

MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 22, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CATHARINE  
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Catharine Township's special meeting began at 6:00 PM with supervisors Ralph F Rispoli, Daniel Isenberg, Kenneth T Brenneman, and secretary/treasurer Eleanor K Harclerode.

Visitors: David Pertile from Hippo, Fleming, and Pertile

**New Business:**

Supervisors asked to meet David Pertile. David had sent a letter earlier indicating that he was interested in becoming the solicitor for Catharine Township. David asked if the supervisors have any questions or concerns.

Kenneth Brenneman made a motion to change our monthly meeting from the second Monday of the month to the third Thursday so the solicitor would be free to attend the meetings, seconded by Daniel Isenberg. Unanimous

Bill Deters notified Eleanor Harclerode that the meeting for the Williamsburg Region EMA will be on January 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Williamsburg Borough Building. He is requesting that all Supervisors, Roadmaster, and Secretary.

Bill Deters asked about sidewalks not being cleaned off. Eleanor Harclerode found the ordinance for sidewalks. The ordinance directs that residents have 48 hours to clean their sidewalk after the storm is over. Supervisors said they will keep an eye on the situation.

Catharine Township has two options for the 2017 Millage Rate:

1. Break-Even Millage – 3.41
2. 10% Increase – 3.75

A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to opt with the Break-Even Millage, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous

Ralph Rispoli made a motion to approve the 2017 Budget, seconded by Daniel Isenberg. Unanimous

Williamsburg Area Fire Commission is asking if the township would modestly increase Catharine Township's payment to the Fire Commission for the tax year 2017/2018 of 10%. That amount would amount to \$1,000 spread out over 4 payments. The supervisors said they feel this should have been asked earlier in the year before the budget was done. Catharine Township supervisors agreed this was not in the budget for 2017. A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to send a letter to let the Fire Commission know they will need to ask by the end of September so it can be included in the budget, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous

Blair County Conservation District – Jim Eckenrode called and said he could do an amend for 20% more for the Edgewood Drive Project. This would amount to \$2500.00 more. The township would have to wait for the check until February. A letter needs typed requesting the amend for 20% to cover the cost of Edgewood Drive. Supervisors are Ok with this.

Eleanor Harclerode said Trina Illig has sent two mailings out for the sewer project at Ganister. Trina has 13 residents that have not responded to the mailings that were sent out. Trina wanted to know if the Supervisors wanted her to do another mailing or go door to door. The Supervisors decided to let Trina know to go door to door to see if she can get anyone to response that way.

BAS2017 U.S. Census Bureau – No boundary changes

Mike Bowser email the requirements for 2017 Bidding:

1. \$.01 - \$10,699.99 – No phone quotes or bidding Necessary
2. \$10,700.00 - \$19,699.99 – Written or Telephone Quotes required
3. \$19700.00 – Public bidding is required

Daniel Isenberg made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman.

Daniel Isenberg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman at 07:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor K Harclerode, Secretary/Treasurer