

*The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on May 22nd, 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.*

*Scott Brennan, CTPD - Officer In Charge – present.*

*Chairperson Sorokach introduces Scott Brennan to the audience. Solicitor Semanchik states that the Township is very fortunate to have Officer in Charge Brennan who was willing to step up and assist in the process of reinstating our police department. He adds that it is a pleasure to work this retired State Trooper – his experience and knowledge have been invaluable.*

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

*At this time, Chairperson Sorokach asks Nick Hazlett to provide his Code Enforcement report. After he has completed the report, any residents who may have questions for Mr. Hazlett can feel free to ask. After the Code issues are addressed, we will then move on to the rest of the meeting. Nick Hazlett reads his report and responds in detail to several inquiries made by residents.*

*Sorokach opened the meeting for public comment.*

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

**CTPD Update** – *Solicitor Semanchick explains that as authorized by the Board at the prior meeting, he and Officer In Charge Scott Brennan took the necessary steps to get the Department reactivated. With OIC Brennan's extensive experience, they were able to put a packet together and we were notified after a*

*(5) day review period that the FBI, PSP, County 911 system – everyone necessary has reviewed our application and authorized the reactivation of Cass Township Police Department. He asks the Board to take action on (2) items:*

- *Authorize OIC Brennan and Solicitor Semanchik to correspond with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission in Harrisburg to be sure that any officers hired by the Township have all the necessary credentials and are State certified prior to their hiring. Sorokach made the motion. Seconded by Supervisor Brennan. Motion passed unanimously. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.*
- *Conditionally approve the steps necessary to hire a certified and properly trained police officer as to be compliant with State regulations. Sorokach made the motion. Seconded by Supervisor Brennan. Motion passed unanimously. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.*

*Summer Employee Hiring – Sorokach made a motion to hire Dakota Dullard after the school year is over at an hourly rate of \$11.00 per hour; no benefits. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.*

*UCC Appeals Board Member - Sorokach made a motion to appoint Pete Ricigliano to fill the current member vacancy on the UCC Appeals Board. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.*

*Zoning Hearing Board Member – Sorokach states that he had a call into Jim Garraway who is running for Township Supervisor to ask if he would serve as a ZHB member because prior to being a Supervisor, Mike Kulpcavage had asked him (Sorokach) to get involved and serve on the Municipal Authority and Planning Commission so he thought he would ask Mr. Garraway if he would be interested; however, Jim states that he works an hour and a half away and without knowing the date of the hearing(s), he's really not interested. Sorokach asks if anyone in the audience tonight would be interested in filling the position. Ken Koscil volunteers and states that he would be interested. Sorokach made a motion to appoint Ken Koscil to fill the current member vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. 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 –**

**Zoning Hearing Board** - Solicitor Semanchick explained the (2) zoning issues currently going through the process to be presented to the Zoning Hearing Board: 1) a garage as a primary structure and 2) a garage with height requirements. Hearings will take place under the direction of ZHB Solicitor Shane Hobbs with the assistance of our Zoning Officer Shane Ryan of Benesch.

**UCC Appeals Board** – Solicitor Semanchick states that there is a hearing being scheduled in the very near future for (2) issues: 1) ONVO / Mariott Hotel – they are asking for a waiver regarding a waterline and sprinkler system. 2) Wegmans – re: fire emergency compliance where shelving limits access. Hearings will take place under his direction with the assistance of BIU of PA, Inc.

**Dynamic Land Development Warehousing Project**: Solicitor Semanchik states that the PC has met and reviewed their plans. There is a series of (5) waivers that were requested, reviewed, and approved by the Planning Commission. He states that he had the opportunity to review them as well and concurs with the approval of the PC and recommends the Board take action to approve the waivers. Sorokach made a motion to approve (5) waivers as discussed. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Chairperson Sorokach makes a motion to approve the Engineers' Report. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

**Roadmaster's Report** – A copy of the report was provided at each seat. Sorokach also read the report aloud. He gave an update on grant applications re: waterline (Condors Lane); Water Dam Road and Oak Lane (Dirt & Gravel); bid results for Hilltop Terrace Drive will be provided at next month's meeting.

**June Meeting Date Change**– Sorokach makes a motion to change next month's meeting date to Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

**Biosolids** – Sorokach states that he met with (3) representatives of DEP to investigate a complaint regarding biosolids (Mackeysburg area). According to DEP, Reading Anthracite Company is following everything they should be doing and there are no violations; however, he has (2) contact numbers for representatives of DEP should anyone have questions or concerns about this issue moving forward. He made a motion to approve the report. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

**Code Enforcement Report** – Sorokach explains that Nick Hazlett provided his report earlier in the meeting. He makes a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

**Solicitor's Report** –

***Comcast*** – *Solicitor Semanchik states that there were complaints about areas of the Township that were not covered by Comcast so he was authorized at a prior meeting to file a formal complaint with DCED which was the funding source that allowed for that whole project to occur. When Comcast refused us the information and/or an explanation as to why areas of the Township were not covered by the grant, he reached out to DCED – and they are preparing a packet to provide us with the areas of the Township that were not covered – and then we will be questioning Comcast as to why they had grant funds to complete the project but yet, areas are left unserved. As soon as he receives more information, he will share it with the Board. Sorokach makes a motion to approve the Solicitor's Report as presented. 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 7:34pm.***

***ATTEST: Michael Sorokach III, Chairperson***

**SEAL:**

***ATTEST: Elvin E. Brennan Jr., Vice Chairperson***

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