

Typed: June 27th, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on Thursday, May 30th, 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 – present.

Elvin E. Brennan Jr. – absent.

Brenda M. Helt – present.

Other attendance/attendees:

Mark Semanchik, Solicitor – present.

Evelyn J. Bergan, Secretary – present.

Chairperson Helt states that the April 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 Sorokach. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Helt opens the meeting for public comment.

Frank Angelo, High Road – Had questions regarding information provided by Frank Zukas of SEDCO during a Township meeting approximately 6 months ago or longer. Solicitor Semanchik states that he believes Frank was explaining the percentage split of real estate taxes received by the Schuylkill County, Minersville School District, Cass and Foster Townships.

Mike Panak, Tulip Lane – Explained several issues that recently occurred on Tulip Lane that he considers harassment. He states that he called the State Police – and they suggested that it also be reported to the Township.

Don Gretskey, Water Dam Road – Asks if there has been any further discussions or anything happening in regards to the merger of Clover Fire Company and Minersville Fire & Rescue. Chairperson Helt states that any further discussions will need to be scheduled with the other two Supervisors and Solicitor Semanchik since after the behavior that took place at the meeting with South Cass – and what occurred afterwards in the parking lot - she wants nothing to do with it and will not participate in any meetings or discussions relating to the

merger. She states that she had already spoke to Eric Eichenberg and informed him of the same. Supervisor Sorokach adds that Elvin is not here this evening; his input will be needed. This discussion continued.

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

Rob Gill of Keystone – DS&T Insurance: Rob provides a lengthy detailed presentation of the Township's renewal proposal for insurance along with additional information regarding police and fire departments. Helt makes a motion to accept the insurance proposal. Seconded by Sorokach. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

2024 Schaeffer Hill Road Program – Bids: Sorokach explains that these bids are for the seal coat, tar and chip of the Quandel side of Schaeffer Hill Road to repair what was paved a few years ago. Bids were received yesterday electronically from Asphalt Maintenance Solutions at \$34,489.00 – and – Martin Paving at \$29,897.00. Helt makes a motion to accept the lowest bid of \$29,897.00 (Martin Paving). Seconded by Sorokach. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

**Funding for Road Projects - Sorokach explains that paving by M&J Construction on this (the Duncott) side of Schaeffer Hill will cost \$244,450.00 – and will be paid from the LST Reserve Account. The cost of the project by Martin Paving to seal coat, tar and chip the opposite (Quandel) side of Schaeffer Hill Road will cost \$29, 897.00 – and will be paid from Liquid Fuels funds.*

Police - CTPD: Solicitor Semanchik gives an overview of events that have occurred over the past months and explains that since we were not provided with the assistance that we requested back in February when the Department was suspended; it is his recommendation to the Board that they disband their police department. Helt makes a motion to disband Cass Township Police Department. Seconded by Sorokach. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote. Solicitor Semanchik states that it will be necessary now to notify the Pennsylvania State Police and the Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Commission that the Township's police department will no longer be utilizing its assigned number – and for the near future, the only law enforcement services provided in the Township will be by State Police. He asks for authorization by the Board to complete these tasks. Helt makes the motion to approve the request. Seconded by Sorokach. 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 Sorokach. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Planning Commission/Engineer's Report –

Tyson Foods – Truck Repair & Wash Facility – 90 day extension: *Solicitor Semanchik states that Tyson would like to construct this facility in Highridge Business Park. Plans have been submitted; however, there have been many questions raised with regard to stormwater discharges – such as, could it impact our water sources (Minersville Water Authority). The Planning Commission and Engineers are asking the appropriate questions – and they have given the Developer the opportunity to answer those questions, but they need an additional 90 days - so there is a request to extend the deadline to allow them the 90 additional days. It is his recommendation to the Board that they approve and grant this request. Helt makes a motion to approve the 90 day extension. Seconded by Sorokach. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

Road Foreman's Report: *A copy of the report is placed at each seat. Sorokach also reads the report. He states that due to vandalism the electrical box at the Forestville Playground will be replaced and relocated. He asks for a motion to approve those modifications to be completed by Dave Fannick Electric at a cost of \$1,963.00. Helt makes a motion to approve. Seconded by Sorokach. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote. Helt and Sorokach both explain the vandalism that continued to occur at the Forestville Playground due to someone wanting to bypass the lights so they would stay on longer – and because of that vandalism, the Board will now be changing the hours that the playground is open to dawn to dusk. She makes the motion. Seconded by Sorokach. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote. Helt also makes a motion to accept the Road Foreman's Report. Seconded by Sorokach. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

Code Enforcement Report – *Nick Hazlett gives his report. He adds that he has been reviewing ordinances – and the Township does have an ATV ordinance. Helt makes a motion to approve the report. Seconded by Sorokach. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

**Mike Panak, Tulip Lane – States that a friend of his was going to haul his off-road vehicle to his residence – and they thought they could ride on the Township's roads. Helt responds that Minersville Borough allows them on their roads with a permit – but Cass Township does not allow them on our roads.*

Executive Session – *Solicitor Semanchik states that he met in executive session with (2) members of the Board prior to this meeting. It started at 6:05pm and ended at 6:55pm – during which they reviewed contracts, personnel, and property issues.*

Correspondence: *Nothing.*



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Old/New Business: Nothing.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

ATTEST: Brenda M. Helt, Chairperson

SEAL:

ATTEST: Michael Sorokach III, Supervisor

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BRENDA M. HELT

Supervisor
ELVIN E. BRENNAN JR.

Road Master/Assistant Secretary
MICHAEL SOROKACH III

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