

MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 14, 2016 MEETING OF THE CATHARINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Catharine Township's regular meeting began at 7:00 PM with supervisors Ralph F Rispoli, Daniel Isenberg, Kenneth T Brenneman, secretary/treasurer Eleanor K Harclerode, roadmaster Mike Fay, and solicitor Allen Gibboney present.

Visitors: Natalie Gorsuch from Morrisons Cove Herald, Bob Mingle, Lester Houck, Randy Brubaker, Ben Postles, Daren Brubaker, Harold Martin, Justin Martin, Isaac Martin, SGT Paul Jendrzewski State Police, and Patrick J Fanelli.

A motion was made by Daniel Isenberg to have a correction made then accept the minutes, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

On the financial report money was transferred from Merlo Account to the Checking Account to pay for the paving on Recreation Drive and the remaining amount of money put into the HIFI Account. A motion was made by Daniel Isenberg to accept the financial report with the changes, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

Old Business:

Hog Farm - Randy and Daren Brubaker, Ben Postles, Harold, Justin and Isaac Martin came to answer any concerns about the hog farm at Hemlock. The neighbors that came to our last meeting did not attend this meeting. Kenneth Brenneman asked about a petition that is reported to be going around and what will it do. Allen Gibboney said the neighbors have the right to do a petition. Municipals have very limited roles in these large animal operations. There are rules that are set by the Commonwealth of the state and are run by state agencies, trumping municipal roles.

State Police Sergeant Paul Jendrzewski asked residents if there were any concerns in the township. The Sergeant gave a report on the past year that there were 31 calls in the township. Bob Mingle said there are dirt bikes and four wheelers running from Edgewood Drive to the Bridge on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Lester Houck has a concern about his property by his mail box. Lester lives on Edgewood Drive and the township just paved it. The township straightened the road, and now there is a gravel berm in front of his mailbox. The mailman and paper man are making a rut at the mail box, and he wanted to know when the township was coming out to fix the problem. The supervisors will go out and check the area, and then let him know what they need to do. Right now they can put additional shale in and keep checking it.

Bob Mingle said at the end of Edgewood Drive on the left side the paving goes out straight. A curve is needed going to Rt 866. The school bus is backing in over the drainage box and there is no paving in that area. The township discussed putting cold patch in for the present. Bob Mingle would like some fill in to level his yard.

Bob Mingle asked about the Community Development Block Grant Program. Eleanor Harclerode will call Trina Illig to see where things stand concerning the survey for the sewer in Ganister.

New Business:

Allen Gibboney said from the October 10, 2016 meeting he wanted to get the definition of abandoned and junk motor vehicles, so there will be no conflict in the future.

Allen Gibboney wanted to introduce Attorney Patrick J Fanelli. Allen had asked Patrick if he would be interested in Catharine Township as their solicitor. Patrick does a lot of Municipalities and Boroughs including Antis Township. Kenneth Brenneman asked what his rates are. Mostly there rate is \$125.00. They do charge \$155.00 for special events. Meetings they charge a flat fee.

A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to appoint Daryl Cole to the Williamsburg Municipal Authority Board for 5 years, seconded by Ralph F Rispoli. Unanimous

Kenneth Brenneman made a motion to make a contribution for \$600.00 to the Williamsburg Public Library, seconded by Ralph F Rispoli. Unanimous

Assessment Office for the 2017 tax base will be coming out Friday morning December 2, 2016 so we can set our millage.

Federal Surplus Property Program has been approved.

PA Game Commission is planning to replace an existing timber bridge with a new timber deck/steel beam bridge over Canoe Creek. The bridge is scheduled to be installed in late summer 2017.

Roadmaster Report:

1. Michael Fay said he has been looking at a power washer with hot water for around \$4,000.00.
2. New Enterprise was still selling black top and the township will try to pave on Wednesday November 16, 2016

Supervisor Report:

No Report

Daniel Isenberg made a motion to advertise the preliminarily budget, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

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

Daniel Isenberg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor K Harclerode, Secretary/Treasurer