

MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 14, 2015 MEETING OF THE CATHARINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The board of supervisors for Catharine Township met on Monday, December 14, 2015, at 7:00 PM at the Catharine Township Building with supervisors Ralph F Rispoli, Marc Daniel Isenberg, Kenneth Brenneman, secretary/treasurer Eleanor Harclerode, and roadmaster Michael Fay present.

Visitors: Allen Gibboney solicitor, Mark Diehl, Bruce Estep, Donald Brantner, Shawn Ritchey, Natalie Gorsuch, Darrin Brubaker, and Randy Brubaker.

A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Marc Daniel Isenberg. Unanimous

A motion was made by Marc Daniel Isenberg to approve the financial report, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

Shawn Ritchey from Keller Engineers had two things to discuss:

1. Merit Construction road bond. The first Construction Company that started the sewer plant had Recreation Drive Bonded. The company declared bankruptcy. Then the Williamsburg Municipal Authority hired Merit Construction to come in and finish the sewer project. At that time Shawn Ritchey from Keller's Engineer and Michael Fay went over the road again and a new road bond was placed for Recreation Drive for the amount of \$7045.00. Michael Fay and the road crew had done some surface patching on Recreation Drive that totaled \$1,647.28 and was reimbursed by Merit. When the project was almost completed Shawn Ritchey contacted Merit Construction about the road bond. Merit Construction said they felt they were not responsible for that amount. Shawn Ritchey reiterated the patching that was done was not a permanent fix. Merit Construction offered to pay \$1,000.00 instead of the amount of the bond. Shawn wanted to know if the township and solicitor would want to pursue the bond amount of \$7,045.00.
2. Pursue of a Grant. Shawn Ritchey is looking into a grant to do repairs to Recreation Drive. Williamsburg Municipal Authority and Catharine Township would have to come up with matching commitments of 15% each for a \$120,000.00 grant. The Williamsburg Municipal Authority will need to do a letter stating that they will match the funds. The supervisors tabled this until next month until the Williamsburg Municipal Authority signs their papers. Shawn Ritchey requested a copy of the 2016 Budget.

Mark Diehl came to be the spokesman for the people about the mess on Canoe Mountain Drive. Michael Fay said the gentleman that lived there is no longer there. There were two trailers that were torn apart and are laying all over the property. Michael Fay said he will donate his own time and clean it up. A report will be given at our next meeting.

Donnie Brantner's Subdivision - Letter from Keller Engineers had 11 questions that need addressed from the supervisors, surveyor, and solicitor. Randall Kring from Keller's Engineers talked to Allen Gibboney our Solicitor about the letter he sent to the township. A motion was made by Ralph F Rispoli to accept the subdivision as a minor subdivision, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

Darrin Brubaker asked about some maintenance on Hemlock Rd from Rt22 to the small run down shack. Darrin Brubaker said it didn't need tar and chipped. Gravel would be just fine and maybe a little wider with drainage on both sides.

Bruce Estep wanted to see if the ditches for Edgewood Drive are still on for next year. Bruce wants to do some work at the end of his driveway.

Allen Gibboney our solicitor talked about the nuisances, noise, and junk motor vehicles ordinances. Bruce said he is concerned about junk motor vehicles. The board agrees that the township ordinances need updated. The supervisors will figure out what we should have in each ordinance, such as how many vehicles you may have on your property and the noise level allowed. It comes down to what is fair and legal for all of the Catharine Township residents. Allen will start working on a new ordinance with junk motor vehicles and nuisances.

A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to accept the Budget for 2016 as advertised, seconded by Marc Daniel Isenberg. Unanimous

Reorganizational Meeting is at 5:00 pm on January 4, 2016. Auditors' meeting is at 6:00 pm on January 5, 2016.

Auditors – Louis Brenneman was a write in for auditor for 6 years. Christine Rispoli said she is not going to audit this year. Eleanor Harclerode checked with Debbie Fay, and she was not sure if she will audit this year or not. Eleanor will need to check with each one to see if they will change their mind. Marc Daniel Isenberg asked Arianne Waddington if she would be interested in auditing. She said she would. We will check with Christine and Debbie again.

Stanley Loose bought a fluorescent jacket from Leighty's. Michael Fay asked if the road crew could all get a jacket for winter. A motion was made by Marc Daniel Isenberg to buy four jackets at \$39.98 each for the road workers. They are to keep the jackets in the building when not worn, they are the property of Catharine Township, the township will clean the jackets as necessary, and the workers are to try to keep the jackets as clean as possible, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

Marc Daniel Isenberg said to pay the bill to Grannas for doing Cross Valley Rd. The money is to be taken out of the Plgit General Account, leaving \$1,000.00 in the account.

Ralph F Rispoli said his nephew Tony Rispoli Jr bought a piece of property. The former owner allowed them access to cross over the property, and now the new owner does not.

The Liquid Fuel auditor was at the township the other day and wanted to pass on to the

supervisors that if the state budget does not get passed on time, we may not receive our Liquid Fuel funds until passed or they may release 40% of the amount. When the budget gets passed, then we will receive the rest.

Roadmaster Report:

1. Eleanor needs to check if road worker hours are Ok or need to be cut back more.
2. Lights ballasts need changed in the office
3. Hemlock Road – Supervisors need to take a drive to see what will be required for Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Program before February 8, 2016
4. Michael Fay would like to take a week off to do some cleanup work.

Marc Daniel Isenberg made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Ralph F Rispoli.

Marc Daniel Isenberg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor K Harclerode, Secretary/Treasurer