

MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 5, 2009 MEETING OF THE CATHARINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Rispoli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All members were present and visiting were David Rupeka, Billy Hammond, Bonnie Hammond, David Ross Jr., Roy Becker, Vince Greenland from PennDot, Dennis J. Pruitt, Todd Dishong, Dan Deters, Sue Deters, Cookie Appleman, Darryl Cole, Cheryl Weaver, Kristina Bratton, James Blough, Terry Frye and other Catharine Township residents.

David made a motion to accept the minutes from last month's regular meeting as written, Barrie seconded the motion and all were in favor

David made a motion to accept the financial report, Barrie seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Old Business

The supervisors would like to look into a sidewalk maintenance agreement that would turn a sidewalk, if constructed, back over to the property owners. In the agreement they would like to include that the property owners are responsible for all maintenance including winter maintenance, keep it clear of debris, and repair if it should crack or break. The reason the board is looking into such an agreement is that when the bridge project (the bridge joining Williamsburg Borough and Catharine Township) commences in a few years, PennDot has stretched the limits of their project to include a sidewalk that would run from the bridge to the end of the block opposite Home Street (or the paper street called First Street). There was an overwhelming response from the public and residents in Catharine Township that would like to see the sidewalk constructed. There are a lot of residents either using the highway to walk to the bridge right now or using the back alley. The property owners that were present that night said that they would be willing to take responsibility for the portion of the sidewalk that would fall along their property. Not all of the property owners were present at the meeting. Vince Greenland from PennDot stressed that PennDot doesn't usually stretch the limits on a bridge project and that the opportunity that we are being given is rare. PennDot would pay for the entire sidewalk project. The supervisors are aware at what an opportunity we've been given and are only concerned about maintenance and liability if someone were to get hurt on the sidewalk. The sidewalk needs to be decided on by the township before PennDot can finalize the bridge plans and Vince Greenland is willing to come back down anytime to discuss the project with the supervisors. Property Owners where the sidewalk would fall

are as follows: Troy Merritts Reggie and Leslie Lower, Bonnie and David James, William Deters, Roy and Nancy Becker, David P. Jr. and Sherry A. Ross

Darryl Cole presented a question about the shortcut road. When the maintenance would be completed. The construction will be ongoing for a few more weeks until the road workers are through.

Terry Frye was here to find out what they needed to do to be in compliance with their campsite. It is noted that the Frye's would like to come into compliance. He also wanted to know if he could put some slate in to level the ground. The supervisors suggestion is to wait to see about the holding tank when the weather allows for it and wait for proper instruction from the Sewage Enforcement Officer.

*Barrie talked to Gary Frenette about relocating the excess dirt from the bridge project to the land by the township garage. Gary does not see that this would be a problem and will talk to the contractors in charge about doing this.

*The playground was fixed by the Farm Show Association shortly after last month's meeting

Barrie made a motion to pay the bills.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.