

*Typed: November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

*The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on Wednesday, October 28th, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Township's Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.*

*Present at the meeting were: Mike Sorokach, Ann Marie Studlack, Chris Ternowchek, Rick Pielacha and Barb Pielacha.*

*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.*

*Michael P. Combs, Officer in Charge, CTPD – present.*

*Chairperson Helt states that the minutes from the September 2020 Supervisor's Meeting minutes have been placed at each seat. Helt calls for a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes and to accept them as they are printed if there are no corrections or omissions. Brennan makes the motion. Califf seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

*Helt opens the meeting for public comment.*

*Barb Pielacha – Asks for an update on the Yurkonis property (Conservatorship). The Solicitor states that last month he explained that we are waiting on the title search – which, for the record, was discussed during the executive session held prior to the meeting. He states that we have now received the title search; and he will move forward to file the proper paperwork and notify all the lien creditors; the paperwork will be filed by next week.*

*Chris Ternowchek, Flag Lane – Asks the OIC about lines painted on the roads for speed enforcement. She asks why the lines are painted on 901 if it's a State roadway. OIC Combs explains that the lines help to slow people down.*

*Ann Marie Studlack, Gray Lane – Asks the Supervisors if they decided to do anything about counting per capita because all of the tax collectors are getting emails from the County about per capita numbers dropping. The Solicitor replies that we have an ordinance (registry) but its not being enforced because it's difficult to find someone to it; and a lot of municipalities are getting away from per capita and are just increasing the millage to cover what the per capita would have been if it were collected. Ann Marie explains that we need to know who is living in each house. Supervisor Helt states that she is aware that the Township is losing a lot of money – and we do have a registry – but not all of the landlords are registering their tenants with the Township. This discussion continues. Supervisor Helt asks Ann Marie if she can provide the Board with a list of rental properties. Ann Marie agrees and states that she will go through her files to create a list. Supervisor Helt asks if Ann Marie would be willing to place a notice in the tax bills. Ann Marie responds that she tried that in the past, but people don't respond. The Solicitor states that the notice needs to state that if the property owners/landlords do not provide the information, they will be fined/penalized. Supervisor Helt states that the Solicitor will create a notice that Ann Marie can add to the tax bills for next year. Ann Marie agrees.*

*Chairperson Helt also mentions that rental properties are supposed to be inspected – but to her knowledge, only one landlord got his rental home inspected in the last few years. Ann Marie states that she has/had rental homes and every year she had to have them inspected.*

*Mike Sorokach, Owl Road - addresses Road Master Brennan – stating that last year there was discussions about placing a sign at the end of High Road – No Trucks Except For Local Deliveries – and asks the status. Brennan replies that the sign is up – as you turn in, it is on the right-hand side.*

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

*Advertise 2020 Audit Summary - Helt makes a motion to advertise the 2020 Audit Summary. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

*Designations – Chairperson Helt reads the letter received by Michael M. Mistishen, Director of Operations of Good Will Fire Co. No. 1 & Minersville EMS – asking the Board to designate Geisinger EMS/Minersville (Minersville EMS) as primary Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support emergency medical service for Cass Township – and Geisinger EMS/Tremont (Minersville EMS) as the second due Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support emergency service for Cass Township. Helt makes a motion. Califf seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

*Resignation –Helt states that part-time police officer Joseph Wehrer has submitted a letter of resignation; she asks for a motion to accept his resignation. Califf makes the motion. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*



**Treasurer's Reports:** *Helt states that the public summary and the list of transactions for the month of September 2020 have been placed at each seat; she makes a motion to accept the report as printed and to pay all outstanding bills that can be paid at this time. Califf seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

**Planning Commission / Engineer's Report** – *Nothing to report.*

**Police Report:** *OIC Combs reads the report. He also requests the hiring of additional part-time officers to the roster in order to have options to cover (16) hours of coverage daily. The officers he would like hired are: Craig Barket, Doug Springer, Jeff Bowers, Isaac Souchak, and Richard Clink. The Solicitor explains that Clink resigned as Police Chief – and when he did, he lost the Chief's rate of pay – so it's necessary for the Board to re-hire him with a different hourly rate. After a brief discussion, Califf makes the motion to hire only Rick Clink as a part-time patrolman (\$18.50 per hour) until the Board gets a chance to have additional discussions regarding the future of the Police Department. Brennan seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Brennan – aye. Califf – aye. Helt – nay.*

*Reports are on file in the Police Department for review upon request.*

**Road Foreman's Report:** *Helt states that the report is placed at each seat and calls for a motion to accept it as printed. Califf makes the motion. Helt seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote.*

*Executive Session - Helt states that the Board held an executive session before the start of tonight's meeting.*

*Road Master Brennan states that he would like to purchase a dump body for inside the pick-up truck – he has (2) quotes – (1) is approximately \$8,000 – not installed. And the other is from Kutz at \$9,191.00 – installed. Brennan makes a motion to accept the quote from Kutz in the amount of \$9,191.00. Califf seconds. Motion passed. Roll Call: Unanimous Favorable Vote. Califf adds that this dump body can stay in the truck and be used year-round. Brennan states that the spreader broke last year and now we have (2) broken spreaders. Storks doesn't want to do repairs – but quoted a new spreader at \$4,700.00 – but it has to be taken out after winter.*

**Correspondence** – *Nothing.*

**Old / New Business:** *Nothing.*

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



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

***TIME MEETING ENDED: 6:59pm***

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

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