

MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 15, 2018 MEETING OF THE CATHARINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Catharine Township's regular monthly meeting began at 7:00 PM with supervisors Ralph F Rispoli, Kenneth Brenneman, Heather Flaig, secretary/treasurer Eleanor K Harclerode, and roadmaster Mike Fay.

Visitors: Natalie Gorsuch, David Brown, Daryl Cole, Shawn Ritchey from Keller Engineers, Donald Brantner, Wayne Grove, Norma Grove, Dulcey Brown, and Michael Rosser.

Heather Flaig found one correction on the minutes. It said Kenneth Flaig instead of Kenneth Brenneman.

A motion was made by Heather Flaig to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Ralph F Rispoli. Unanimous

A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to accept the financial report as is, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

On the January 2, 2018 minutes concerning the Roadmaster wages Heather Flaig abstained instead of Unanimous. Eleanor needs to amend this.

Shawn Ritchey from Keller Engineer is just visiting tonight, but wanted to see what is going on in the township. Shawn also, said PennDOT's Multi-Modal Transportation Grant application is opening from February 26 to March 30, 2018 to do projects. Shawn asked if there was anything the township would be interested in trying for some of the grant money. Shawn said at one time the township was interested in getting some grant money for Recreation Drive. Shawn was not sure if we were still interested in Recreation Drive or maybe another road. Ralph said Mike would get back to Shawn.

Daryl Cole asked how much it would cost to do the engineering study for sewer in Ganister.

Wayne Grove wants to replace his outside steps. Wayne asked if he would have to get a variance from the neighbor because the steps are 20 inches from the property line. The steps have been there for around 50 years. All Wayne is doing is replacing the steps. The supervisors said "No".

Michael Rosser lives right across from the formal Louis Coral Lounge. Garbage is blowing across the road on his property. Michael went over the other day to talk to them, and took pictures of garbage behind the building. He asked if the township could do anything. The township will get in contact with our solicitor to see if he can send a letter to them.

Kenneth Brenneman read the letter that Wayne Baker's attorney sent to the township's solicitor. David Brown said he is not letting the building permits go. Everyone else has to get a permit and Wayne is no exception. Eleanor will call the solicitor to check if a meeting was setup.

Tom Wolf released his 2018-19 budget proposals. Tom Wolf again is proposing a \$25.00 per-capita fee on municipalities that rely exclusively on the State Police for protection.

The Fire Company has been in Catharine Township 25 times in the year 2017.

There was a correction on the workers compensation premium. According to Acting Insurance Commission the state of Pennsylvania has increased rates on every Workers Compensation policy by 6.06%. This was mandated by the insurance commission.

For 2017 Catharine Township's seven residents that have holding tanks all passed inspection.

PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach Session will enhance future regional transportation planning involving local government at the very beginning of the process so that land use, development, and transportation are better integrated and more effective. This will give the municipality there input if they have a project in that area.

We have received three applications for the assistant secretary. Mike Fay made a suggestion to do a Background Check, Credit History, and Driver License before they are interviewed.

Roadmaster Report:

Mike Fay received a report from PennDOT concerning signs on Fox Run and Rt22. Catharine Township is responsible for township signs on state roads.

Mike said we have our truck back with a hitch on it to hold the plow up.

Mike said he needed the township password so he is able to send pictures to the insurance company from an accident that happened the other day on Yellow Spring and Cross Valley.

Supervisors Report:

Kenneth Brenneman said Mark Diehl wanted to know if we could have someone check the speed on Bear Crossing Road. There are two 25 miles per hour road signs already put up to keep the speed down.

Heather Flaig made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Ralph F Rispoli.

Ralph F Rispoli made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Heather Flaig.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor K Harclerode, Secretary/Treasurer