

*Typed: January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

*The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7pm at the Township's Municipal Building, Duncott, PA.*

*Present at the meeting: See sign-in sheet (attached).*

*Chairman Sorokach called the meeting to order.*

*All recite the Pledge of Alliance to the Flag.*

**Roll Call of Officers:**

*Elvin E. Brennan Jr. – present.*

*Michael Sorokach III – present.*

*Brenda M. Helt - absent*

**Other attendance/attendees:**

*Mark Semanchik, Solicitor – present.*

*Evelyn J. Bergan, Secretary – present.*

*Chairman Sorokach stated that the November 2025 meeting was canceled. The October 2025 meeting minutes are placed at each seat. He made a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes and 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 that all code enforcement related questions be held until after the meeting.*

*Antoinette Purcell, High Road– Thanked the DPW employees for doing a great job with the roads during the most recent weather events. Ken Koscil seconded the comments. Chairman Sorokach praised the DPW employees as well - and added that the Township goes through a lot of material during these events which is costly, but you cannot put a price on safety.*

*Ken Koscil, W. Lytle Lane – Asked for a status update on the police department. Chairperson Sorokach responded that it continues to be ongoing; but he was speaking to someone who suggested they may know a retired State Trooper; however, that person has not gotten back to him yet with more information. As of now, we are still diligently looking for a Chief of Police.*

*Jim Quinn, Valley Road – Asked if the Township currently has an Ordinance that allows the fire departments to bill insurances for items used during accidents, etc.*

*Brian Mull, Mountain Road – Stated that Minersville has an Ordinance that allows the fire departments to bill for automobile accidents, etc. – and at some point, they will charge for items used during house fires. He will provide the Township with a copy of the Ordinance to review. Solicitor Semanchik stated that we will check into it as well.*

*Antoinette Purcell, High Road – Asked for an update relating to the issue with Comcast. Chairperson Sorokach stated that he will provide that information in the correspondence portion of the meeting.*

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

*Ordinance – Tax Adjustment – Solicitor Semanchik explained that previously the Township’s millage was 4.50 mills; however, the Ordinance to be considered is not to increase taxes, but to adjust the millage so that it conforms with what the County has done as part of the reassessment. The millage will be reduced from 4.50 to 0.982 – less than 1 mill. The reason for this is that the tax base in the Township was at \$68 million dollars (rounded). Based on the reassessment, the new tax base is \$313 million dollars - which explains the adjustment. The Ordinance has been advertised; he recommended that the Board consider adopting it. Sorokach made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as explained. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.*

*Michael Kulpcavage, High Road – Asks for the breakdown. Solicitor Semanchik replied, General Fund = 0.818 and Light Tax Fund = 0.164 – totaling 0.982.*

*Auditor Appointments –*

*Sorokach made a motion to appoint Frank Angelo. Seconded by Brennan. Motion carried. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.*

*Sorokach made a motion to appoint Michael Ondisco. Seconded by Brennan. Motion carried. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.*

*2026 Budget – Sorokach made a motion to adopt the 2026 Budget (\$1,127,708.15) with no increase in property taxes for the year. Seconded by Brennan. Motion carried. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.*

*Treasurer’s Reports – Sorokach stated that there is a copy of the October & November 2025 reports at each seat. He made a motion to approve both reports – and to pay all outstanding bills. Seconded by Brennan. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.*

**Planning Commission & Engineer's Reports:**

- *Solicitor Semanchik reported that there are no action items on the report – only updates – which he read from the Engineer's Report relating to LSA grant awards, Waterdam Road project(s), and the revised fee schedule.*

**Road Foreman's Report** – *Sorokach stated that the November & December 2025 reports are at each seat. He goes on to explain that if anyone saw the Township plow truck on Valley Road (last week) with the plow down, it was because the plow broke; the DPW employees were returning the truck to the municipal building. The Township was not plowing Valley Road. He made a motion to accept both reports as presented. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.*

**Code Enforcement Report** – *Nick Hazlett read his reports for November & December 2025. Sorokach made a motion to accept both reports as presented. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.*

**Solicitor's Report** - *Solicitor Semanchik stated that during tonight's executive session, issues of tax assessment appeals/hearings were discussed. There are a number of appeals being filed in Cass Township and generally he encourages municipalities to be informed but not involved. He explains the process, as well as the legal costs that the Township would incur by providing representation during appeals hearings. The consensus is to let those that will reap the most benefit of the defense pay for it – not the Township.*

*The Solicitor also stated that he and the Board members discussed solar farms and data mining projects. They did a review of the properties that may be available for this type of development; and it doesn't appear that the Township has the large tracts of land that usually attract these types of businesses – so before spending a lot of money to amend our ordinances, it was agreed that we will wait. Sorokach made a motion to approve the Solicitor's report as presented. Seconded by Brennan. Motion passed. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.*

**Correspondence –**

**COMCAST** - *Sorokach read the most recent email/update from Comcast dated 12/17/25 from Kurt Werner as it relates to residents at the end of Valley Road (Mackeyburg area) and along Sunbury Road who currently do not have services. The update stated that engineering fees were paid. PPL has Comcast on a (90) day turn time from the time they receive payment. A permit or MR invoice should be received by 02/09/26. Updates are to be provided to the Township the Monday prior to every monthly meeting until the project is completed.*

**Old / Business** - *Nothing.*



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**Motion to Adjourn:**

*With no further business, Chairman Sorokach made a motion to adjourn.*

*Seconded by Supervisor Brennan. Motion passed.*

*Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye.*

*The meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.*

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

**SEAL:**

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

Chairperson/Roadmaster  
**MICHAEL SOROKACH III**

Vice Chairperson/Assistant Roadmaster  
**ELVIN E. BRENNAN JR.**

Supervisor  
**BRENDA M. HELT**

Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
**EVELYN J. BERGAN**

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