

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on November 21st, 2024 at 7pm at the Municipal Building – Duncott, PA.

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

Mike Sorokach 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 – absent.

Other attendance/attendees:

Mark Semanchik, Solicitor – present.

Evelyn J. Bergan, Secretary – present.

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

Sorokach opens the meeting for public comment.

Brian Mull, Mountain Road – Reports that a fire hydrant owned by Blythe Township Water Authority could not be used during a recent fire because fire personnel could not get the hydrant opened.

Lawrence C. Martin, Mountain Road – Strongly disagrees with the placement of a Private Driveway sign at the entrance of Mountain Road stating that it is an alley way – not a driveway.

Hearing no additional questions or comments, Sorokach moves on to the agenda items:

Police Chief Update – Sorokach states that this is an ongoing issue. Resumes were received from (16) candidates; however, at this point, there is nothing new to report. Solicitor Semanchik adds that he has no recommendations at this time.

LSA Grants – Sorokach makes a motion to authorize Benesch to apply for LST grants for equipment which includes a skid steer, milling attachment, 84” sweeper, and pallet racks

which total \$106,580.04. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

2025 Preliminary Budget – Sorokach makes a motion to approve the 2025 Preliminary Budget. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

2025 Budget Notice – Sorokach makes a motion to advertise the 2025 Budget Notice. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

ONVO Travel Plaza – Road Name - Solicitor Semanchik states that the Township has received correspondence requesting that the road be named Travel Plaza Drive; however, in order for the Township to name a street on permanent basis, it would need to be done by ordinance – so no action can be taken at tonight’s meeting. Sorokach makes a motion to authorize our Solicitor to draft the ordinance to be presented at next month’s meeting. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Treasurer’s Reports – Copies of the Treasurer's Reports are placed at each seat. Sorokach 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 –

DCNR Grant Award – Forestville Playground – Sorokach explains that the Township was awarded a \$65,000 grant to make repairs and upgrades.

Sorokach makes a motion to approve the Engineer’s Report. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Road Foreman’s Report: A copy of the report is provided at each seat. Roadmaster Sorokach stated that one of the spreaders needed to be rebuilt – but all the trucks are now ready to go for the anticipated arrival of the storm. He makes a motion to approve the Roadmaster’s Report. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Code Enforcement Report: Nick Hazlett reads his November 2024 report – and states that additional addresses have been added to the list of Reading Anthracite properties. He is now waiting to hear from Bonnie of RAC to schedule a day and time when they can go out into the field and make visits to those properties. Also, the rental letters were sent out - if the Township receives calls or visits to the office, they are to be forwarded directly to him.

*Sorokach makes a motion to accept Nick's report. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed.
Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

Solicitor's Report:

Wegmans Lot Expansion – Solicitor Semanchik states that in their report, Benesch is recommending that the Township agree to have Wegmans submit an “as built” copy of the documents for their additional building; and he concurs in joining that recommendation. Sorokach makes the motion to accept the recommendations for an “as built” copy submission from Wegmans. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Executive Session – Solicitor Semanchik states that he met with the Board prior to this meeting; it started a 6pm and ended at 6:40pm for the reasons of personnel and contract matters.

Correspondence:

HIDA Board Member Appointment – Sorokach explains that the Township has received correspondence from Frank Zukas of SEDCO with notification that the Township's current appointed HIDA Board Member's term will expire on 12/31/2024. Sorokach states that he would like the Board to know that he is interested in filling that position. Brennan makes the motion. Sorokach seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.

Old/New Business: Nothing to report.

Motion to Adjourn:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

ATTEST: Michael Sorokach III, Vice Chairperson

SEAL:

ATTEST: Elvin E. Brennan Jr., Supervisor

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