

MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 10, 2014 MEETING OF THE CATHARINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The board of supervisors for Catharine Township met on Monday, November 10, 2014, at the Catharine Township Building with Ralph F Rispoli, Marc Daniel Isenberg, Kenneth Brenneman and secretary present.

Visitors: Jim Franks-The District Director Congressman Shuster's Office, Bruce Estep, Joyce Frye, Roger Oswald, David Poplaski, Craig Parks, Robert M Mingle, Allen Gibboney solicitor, Ted Hyle, and Michael Fay Roadmaster.

Jim Franks – Jim Franks came at 6:30 PM to talk to the supervisors about the PennDot road project for 2015. Jim said he would take the information that he received and see what they can do.

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

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

Joyce Frye – Joyce Frye came to represent Amy Jo White on the issue of St Mary's Drive. Allen Gibboney the township solicitor said that after looking into the issue and going through some court house records, the original subdivision showed a 16 foot alley on the North side of Lot 20 and the State Highway on the Southwest side of Lot 20. Catharine Township records has found no indication that St Mary's Drive or St Mary's Alley or any other roadway in that location has ever been designated as a Catharine Township road. The law provides that owners of land within the St Clair Plot of Lots have an easement for the use of all roads plotted in the St. Clair Plot of Lots. This right is a private right and does not apply to Catharine Township. Catharine Township has no legal authority to enforce any private easement right. It is between the residents.

Edgewood Drive – Marshall Dicken has received a letter from the township solicitor in regards to junk or salvage. There have been residents who expressed a concern about salvage materials near or at his home, items falling off vehicles and making the road hazardous, and about noise at night. The residents voiced their concerns and wanted to know what can be done. Ordinances 14, 27, 35, and 53 may be applicable to the situation. Allen Gibboney said it was up to the supervisors in what they want to do from here. Marc Daniel Isenberg made the following motion. He moved that the Solicitor investigate and proceed to file appropriate legal action against Mr. Marshall Dicken of 550 Edgewood Drive, Williamsburg, PA 16693 for possible violations of Ordinances 14, 27, 35, or 53. The Chairperson or Vice Chairperson is authorized to sign such legal proceeding and the appropriate fee for filing such legal action is hereby authorized. Kenneth Brenneman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ambulance/Rescue – Ted Hyle and Roger Oswald came to see about getting some help with the

ambulance. Ted Hyle reported some financial problems with the ambulance. The Williamsburg Fire Commission is going to take over the fuel and upkeep on the ambulance. The Fire Company owns the ambulance's building and it is going to pay for the heating and electricity until they can get back on their feet or close. Roger Oswald said back in 2003 or 2004 everyone was volunteers. Roger Oswald said with regulation changing they have to pay an EMT with 200 hours training and 70 or 80 hours for a first responder to drive the ambulance. Also, if they stop running it will take 17 minutes longer to come from Hollidaysburg, and if they are out on a call, then it may take longer for another ambulance to come. The ambulance has problems getting reimbursement from Cove Forge, when residents get paid from their insurance company, and they don't pay for the ambulance, and other reasons. Ted Hyle and Roger Oswald would like to be able to cut even. The supervisors discuss the problem and asked what we can put on the preliminary budget to help the ambulance out. A motion was made by Marc Daniel Isenberg to raise the mill a half percent for the ambulance, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

There were a few changes made on the budget. Then a motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to approve the preliminary budget, seconded by Ralph F Rispoli. Unanimous

Roadmaster Report:

1. Pole Cat Hollow Road – Put down 110 ton of black top
2. Snow Removal Equipment – Put winter equipment on trucks.
3. Roller – Some repairs
4. Salt – Have enough for one storm before having to order.

Supervisors:

1. Kenneth Brenneman said he was asked how the sharing equipment with other townships is working.

Kenneth Brenneman made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Ralph F Rispoli.

Ralph R Rispoli made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marc Daniel Isenberg.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor K Harclerode, Secretary/Treasurer