



**Cass Township Board of Supervisors**

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*The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7pm.*

*Present at the meeting: See sign-in sheet attached.*

*Brenda Helt calls the meeting to order.*

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

**Roll Call of Officers:**

*Michael Sorokach III – present.*

*Elvin E. Brennan Jr. – present.*

*Brenda M. Helt – present.*

**Other attendance/attendees:**

*Mark Semanchik, Solicitor – present.*

*Evelyn J. Bergan, Secretary – present.*

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

*Chairperson Helt states that the December 2023 BOS minutes – and - the 2024 Reorganization Meeting minutes have been placed at each seat. She calls for a motion to approve both sets of minutes if there are no corrections or omissions. Sorokach makes the motion. Seconded by Helt. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

*Helt opens the meeting for public comment.*

*Chris Ternowchek, Flag Lane – Had questions, comments, and complaints about a snow plow contractor hired by the Township to help during the most recent storm. She also asks what the Township employees wages are now since they received raises.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, Helt closed the public discussion and moves on to the Agenda items:*

**Part-time Police Officer – Re-hire:** – *Helt explains that we have been told that this officer no longer wants to work for Cass Township so the Board will not be addressing it.*

**Treasurer's Reports** – *Copies of the Treasurer's Reports are placed at each seat. Helt calls for a motion to approve the report(s) as printed. Brennan makes the motion. Seconded by Helt. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

Chairperson/Asst. Treasurer  
**BRENDA M. HELT**

Supervisor  
**ELVIN E. BRENNAN JR.**

Road Master/Assistant Secretary  
**MICHAEL SOROKACH III**

Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
**EVELYN J. BERGAN**



**Planning Commission/Engineer's Report** – *Solicitor Semanchik states that there are some action items that need to be addressed. He states that there plans that have made it through the process with our Planning Commission regarding the Quandel Concrete project. They were submitted on 12/18/2023 – the action requested is approval by the Board so that those plans can be signed and we can move forward to close that project out from the planning process. Brennan makes motion to approve the Quandel Concrete plans. Seconded by Helt. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

**Tyson Plans** – *Based on the internal reviews, these plans have all but been completed. Solicitor Semanchik recommends that the Board provide final plan approval, but not release them until they conclude the submission of the Development Agreement that provides the financial security to cover the cost of the improvements. Sorokach makes a motion to approve the Tyson Plans. Seconded by Helt. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

**SALDO** – *Solicitor Semanchik explains that Benesch has requested that the Board look at the section of the SALDO that deals with stormwater calculations because they are outdated based on DEP's current regulations. The engineering firm is requesting that our ordinance values be suspended so that they can impose upon developers the current values required by DEP for their permitting for stormwater management. Sorokach makes a motion to approve Benesch's request. Seconded by Helt. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

**Police Department Report**: *Sorokach reads the report. Helt makes a motion to accept the report as read. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote. A copy of the report is on file at the Police Department.*

**Road Foreman's Report**: *A copy of the report is placed at each seat. Sorokach reads the report – and gives an update on issues that occurred during the month, as well as others that that need to be addressed in the future. Helt makes a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

**Code Enforcement Report** – *Nick Hazlett reads his report. Helt makes a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Sorokach. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

**Correspondence:**

**Executive Session** – *Solicitor Semanchik states that he met with the Board in executive session prior to this evening's meeting starting at 6:30pm during which they discussed property issues, as well as, some personnel matters.*

**Tunnel Road Property** – *Solicitor Semanchik explains that he received a copy of Judge Goodman's decision in response to the Township's petition to remove all the delinquent taxes from the Tunnel Road property that have accumulated since 2016. Judge Goodman has*



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*granted the Township's request. Solicitor Semanchik asks for authorization from the Board to advertise the property for sale so that we may have an auction to sell it. Sorokach makes the motion. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau – Parcel No. 5-6-0010.000 – 9 Haze Road - Solicitor Semanchick explains that the structure is on leased ground, but the taxes have been delinquent for many years. The Tax Claim Bureau has received a bid in the amount of \$950.00 to purchase the property which is rough shape, but it is his recommendation that the Board approve the sale in hopes that the new owner improves the property and it gets back on the tax rolls. Sorokach makes a motion to approve the sale. Seconded by Helt. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Personnel – Helt reads the resignation letter of Gerard E. Daley. Sorokach makes a motion to accept the resignation. Seconded by Helt. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Executive Session – Helt states that the Board held an executive session last Thursday (01/18/2024) at which they discussed personnel issues.

Old/New Business: None.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

*Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.*

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

**SEAL:**

**ATTEST: Elvin E. Brennan Jr., Supervisor**

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