Township of Cass
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA est. 1848

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The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Cass Township was held on Thursday, September 24th, 2026 at 6:30pm 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.
James T. Garraway, III – present.

Other attendance/attendees:

Mark Semanchik, Solicitor – present.
Evelyn J. Bergan, Secretary – present.

Chairman Sorokach stated that the August 2026 meeting minutes are at each seat. He made a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes and to accept them as they are printed if there are no corrections or omissions. Seconded by Supervisor Garraway. Motion passed. Roll Call: Brennan – aye. Garraway – aye. Sorokach – aye.

Sorokach opened the meeting for public comment.

Attorney Shelby Hostetter – Introduced herself to the Board stating that she was in attendance tonight to cover for Attorney Sterns to represent Reading Anthracite Company.

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

**Thomaston Road – Solicitor Semanchik addresses Attorney Hostetter and stated that last month, Attorney Sterns presented the Board with an appraisal of the portion of Thomaston Road which RAC is requesting the Township abandon. After that meeting, he arranged to have an appraisal done as well, but he did not receive the report in time for this meeting, but he will have it for next month's meeting; and this item will again appear on the agenda. Attorney Hostetter responded that is fine, nothing has changed in the past month with regard to compensation, indemnity, and the turn-around as it relates to the road.*

Sale of Police Vehicles – Solicitor Semanchik stated that the Board has decided on an estimate of the value of both vehicles. He will move forward with running the advertisement.

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Deputy Fire Marshal 5-3 – Sorokach made a motion to appoint James Quinn. Seconded by Brennan. Motion carried. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye. Garraway – aye.

LERTA Resolution # 02 of 2026– Frank Zukas of SEDCO was in attendance to provide a detailed explanation of the request to modify the existing Resolution (2011-1) which has been in place for over (10) years. Solicitor Semanchik reviewed the updated resolution and recommended that the Board approve it. Sorokach made a motion to adopt the Resolution as it was explained. Seconded by Brennan. Motion carried. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye. Garraway – aye.

Oak Lane Project – Sorokach explained that he, Supervisor Brennan, Benesch, Conservation District, and our DPW employees all met on Oak Lane to identify the issues there. It was decided that the work would be best done by a paving contractor. He made a motion to authorize Benesch to solicit bids for drainage & overlay on Oak Lane. Seconded by Brennan and Garraway. Motion carried. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye. Garraway – aye.

Dept. of the Auditor General Compliance / Audit Report – Clover Fire Company – Solicitor Semanchik explains that the report has been received & reviewed by the Township. It is an audit of the Clover Fire Company Fireman's Relief Association funds for the period covering January 1st of 2023 to December 31st of 2025. A copy of this report has been provided to the audience members.

Pursue a Claim – Damage to Stone Wall – Sorokach explained that the stone wall at Condor's Complex field along Sunbury Road was recently damaged by a motor vehicle incident. The Township would like to have it repaired so he reached out to a contractor to obtain a quote to reconstruct the wall. Sorokach made a motion to authorize Solicitor Semanchik to pursue a claim with the driver's insurance company. Seconded by Garraway. Motion carried. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye. Garraway – aye.

Trick-or-Treat Night – Sorokach explained that Township follows Minersville Borough's date & time. He made a motion to set the date for Cass Township – October 31st – 6pm-8pm. Rain date: November 1st – 6pm-8pm. Seconded by Garraway. Motion carried. Roll Call: Sorokach – aye. Brennan – aye. Garraway – aye.

Treasurer's Reports – Sorokach stated that there is a copy of the August 2026 report at each seat. He made a motion to approve the report – and to pay all outstanding bills. Seconded by Garraway. Motion carried. Roll Call: Brennan – aye. Garraway – aye. Sorokach – aye.

Planning Commission & Engineer's Reports:

Sorokach stated that there are a few updates and general information, but no action is needed other than for Oak Lane which was already addressed. Sorokach made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Garraway. Motion carried. Roll Call: Brennan – aye. Garraway – aye. Sorokach – aye.

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Road Foreman's Report – Sorokach stated that a copy of the report is at each seat. He added that our DPW employees and Benesch were out on Water Dam Road yesterday shooting elevations in preparation for drainage work to start there. Sorokach made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Garraway. Motion passed. Roll Call: Brennan – aye. Garraway – aye. Sorokach – aye.

Solicitor's Report –

Zoning Ordinance Update - Solicitor Semanchik has been working with Benesch and Advanced Code Consultants to amend the existing Zoning Ordinance to be consistent with the SALDO as it relates to solar farms, windmills, and data centers. Prior to advertising, a meeting with the Supervisors to discuss amendments to the ordinance is necessary. A meeting will be scheduled; and this item will be placed on the October meeting agenda.

Executive Session – Solicitor Semanchik stated that he met with the Board members in executive session this evening starting at 5:30pm during which they discussed damage to Township property, sale of Township property, and litigation matters. This executive session lasted until 6:30pm. Sorokach made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Garraway. Motion carried. Roll Call: Brennan – aye. Garraway – aye. Sorokach – aye.

Correspondence –

Comcast – Sorokach stated that we received an email from Comcast confirming that the installation on Sunbury Road was finally completed.

Old / Business - Nothing.

Motion to Adjourn:

With no further business, Chairman Sorokach made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Supervisor Brennan. Motion passed.
Roll Call: Brennan – aye. Garraway – aye. Sorokach – aye.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.

ATTEST: Michael Sorokach, III, Chairman *SEAL:*

ATTEST: Elvin E. Brennan, Jr., Vice Chairman

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