

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on March 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 February 2025 Supervisor's Meeting minutes have been placed at each seat. He calls for a motion to approve them if there are no corrections or omissions. Supervisor Brennan made the motion. Seconded by Supervisor Sorokach. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Sorokach opened the meeting for public comment.

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

Cass Township Police Department Reinstatement – Sorokach makes a motion to approve the reinstatement of the Police Department and to authorize the necessary notice filings related thereto the Federal, State, and local agencies. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Minersville Little League – Sorokach explains that the Township received the annual letter from Minersville Little League requesting use of the field during the spring and summer months. He made 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 –

Solicitor Semanchick explained that Benesch has provided (2) suggested action items and he would concur with their recommendation for the Board to approve both items:

Amend the DCNR Resolution (Forestville Playground) - Sorokach makes a motion to approve the amendment to the Resolution. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

PA Small Waters and Sewer Grant (Condors Lane) – Sorokach makes a motion to approve and sign the Resolution. 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 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 makes a motion to accept the code enforcement report. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Semanchik states that he met with the Board members in executive session at 6pm this evening; it ended at 6:55pm during which they discussed personnel, property issues, ordinance enforcement, and a review of old ordinances, etc.

Updates:

Solicitor Semanchik stated that he has a call into Blythe Water Authority regarding hydrants, but they have not returned call as of yet. He has been in touch with the woman who is in charge of Schuylkill County for DEP regarding the dumping of biosolids who is happy to assist us with enforcement, but she asked that we first confirm that the entrance and exit of the area in which they are being dumped is in Cass Township – and not in an adjoining municipality. We will work on confirming that information and after that, permits and other items will be checked on by DEP. He also gave a detailed update of the ongoing issues with Comcast not providing certain areas within the Township with broadband internet services even though they received grant funding to perform the installation that was to provide every resident with services. A Franchise Agreement was also signed that pertained to every Township resident. He has requested a copy of the grant application from Comcast which would list the areas (a map) and homes that they were agreeing to provide services during their installation, but he has not yet received it. Solicitor Semanchik stated that he will continue to pursue this matter.

Personnel – Solicitor Semanchik asked the Board to authorize a Special Meeting (should it be needed) between now and next month's meeting. Brennan made the motion. Seconded by Sorokach. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.

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

Correspondence – Nothing.

Old / New Business –

Municibid – *Sorokach made a motion to prepare for the sale of any inoperable or unneeded Township equipment or vehicles. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.*

Jackie Weikel – 646 Forest Lane – stated that there is an overgrown ditch behind her home that is Township-owned property (Birch Lane); she requested that the Township clean it out because there are groundhogs living in it causing damage to her shed. Solicitor Semanchik stated that he will look into property ownership.

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 7:24pm.

ATTEST: Michael Sorokach III, Chairperson

SEAL:

ATTEST: Elvin E. Brennan Jr., Vice Chairperson