion. Sorokach seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Waste Transportation Ordinance – Biosolids – Solicitor Semanchik states that he met with the Board members in Executive Session beginning at 6pm this evening. One of the items that was discussed was enforcement of ordinances – this one in particular – so it's currently being reviewed. He asks for the opportunity to submit a report for the Board's consideration in advance of next month's meeting. Helt makes a motion. Sorokach 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 May 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. Sorokach seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Planning Commission/Engineer's Report –

**Benesch has provided their report dated June 28th, 2023.*

Rita Purcell Estate Plans – Helt makes a motion to grant (conditional) approval (as recommended by the PC with the stipulation that comments set forth in Benesch's letter be addressed and the plan be resubmitted for final approval). Sorokach seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

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

Code Enforcement Report - Sorokach states that Nick Hazlett is supposed to be in attendance, but he hasn't arrived yet.

John Kalovcak has questions regarding 66 High Road; he states that it was condemned. Solicitor Semanchik responds that once the CEO condemns a property, the next step is to file a citation with the Magistrate – and once the hearing is scheduled the Solicitor will be made aware; however, he has not seen any notifications of a hearing, but he will ask Nick for an update.

John then makes comment about the residents driving vehicles in/out of their yard. He states that years ago, the Township made him pave his driveway 20 feet in from the blacktopped road. Solicitor Semanchik states that the Township most likely has an ordinance that requires that if you have a driveway and off-street parking, the driveway has to be inspected first off to make sure that there is clear distance for vehicles pulling in/out onto a Township road, etc. He states that most municipalities have those types of ordinances. This discussion continued.

Antoinette Purcell – comments about residents parking their vehicles on High Road (near 66 High Road) making it difficult to drive through that area of the roadway – and states that it’s a safety issue. Chief Daley states that maybe the Township should create an ordinance and place no parking signs there. Solicitor Semanchik states that maybe it’s something that should be prepared for the August meeting prior to school starting. Helt states that it would be better to have it ready for next month’s meeting (July).

Correspondence:

Lot 6 – SEDCO - Solicitor Semanchik states that the work being done is being reviewed by Benesch.

Tyson Development - Solicitor Semanchik states that Tyson is getting ready to move forward with their \$9 million dollar improvement project.

Quandel Concrete Re-Build – Solicitor Semanchik states that in executive session, an issue was discussed that came from the County regarding the rebuild. From the Township’s perspective, he doesn’t understand where the County thinks it can supersede the ordinances that the Township has adopted so he’ll be offering an opinion.

Sherriff’s Sale – Tunnel Road (Yurkonis) Property – Solicitor Semanchick states that the sale was held on Friday, the 16th. A bid in the amount of \$30,200.00 was received by the Sheriff. That amount exceeds all of the costs, engineering fees, legal fees, filing fees, sheriff’s costs, etc. which the Township has invested in the clean-up of that property. The distribution of the Sherriff’s proceeds has not yet occurred, but the auction was held, the bid and the deposit were received, and all indications are that they are moving towards closing – so in the short term, it appears that the Township will come out from under the process that started almost (6) years ago. Helt states that is wonderful; the BOS is very grateful to the purchaser of the property.

Tyson Foods Plans – Sorokach makes a motion to grant final approval of the plans pending receipt of the financial security. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Old/New Business:

Police - Radio & Reporting System – Chief Daley asks Helt about the status of his request for both items. She responds that Supervisor Brennan is not here this evening; they would like to discuss with him prior to making the decision.

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: 7:15pm.

ATTEST: Michael Sorokach III, Supervisor

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