

*Typed: July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

*The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on Wednesday, June 24th, 2020 at the Township's Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.*

*Present at the meeting were: Mary Lou Bergan, Nicole Whitaker, Joyce Cutler, and Chris Ternowchek.*

*Brenda Helt calls the meeting to order.*

*All recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*

*Roll Call of Officers:*

*Brenda Helt – present.*

*David W. Califf - present.*

*Elvin E. Brennan Jr. - present.*

*Other attendance/attendees:*

*Evelyn J. Bergan, Secretary – present.*

*Donald G. Karpowich, Solicitor – present.*

*Officer Gerard E. Daley, CTPD – present.*

*Chairperson Helt states that the minutes from the February 2020 Supervisor's Meeting are going to be tabled until next month – but the May 2020 Supervisor's Meeting minutes have been placed at each seat. Helt calls for a motion to table the February minutes and to dispense the reading of the May minutes and to accept them as printed if there are no corrections or omissions. Helt makes the motion. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

*Helt opens the meeting for public comment.*

*Joyce Cutler, Oak Lane – States that in February she asked for holes to be fixed on Oak Lane – it's now June – and asks what's the excuse. Supervisor Brennan states that it was fixed. Joyce states that she just came through there and it's not. Elvin said the guys went out the following day and fixed it. Joyce explains that it's not on Gula's (dirt) road, it's before you go onto the dirt road – you can't miss them – it's on the macadam – in the middle of the road. Elvin states that he will be there to look at it tomorrow & it'll be fixed.*

*Joyce asks if the cameras are working back at the recycling bins. Brennan and Califf reply no. Joyce states that the cameras better be fixed because people are complaining that there are tables and all kinds of items in the bins that shouldn't be in them. Supervisor Helt states that we just found that they aren't working – so they are going to be fixed. Joyce states that in*



*Minersville you need a card to get into their recycling center now – here you don't – and that will send a lot of low-life's out here to ours.*

*Nicole Whitaker, Forest Lane – Had several complaints about the ATV/dirt bike races held by Big Diamond Speedway over this past weekend – she said it was a big party/festival – there were people drinking booze and (4) wheelers and dirt bikes all over and on the roads; she states that her kids drove them too – but they got chased, harassed, and charged/cited. She asks Elvin why this was allowed to go on with no cops on duty. Elvin states that he didn't know it was going on. She says that's bull\*\*\*\* and it's because he's in their pocket. Nicole states that there was so much dust and smell that she couldn't breath in her own back yard. Nicole also had complaints about the road behind her house not being paved like the rest of the road. The Solicitor asked if she called the police. She said she did but did not get a return call. Nicole called it a booze fest and said the stink was horrible. Elvin states that Nicole is calling the event a booze fest – but it was kids that raced on Sunday – and he named the kid that won the race. Brennan asks Helt if she will agree to pave Setter Lane for (2) people. Helt states that there are other areas that need to be done this year. Nicole makes comments about Brennan's and Wentz's driveways, her driveway being flooded out, etc. – and asks about the lawsuit/settlement with Big Diamond Speedway; she also had complaints about the condition of the Yurkonis property; and asked when is Big Diamond going to pay for a garbage man; they are dumping over a bank after every race. This leads to the Board and the Solicitor to explain the reason why the Township doesn't have mandatory garbage collection. Helt states that an Officer will visit Nicole's home and if Big Diamond is illegally dumping, she can show the Officer where it is and it will be addressed. Daley states that there were police on duty over the weekend because there was a crash up there and police responded. This lengthy heated discussion continued...*

*Joyce Cutler, Oak Lane – Asks about an update relating to cable/internet providers. Helt states that letters were sent out to cable companies and responses of interest were received back from a few; she will speak with them to see what can be done – but she wants the whole Township to have services, not just part of the Township. She will keep everyone updated.*

*Chris Ternowchek, Flag Lane – States that she has a complaint about Chief Clink – he doesn't return phone calls – she has been waiting for 4-5 weeks now. She put in a complaint to him and he said he would investigate and call back, but she is still waiting. Officer Daley told Chris she should have just called him again – and instructed her not to call the police station – but to call the non-emergency number for the Schuylkill County Communications Center – and that will guarantee that the Officers get their messages.*

*Hearing nothing further, Helt closes the public discussion and moves on to the agenda items.*

*Opening of the Playgrounds: The Solicitor states that the Board will open the playgrounds with the conditions set in place by the Governor (signage, social distancing, etc.) relating to*



*COVID-19. Helt makes a motion to open the playgrounds with the conditions that were explained. Califf seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

*Donation – Fireworks: Helt states that the Board would like to make a donation again this year to the Minersville fireworks display – in the amount of \$100.00. Califf seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

*Treasurer's Report: Helt states that the public summary and the list of transactions for the month of February, March, April and May 2020 have been placed at each seat. Helt calls for a motion to accept all (4) reports as printed and to pay all outstanding bills that can be paid at this time. Brennan makes the motion. Califf seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

*Planning Commission / Engineer's Report – Helt states there is nothing to report.*

*Police Report: Officer Daley states that there are (4) reports. Helt calls for a motion to dispense the reading of all police reports; they are on file upon request. Califf seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

*Road Foreman's Report: Road Foreman Brennan states that there are (5) reports. Helt makes a motion to accept all (5) reports. Califf seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

*Correspondence –*

*Donation received from The Famous Reading Outdoors - \$100.00.*

*Old / New Business:*

*Deed – The Solicitor states that we have received the deed from Reading Anthracite Company (Municipal Building Property). Brennan makes the motion to accept the Deed. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

*Helt makes a motion to accept the DEP agreement relating to surface coal mining activities (not to include blasting) within 300 feet of the property. Califf seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

*Helt makes a motion to accept the Donation Agreement with Reading Anthracite Company (for tax purposes). Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*



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*Helt states that she would like to make it known that there was an executive session held prior to this evening's meeting.*

*Motion to Adjourn: With no further business, Chairperson Helt makes a motion to adjourn. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.*

***ATTEST: Brenda M. Helt, Chairperson***

***TIME MEETING ENDED: 7:09pm***

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

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