

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on Thursday, October 30th, 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 September 2025 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 - but asked if there were code enforcement related questions, to please wait until after Nick Hazlett provides his report since the answers may be included in his report.

Jim Quinn, Valley Road - Asked again about the Highridge money relating to the fire companies. Sorokach replies that there is one company this is not responding so we asked Frank Zukas for assistance – so if Jim would like, he can reach out to Mr. Zukas directly to discuss the situation.

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

Resolution - LSA Grant – Sorokach made a motion to adopt a Resolution that will accompany the grant application to apply and/or re-apply (if not awarded) for a skid steer in the amount of \$111,828.47. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Resolution – LSA Grant – Sorokach made a motion to adopt a Resolution that will accompany the grant application to apply for a mini excavator in the amount of \$80,379.00. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

**Sorokach added that both of these grants are no match – so the Township will pay nothing towards the grant(s) to receive funding.*

Advertise the 2026 Budget Notice – Sorokach makes a motion to advertise the notice once the Budget has been completed & finalized. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Treasurer's Report – Sorokach stated that there is copy of the report for September 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 –

Solicitor Semanchik stated that he has reviewed the report and concurs with Benesch's requests for the Board to approve the following:

Hilltop Terrace Drive Paying Project – Solicitor Semanchik explains that some Liquid Fuels funds were used towards payment of this project; it now needs to be closed out with PennDOT. The Notice of Completion needs to be approved and signed. Sorokach made a motion to approve and sign. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Dynamic Engineering – Request for Extension – Due to outstanding items and lack of technical review by Schuylkill County Conservation District and PADEP, a resubmission is required - no approvals were granted. On 10/27/25, the Township received a letter from DEP containing technical deficiencies that must be corrected. At the last PC meeting, it was recommended to approve the extension letter requested by Dynamic which was submitted on 10/07/25. Sorokach made the motion. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

ONVO – At the September meeting, the Board approved the reduction of the original Financial Security amount of \$717,887.17 to \$309,172.29 based on Benesch's recommendation and inspection. Based on the inspection of the project site, it is acceptable to release the line of credit remaining and enter into the maintenance agreement with the applicant. The maintenance agreement is not to exceed 15% of the actual cost per Section 908.3 and will last for 18 months in accordance with the Ordinance. Sorokach made a motion to release the line of credit as requested. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Quandel Concrete Minor Subdivision Final Plan – Previously approved and signed Subdivision plans were not recorded in the allotted timeframe. New plans were re-submitted to the Township for signatures.

Chairperson Sorokach made a motion to accept the PC / Engineers Report. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Road Foreman's Report – A copy of the report was provided at each seat. Sorokach also read the report aloud adding that our DPW employees recently attended Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance Training (EMS) offered by the Penn State Center for Dirt & Gravel Road Studies. Sorokach made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Code Enforcement Report – Nick Hazlett read his report, gave updates on existing issues, and answered questions from residents. Sorokach made a motion to approve the report. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Solicitor's Report –

Solicitor Semanchik stated that in our code enforcement packet, we will see ongoing efforts to 58-66 High Road. Based on a visit to the property, he feels that the Township is in a position where we may be able to take some action. He stated that there are multiple situations there, but he feels that we can help code enforcement get a favorable result.

He stated that during the month, he receives notices of tax assessment appeal hearings and since the local municipalities receive crumbs on any increase in tax assessments - it is the School District and County who get the big money and the Township gets what's left – so if a property owner is challenging their assessment, it's because the assessment has been raised and if that may impose additional tax obligations on the property owner, he feels it should be upon the School District and the County to defend it. The Township should not incur any additional costs. He is listed as the Solicitor for Cass Township which means he will receive the notices, he'll compile a list to provide the Township, but he will not be following up on any of the hearings unless the Board requests it.

The Solicitor stated that he was contacted once again regarding Thomaston Road and his response was that until those parties who are trying to do something on Thomaston Road can do all that needs to be done there, he will stay away from it.

Executive Session – Solicitor Semanchik stated that he met with the Board members in executive session prior to this evening's meeting beginning at 6:15pm and ending at 7pm. The items reviewed were: property issues, contract issues, and litigation matters.

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

Correspondence –

Comcast – Sorokach stated that this relates to residents along 901 and the Mackeysburg area who still do not have Comcast services. The walkouts and designs are complete; they have submitted an application to PPL for use of their poles for the cables – and once permits are received, it will take Comcast about (2) weeks to run their lines. After that, they will be in contact with residents who would like to hook up to their services and then do the drops. Comcast promised to provide the Township with a monthly update the Monday prior to our monthly meeting until this process is finished.

Municipal Building Roof Repairs – As stated a previous meeting, the municipal building needs a new roof. We submitted a claim to our insurance company, but it was denied. The Board has decided to do an emergency repair of the very bad sections and then revisit it again in springtime. Scott Hahner of Hahner Brothers gave an estimate of \$4,695.00 – and they will do it as soon as they can get to us as it is a bad time of the year.

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 7:17pm.

ATTEST: Michael Sorokach III, Chairperson

SEAL:

ATTEST: Elvin E. Brennan Jr., Vice Chairperson

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Mike Kasperge

Chris TERNOWCHET

Jim Quinn

Judy Mull

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