

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on February 27th, 2025 at 7pm at the Municipal Building – Duncott, PA.

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

Michael 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.

Chairperson Sorokach stated that the January 2025 Supervisor's Meeting minutes have been placed at each seat. He made a motion to approve them if there are no corrections or omissions. Seconded by Supervisor Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Sorokach opened the meeting for public comment.

Brian Mull, Mountain Road – Asked if there is a timeframe (for Blythe Water Authority) to fix the hydrant that is currently out of service at the intersection of Schaeffer's Hill Road and Valley Road – as well as the other hydrant that is located on Valley Road (370 Valley Road). Solicitor Semanchik explained that he was contacted by Justin DeAngelo of Blythe Township Municipal Authority to inform the Township that the hydrant at the intersection was hit by a vehicle; they're scheduling to fix it within the next week or so. Solicitor Semanchick states that he was not aware of the second hydrant in need of repair, but he will reach out to Justin at BTMA regarding that one as well.

Steve Burgoon, 364 Valley Road – Asked why Comcast has not provided service to the residents of Mackeysburg. Solicitor Semanchik states that this was discussed by the Board and it was agreed that since the representative of Comcast stated several times during her attendance at past Township meetings that all residents of Cass Township would have the opportunity to be provided Comcast services should they decide they want it - and the funding for the project was provided by State and Federal grants – he will be asking the Board to take action to authorize him to file a formal complaint with Comcast in an effort to get them to complete the project because there are other residents in the same situation. This discussion continued.

John Osatchuck, Mackeysburg – Asked if there were plans to pave Valley Road. Sorokach responds that Valley Road is a State Highway; PennDOT is responsible for the paving of it not the Township, but he will ask around to see if there are any plans for it. Mr. Osatchuck then asks about biosolids being dumped within the Township. After a lengthy discussion among Board members and the audience which confirmed that they are being brought in on trucks and dumped on Reading Anthracite Company property, Solicitor Semanchik states that he will check with DEP to make sure all permits are in place.

Frank Angelo, High Road – Asked for an update on the police situation. Sorokach responds that it continues to be an ongoing issue; there may be more to update next month.

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

Introduction of Travis Smeltz, Candidate of Magistrate – Mr. Smeltz was a no show.

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant – Condor Lane – Sorokach explains that the Blythe water line needs to be replaced prior to the Township doing any road repairs to Condor Lane so it was decided that the Township will apply for the grant to also include the necessary repairs to address drainage issues and installation of a new fire hydrant. Sorokach makes a motion to authorize Benesch to apply for the grant. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Deputy Tax Collector – Sorokach states that the current Tax Collector has requested that the Board approve the appointment of a Deputy Tax Collector in the event that she is unable to perform her duties. He makes a motion to approve the request. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Treasurer's Report – Sorokach stated that there is copy of the report at each seat. He made a motion to accept the report as printed – and to pay all outstanding bills. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Planning Commission & Engineers Report –

Dynamic Engineers – Solicitor Semanchik explains that they have requested a time extension for the proposed Warehouse Development LD Application. It is his recommendation that the Board approve that request. Sorokach makes a motion to approve Dynamic Engineers request for a time extension. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Roadmaster's Report – A copy of the report is provided at each seat. Sorokach also read the report aloud. He explains the Board's plans to do repairs to Water Dam Road, Condor Lane, Hilltop Terrace Road, and High Road. He then made a motion to approve the report. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Code Enforcement Report - Nick Hazlett read his report. Sorokach asks him to investigate what happened with the property on Haze Road – it was supposed to be condemned but was listed for sale on Facebook Marketplace; he wants to know who dropped the ball. Sorokach makes a motion to accept the code enforcement report. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Solicitor's Report –

Tyson Parking Lot Expansion LD plans – Solicitor Semanchik explains that these plans were already approved, but they were not recorded within the (90) timeframe as required by the PA MPC – so their engineers are asking the Board to reaffirm their previous approval of the plans which will allow them to be accepted and recorded by the Schuylkill County Recorder of Deeds. Sorokach makes a motion to reaffirm approval as requested. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Executive Session - Solicitor Semanchik stated that he met with the Board for executive session prior to this meeting; it began at 6:10pm and ended at 6:58pm. The issues discussed were in regard to Comcast, fire hydrants, property enforcement issues, and biosolids.

Sorokach makes a motion to accept the Solicitor's Report. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Correspondence – Nothing.

Old / New Business – Nothing.

Motion to Adjourn:

With no further business, Chairperson Sorokach made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

ATTEST: Michael Sorokach III, Chairperson

SEAL:

ATTEST: Elvin E. Brennan Jr., Vice Chairperson



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