

Minutes for the December 12, 2011 meeting of Catharine Township Board of Supervisors

The board of supervisors for Catharine Township met on Monday, December 12, 2011, at the Catharine Township Building with Ralph F Rispoli, David Bigelow, Barrie Wyland and secretary present.

Visitors were Dan Isenberg, Don Gibboney from Gibboney & Gibboney, John Heverly, and Mark Diehl.

Barrie Wyland has a correction to November 14, 2011 minutes. Barrie Wyland clarified the street lights situation. Everyone in the extension pays for street lights. Barrie Wyland said his question was if they would consider paying it out of the general fund. Ralph F Rispoli questioned if maybe there could be a \$10.00 assessment for each home. David Bigelow made a motion to accept the minutes as written, second Barrie Wyland. Unanimous

David Bigelow made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, second Barrie Wyland. Unanimous

John Heverly asked about getting a variance on his property. Ralph F Rispoli said the supervisors usually give the residents a variance if they ask, but they usually don't have problems with the parties involved. The supervisors would like to see both parties agree, but Mark Diehl doesn't agree. The setback is 15'. John Heverly said he measured 18' from the stake; and then, he found out someone moved the stake after part of the horse barn was put up. John Heverly said that his lawyer said that he has legal rights; Mark Diehl should have said something when the horse barn was first started. The building is only 11 ½' one corner and 10 ½' the other corner. John Heverly also said he is putting up a fence at the property line. Don Gibboney looked at the township subdivision and land development ordinance. Don Gibboney said the ordinance said:

From time to time a situation may arise where the standards of the subdivision and land development ordinance cause an undue hardship or prove unreasonable in application. Faced with this situation, a modification or alteration of requirements can be granted from the literal application of the standards. However, modifications cannot be contrary to the public interest and must observe the basic purpose and intent of the ordinance.

Assurance must be provided that any modification is absolutely necessary and represents the minimum possible modification. Unusual physical circumstances may involve minor adjustments in curve radii, street grade or slope, cul-de-sac length, or problems over the width

of an existing right-of-way. In most cases, minor design modifications will not jeopardize public safety.

Any request must be submitted in writing, citing the specific provisions or standards from which relief is requested, and should be part of the preliminary or final plan submission. A request states in full the grounds and facts of unreasonableness or hardship upon which the request is based, the provisions or the Ordinance involved, and the exact alteration or modification necessary. A record of the request should appear in the official minutes of the Catharine Township Board of Supervisors. This record documents the reasons for the request, facts of unreasonableness, and any action taken on the request. Any relief approved should represent the minimum or least possible modification of the standard.

Don Gibboney said when John Heverly puts it into writing and presents it to the board then the supervisors can vote yes or no if it is a hardship or not.

Mark Diehl asked about putting up speed limit signs on Bear Crossing Road. Ralph F Rispoli made a motion to place two 25 MPH signs on Bear Crossing Road, second David Bigelow. Unanimous

When we sign the Floodplain Ordinance, then Debra Haldeman's campsite regulation should be covered on March 2, 2012 when this ordinance takes effect. Two places in the ordinance# 60, 5 & 7 have special requirements for recreation vehicles. Don Gibboney said the proposed Ordinance# 60 refers to Floodplain Ordinance. A discussion followed on if the township should adopt Ordinance# 60 as an ordinance. Ralph F Rispoli made a motion to accept Ordinance# 60 Floodplain Ordinance, second David Bigelow. Unanimous

Linda Lane has been tabled until further notice. There has to be more discussion before anything can be done. Ralph F Rispoli said that Allen Gibboney said we need to follow our ordinance. Ralph F Rispoli called Mike Bowser and Mike said the road is far from being ready for the township to take over the road. Back on September 12, 2011 a motion was made, to have Allen Gibboney draw up an ordinance, then the ordinance would have to be advertised, and that was not done. Allen Gibboney looked into the situation, and Linda Lane is not a township road but a private road. David Bigelow made a motion to have the secretary send a letter to let them know there will be no maintains done this year, second Ralph F Rispoli. Unanimous

Oak Alley – Barrie Wyland said Allen Gibboney only got two letters back from what was sent out. Ralph F Rispoli said the road has been plowed 20 years. Don Gibboney said there is a difference between Personal and Government. Barrie Wyland made a motion to proceed as in the past and then to get the paper work done, second David Bigelow. Unanimous

Supervisors asked about how many Roadmaster applications we received. We received three so far. Wayne Grove turned his resignation in, and the township has excepted it. His last day is January 1, 2012.

David Bigelow made a motion to accept the budget for 2012, second Barrie Wyland.

Unanimous

Eleanor Harclerode asked about Delinquent Per Capita Tax. Eleanor had a resident call about her 2010 per capita tax. Eleanor said to write a check to the township for the township portion. Eleanor asked about the rest of delinquent taxes if they are being collected or not. Eleanor said she called the school and the credit control collections, and they both said they don't do anything with it. David Bigelow made a motion to have the school collect the delinquent taxes and send it on to the credit control collections to see if they can collect any or not, second Barrie Wyland. Unanimous

Eleanor Harclerode would like to know about the reorganization meeting. Both Catharine and Woodbury Township has to hold it on the same day. Catharine Township said they would hold their reorganization meeting at 5:00 P.M. on January 3, 2012.

Ralph F Rispoli said the three auditors would be Robert Bottenfield, Christina Rispoli, and Kenneth Brenneman. The auditor's reorganization meeting will be on January 4, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Oath of Office will need to be done before the reorganization meeting starts for supervisor and auditors.

Steve Lane stopped to let us know that in January or February, Steve Lane and Steve Michelone would like to setup a meeting about EMA with Williamsburg Borough, Woodbury and Catharine Township.

Eleanor Harclerode wanted to know if we needed to update are Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual and Job Descriptions.

Department of the Auditor General is coming on January 20, 2012 to go over 2009 and 2010 Liquid Fuel. Secretary will need to have all the information ready for them.

Barrie Wyland made a motion to pay bills, second David Bigelow.

David Bigelow made a motion to adjourn, second Ralph Rispoli.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eleanor K Harclerode, Secretary/Treasurer