

MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 16, 2017 MEETING OF THE CATHARINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Visitors: Natalie Gorsuch, James Blough, Don Brantner, Dulcey Brown, and David Brown.

A motion was made by Heather Flaig to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

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

David & Dulcey Brown has a complaint that their neighbor is making too much noise at night, the rack that was put up against their fence, clutter along their fence, concrete the parking lot or driveway up to their property line, digging out dirt in the back not on his property, and if a building permit was purchase for their building. David Brown said he knows the neighbor never asked for a variance. David Pertile and Eleanor Harclerode are to check into this issue and draft a letter.

A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to draft a letter and send to Wayne Baker, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

James Blough was inquiring about the 4-way stop signs. After some research the township was told the stop signs were put up illegal and would have to be removed at Maple & Chestnut Streets. You cannot put stop signs up to control traffic. Eleanor Harclerode said Ralph F Rispoli called and said we need to send a letter to Charles & Beverly Dunn and ask them to remove the stakes they put in on the township right-a-way. Eleanor Harclerode asked how long? Mike Fay said 5 days. A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to send a letter to Charles Dunn to remove the pins that are on the township right-a-way as a public hazard and give them 5 days to remove the pins or the township will need to, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

A motion was made by Heather Flaig to pass Resolution 11-16-2017-01 to remove stop signs on Chestnut Street, East/West at Maple Street, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

Comcast – At last month's meeting Comcast wanted to know if the township would be interested in requesting a Franchise Fee from Comcast's annual revenue up to 5 Percent. The percent would come from subscribers not from Comcast. Mike Fay wanted to know if Natalie Gorsuch from Morrisons Cove Herald could put it in the paper and ask the residents what they think about the Franchise and bring it up at the December meeting. The term of the Franchise granted shall be for an initial term of ten (10) years, commencing upon the date of execution of this Franchise, until the Franchise is renewed or is lawfully terminated.

A letter was sent to PennDOT on October 27, 2017 for down trees on Fox Run Road.

Dave Love said the catharinetownship.org domain registration is up for renewal in 90 days. A

motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to let Dave Love pay for the renewal and bill the township, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

Resolution for Mini-Casino – Act 42 of 2017 authorizes the placement of ten Category 4 casinos within the Commonwealth. A Category 4 casino is a “mini-casino” with not less than 300 or more than 750 slot machines and table games. These ten facilities will be owned and operated by those currently possessing a Category 1, 2, 3 casino license that was issued by the Commonwealth. Act 42 also grants municipalities the authority to prohibit the location of a Category 4 casino within the boundaries of the municipality. To do so, the governing body of a municipality must pass a resolution indicating its desire to prohibit Category 4 casinos within the municipality. This resolution needs to be passed and delivered to the PA Gaming Control Board no later than December 31, 2017. Any action taken after December 31, 2017 to prohibit Category 4 casinos will be null and void, and the municipality will no longer have the authority to prohibit the location of a Category 3 casino within its boundaries.

H. A. Thomson was in on November 7, 2017 to go over all our equipment and building for renewal. H. A. Thomson said the township Liability and Property would be coming down and it will save the township around \$600.00 this coming year.

Blair Co Department of Social Services – The County of Blair has enclosed for the township a review and comment copy of Blair County’s proposal to use Community Development Block Grant funds to complete Housing Rehab with multiple municipalities of Blair County. Blair County is proposing to use CDBG Funds to provide financial assistance to income eligible households. Assistance will be provided to area homeowners to conform to required compliance with housing rehab needs.

Blair County Planning Commission – The Blair County Planning Commission is providing candidate project recommendation from the County of Blair and the municipalities for the update of the draft 2019 Transportation Improvement Program TIP/12 Year Program. Blair County Planning has recommended five local bridge projects and three highway related projects for inclusion in the draft 2019 TIP/12 Year Program. Mike Fay said we need to call Wes Burket and add Eastbound to project US Route 22. The project is for US Route 22, solution needed for speed related loss of control incidents on Short Mountain, primarily for westbound vehicles and eastbound

David McFarland sent an email about grants available for PA Small Water and Sewer. The eligible projects for the PA Small Water and Sewer Program must have a total project cost between \$30,000 and \$500,000. The grants require a 15% match which may come from any other source. DCED is accepting applications now through February 28, 2018. Kenneth Brenneman would like Eleanor Harclerode to call David McFarland to come to December’s Meeting and explain it in more detail.

Tires for Loader – Mike Fay said we need two tires. A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to get the best price on tires for Loader, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

Stop signs on Recreation Drive – Eleanor Harclerode said on Ordinance 37 page 7, said about Recreation Drive and when the stop signs when in. David Pertile said he can check into the ordinance to see if a traffic study was ever done and let us know for the December 21, 2017 meeting. Supervisors tabled until next meeting. David Pertile said he was looking at the

ordinance and said it does said in coordination with PENNDOT, has conducted engineering and traffic investigations in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to determine the safe speeds for traffic upon the highways within the Township.

Roadmaster said there was a meeting at the school about the route for winter plowing and the School Calendar for the 2017-18 schedule.

Roadmaster Report:

1. Brine Pump – Are froze up. Mike said EMC & EMS are saying that it will cost more to fix it then going out to buy a new one.
2. Brine Tanks will be filled under agility
3. PennDOT is going to instill guide rails on Lower Trail Road.
4. Cutting Edges for the snow plows
5. Date for the Office Christmas Party. Date set is for December 16, 2017 at 11:00AM
6. Brubaker's Farms had 86 truckloads of concrete hauled in for the hog barn. Ralph F Rispoli did go out and check if Hemlock Road held up and it did.

Supervisors Report:

No report from the Supervisors.

A motion was made by Heather Flaig to donate \$600.00 to the Williamsburg Library, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to except the preliminary budget and have it advertised, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

Heather Flaig would like to go to Boot Camp on December 7, 2017. We called Ralph F Rispoli at home on the phone and a motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to except Heather Flaig going to Boot Camp, seconded by Ralph F Rispoli. Unanimous

Mike Fay wanted to see about putting on the agenda to remind the township about a sign and flag pole for the township.

Heather Flaig made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman.

Kenneth Brenneman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Heather Flaig.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor K Harclerode, Secretary/Treasurer