

*Typed: May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7pm at the Municipal Building – Duncott, PA.*

*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 – absent.*

*Elvin E. Brennan Jr. – present.*

*Brenda M. Helt – present.*

*Other attendance/attendees:*

*Mark Semanchik, Solicitor – present.*

*Evelyn J. Bergan, Secretary – present.*

*Chairperson Helt states that the March 2024 Supervisors Meeting Minutes have been placed at each seat. She makes a motion to approve the minutes if there are no corrections or omissions. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

*Helt opens the meeting for public comment.*

*Brian Mull, Mountain Road - Asks if there is an update on the fire company merger between Cass/Heckscherville and Minersville. Solicitor Semanchick states that at this point, we haven't moved forward with it; it's still under review. He has asked for a special meeting with the Supervisors to discuss. He has received additional information so hopefully by next month's meeting, we'll be able to give some direction.*

*David Collier, North Maple Ave. – Had many complaints about ongoing issues with bush parties taking place on coal company owned property near his home until early hours of the morning – as well as teenagers attending those parties carrying on near the homes, parking vehicles all over the neighborhood, and parents dropping off and picking up their kids. He called Reading Anthracite Company, but they told him it's not their property; it's owned by Girard Estates. Dave continues to state that he cannot tolerate it anymore and doesn't know what to do about it. He adds that he called the State police who responded to one of the parties; they are also supposed to contact the schools. A request was made to the Board asking them to block off an entry way onto the property. Solicitor Semanchik states that we need to rely on the State police for assistance; the Township cannot go on to private property*



*and take any kind of steps to help with the situation – but he offers to check into it to see if there is something that can be done. Keith McCarthy explains that he has concerns because there is also a very deep mining hole/shaft that is open in that area that is not safe; he explains the location. Supervisor Brennan states that he will speak to someone he knows about it. This very lengthy discussion continued.*

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

*Summer Employee – Rehire: Brennan makes motion to rehire Evan Motley at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. Seconded by Helt. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

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

*Planning Commission/Engineer's Report - Solicitor Semanchik states that there is a lot of activity currently taking place in the Township; however, there is nothing to come before the Board this evening for approval.*

*Police Department Report: CTPD remains suspended – so nothing to report.*

*Road Foreman's Report: A copy of the report is placed at each seat. Helt makes a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

*Code Enforcement Report – Nick Hazlett is absent – and has not provided a report.*

*Correspondence: Solicitor Semanchik states that there are (2) items; however, neither require any action. We are in receipt of some anticipated land development plans from Tyson Foods regarding the potential construction of a truck repair facility including a truck wash, but there are a lot concerns being raised with regard to any type of water discharge into the watershed of Minersville Water – so that is issue is under consideration and discussion. He also mentions that Minersville School District has reached out with regard to a portion of Cass Township property for purposes of what they are calling a solar project array – where panels would be installed as a supplement to their electric needs – so that is also the subject of a lot of discussion – but again, nothing is at the point of being presented to the Board for approval or rejection.*

*Old/New Business:*

*Payment of Taxes to the Tax Collector* - Helt states that Ann Marie Studlack (former Tax Collector) had a practice of returning a paid receipt back to the residents without requiring them to provide a self-addressed stamped envelope. The new Tax Collector will not continue that practice. If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your tax payment as instructed on the back of the tax bills and your receipt will be mailed to you.

*Chris Ternowchek, Flag Lane* – Asks why the new Tax Collector doesn't have hours at the Municipal Building. Supervisor Helt states that Ann Marie collected at her home – and Barbara wants to collect at her home – she can't tell her where to collect. Chris replies that Helt is a Supervisor. Solicitor Semanchik states that the Tax Collector is an elected official and collects not only for the Township, but for the County and School District. Chris adds that even one night a week or something would be better than going to her house; it was a lot easier going to Ann Marie's. Helt states that she used to go to Ann Marie's home as well; however, now she will just mail them.

*Mike Kulpcavage, High Road* – Asks if Barbara's expenses will be the same as Ann Marie's. Helt responds yes, she gets no more, no less, it all stays the same – she is completing Ann Marie's term so nothing can be changed until that term is completed and a new term has begun.

*Executive Session* - Solicitor Semanchik states that he met with two members of the Board in executive session prior to this meeting beginning at 6:30pm – during which they reviewed some ordinance enforcement issues and some personnel issues.

*Motion to Adjourn:*

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

*Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.*

*ATTEST: Brenda M. Helt, Chairperson*

*SEAL:*

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



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Brian Mull

Jim Dun

John Kellman Jr

Chris Terwouckek

Deb Dougherty

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Andy Studlack

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