

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2, 2010 MEETING OF THE CATHARINE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mr. Rispoli called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. All members were present and visitors were: Wendy Zook, Kent Wilson, Mick Tekely, Richard Landis, Ginny Landis, Jean Itinger, Betty Shearburn, Cal Shearburn, John Betting, Richard Hess, Sally Hess, Rod Imler, Bob Richers, John Liebal, Karen Liebal, Dave Plummer, Joan Plummer, Walt Wagner, Norma Horton, Nelson Horton, Holly Tekely, Bill Sweeney, Jen Sweeney, Rowdy Kagarise, Gaydawn Kagarise, Robby Kagarise, Robert Washburn, Cheryl Washburn, Alice Kotala, Stan Kotala, Mich Cochrane, Tom Harvey, Betty Kagarise, Glenn Kagarsise, Palmer Brown, Thomas Weyant, Penny Weyant, and Kazia Knepp, Jim Ross, Jack Halpern, Allen Gibboney and Don Gibboney.

Barrie made a motion to accept the July 2010 minutes as written. David seconded them and all were in favor.

David made a motion to accept the July 2010 financial report as written. Barrie seconded the financial report and all were in favor.

**Old Business**

The proposal of taking over Oak Alley as a township road is still being handled by Allen at this time.

We received 4 quotes for the installation of holding tanks for the new township office building. B&W construction, Orchard Lane Excavating, Vineyard Excavating, and Fran Camaroto Excavating submitted quotes. Barrie made a motion to accept B&W Construction's bid, which was the lowest bid, in the amount of \$4,375.00. David seconded it and all were in favor.

Last month the board received a copy of a letter from Allen Gibboney in regard to the Centax issue. Allen was present at the meeting tonight and stated that he will call Centax and then notify David Imler that he has made contact with the company, as per his request.

**New Business**

Mr. Rowdy Kagarise was here to present thoughts and concerns of township residents which include safety concerns and of children, animals, damage to the road, the trail and the residents are looking for answers to their questions. They are wondering if the roads are going to be widened and if a speed limit sign will be posted on Fox Run Road. They would like clarification of all of the bonding on all of the roads involved. What is going to happen during blasting that will occur at the Quarry and will bikers and kayakers be stopped during blasting? They are concerned with loss of property value, damage to wildlife, damage to animals and plants and are concerned that once the damage is done it is done. Their requests remain the same. That Catharine Properties pave and upkeep any

roads involved, set restrictive setbacks, and they would like any jobs that result from the opening of the Quarry to be given to people in our area. They would like to have a committee between the residents, Gulf Materials and the Board of Supervisors to resolve the issues and have their questions answered.

Richard Hess spoke at the last meeting about the living near a strip mine and tonight presented a testimony given by Marsha Bonta. Mrs. Bonta lives 2 miles from a Quarry in Sinking Valley PA. She and her family can hear constant noise and activity from the Quarry and it is very disturbing to the peacefulness of their lifestyle. He wanted to present a view from what it is like to live next to similar activity and how it would affect our residents.

Norma Horton presented a list of groups that are opposed to the Quarry. There are fifteen groups so far. Mid State Trial Association, Juniata Valley Audubon, Moshannon Group of the Sierra Club, Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy, Audubon Pennsylvania, Save Our Allegheny Ridges, Mid Atlantic Region of the National Speleological Society, Center for the Biological Diversity, Huntingdon County Cave Hunters, Little Juniata River Association, Canoe Club of Centre County, John Kennedy Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Pennsylvania Native Plant Society, State College Bird Club, Bedford Bird and Nature Club.

Bobby Kagarise was here to inquire as to whether there has been any discussion on directing traffic in an active school zone. Allen Gibboney commented that the Board would not have any say over the rules for the state highway on which the Living Water Christian Academy is located. Penn Dot would be able to address any concerns about the matter Mr. Gibboney also announced that the supervisors, Gulf Group, and any other groups or residents who would like to participate, would be scheduling a special meeting at a later date to talk.

Mr. Rod Imler inquired as to whether Allen was notified about the request for the ¼ of a mile setback. Allen assured him that he was aware of the request.

Barrie inquired about the ¼ of a mile setback would affect the entire township. Mr. Gibboney relayed that to enforce the setback a zoning ordinance would need to be in place. If a zoning ordinance was in place different areas of the plan could be regulated by different setbacks however, Catharine Township does not currently have a zoning ordinance.

Mr. Stan Kotala was here to ask if a setback under the current land and subdivision ordinance could be established and enforced. Allen is going to research several ordinances to see what the township may possibly have jurisdiction over.

Palmer Brown was here to comment to the township supervisors. He commented that it could take possibly 3 years to establish a zoning ordinance and while some things may be able to be regulated by the current Subdivision and Land Division Ordinance, it is too late to change it now without it appearing unfair to the Gulf Company. Mr. Palmer

requested that the supervisors proceed in a fair and balanced manner. To be aware and informed on all applications and permits. Mr. Palmer and other residents would like to see this be done fairly and reasonably.

Kent Wilson had a question about the highways having a 10 ton weight limit and is that a 10 ton gross or 10 ton net. The answer from another visitor was 10 ton net. Impact on farmers. Possibly needs to be discussed with Penndot. Norma Horton spoke with a woman at Penndot . Penndot needs for Catharine Township to request speed limits signs in order for them to be put in place. Penndot will need to be contacted on a road study for the speed on Fox Run Road.

Mrs. Kagarise prompted the supervisors to look at the volume of traffic that would be added to the road.

Mr. Bobby Kagarise wanted to know if something needs to be inquired about the roads who should initiate the contact to Penndot, resident, Catharine Township or the Gulf Company. Allen Gibboney responded to the comment by saying that all of the above would be a possibility.

Mr. Jim Ross, Senior Managing Director for the Gulf Company received questions and presented different facts for the board and residents tonight. Some of the questions from residents included: How much limestone will be produced? His answer was that Gulf Materials have a contract to produce 240, 000 tons of limestone per year. They purchased the property to help in the production of air scrubbers to reduce air pollution. Truckloads per day there will be 40 to 45 truckloads per day and that is the best estimate at this time. Gulf Materials will meet all of the requirements of Penndot for bonding of the roads to ensure that those roads will be protected. In response to some concerns and questions about blasting, Mr. Ross commented that the be blasting will be no more than once weekly and typically no more than once or twice per month. They need to apply to DEP and will meet all requirements that are given. They will give courtesy announcements in advance as to when the blasting will be. They will be responsible for damages the will be doing a baseline blasting study. Blasting will be well under blasting decimals for what DEP allows and all vehicles to reduce dust. The mining time is undetermined as they do not have a mining plan in place yet.

They have done 3 studies pertaining to endangered speices. They have copies of the studies stating that no endangered speices are going to be affected by this project and the permit that they have requires that they be 300 ft away from the Rails to Trails.

Gulf Materials expect to create 44 jobs. Of the 44, 34 will be direct jobs and 10 will be indirect. They are planning to take applications in the fall and the pay scale in place right now is 19.00 per hour.

Mick Tekely inquired as to how many years of mining experience Gulf Materials had. Mr. Ross answered that although Mr. Clifford Wise has minimal mining experience, Gulf

Materials Company has 80 to 90 years of mining experience and insured the board and residents that where an expert would be needed, one would be called in to complete what needed to be done. He also noted that Mr. Wise is a reputable man and will make sure that everything is done according to regulations.

It had been brough to the boards attention that Mr. Shane Shawver was constructing a porch without obtaining a permit. Kara will contact CCIS to send an inspector out to inspect and issue a permit.

David made a motion to send the Williamsburg Public Library an annual donation in the amount of \$1000 dollars. Barrie seconded it and all were in favor.

David had a concern from a resident that a neighbor has a structure on close to their property. The supervisors will look into the definitions outlined in the Land and Subdivision Ordinance to help define what is considered a building and whether setbacks apply to this particular situation.

David Bigelow received a call from the president of the Farm Bureau. Penndot has installed the 10 ton weight limit signs. It is a concern for the farming community for farmers who have trucks who run the trucks locally but are over the weight limit. Dave will recommend to the Farm Bureau that they should contact Penndot also with their concerns.

A special meeting for generalized discussion about the quarry will be held on September 20, 2010, 6pm at the Williamsburg Farm Show Building. Barrie made a motion to advertise the meeting, David seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Barrie inquired as to what the board would like to do about a second truck for the winter. David made a motion to advertise for bids for a New and Used Price for a new plow truck make and model is undecided. Ralph seconded the motion and all were in favor.

A motion was made to pay the bills.

Meeting was adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,  
Kara Deters, Secretary/Treasurer