

MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 13, 2014 MEETING OF THE CATHARINE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The board of supervisors for Catharine Township met on Monday, October 13, 2014, at the Catharine Township Building with Ralph F Rispoli, Marc Daniel Isenberg, Kenneth Brenneman and secretary present.

Visitors: Bruce Estep, David Cunningham from Keller Engineers, and Joyce Frye.

A motion was made by Ralph F Rispoli to approve September 8, 2014 minutes, seconded by Marc Daniel Isenberg. Unanimous

A motion was made by Ralph F Rispoli to approve September 15, 2014 special meeting minutes, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

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

Bruce Estep asked a question, "How many vehicles are allowed on a piece of property?" Ralph F Rispoli said he thinks only 3 or 5 vehicles. Bruce said there is a resident who for the past three years has been driving up and down on Edgewood Drive at Two O'clock in the morning keeping residents from getting any sleep. Parts of the vehicles have been falling off the vehicles, and residents are getting flat tires. The supervisors said to contact our solicitor and see about getting a letter sent out to the resident concerning salvage, debris on a township road, and the noise at nights. A motion was made to contact our solicitor, and have a letter sent out, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

Joyce Frye came to represent Amy White her granddaughter. Joyce Frye asked if the township can do anything about guide rails on St Mary's Drive. Robert Mingle who lives next door to Amy White and had guide rails put up on St Mary's Drive to stop 4 wheelers from going through. When Amy bought her property she asked Robert Mingle to remove the guide rails, and he said that it was not a right-a-way but it was an easement. Amy has not complained, but this year the school bus route has changed. Amy's children now walk out St Mary's Drive to get the bus. The deeds were checked, and they say that St Mary's Drive is a public alley. With the guide rails up, the children cannot climb over, and they have to walk down a slop through wet grass to get to Edgewood Drive to get the school bus. Amy would like if the township can do something about this issue, so Amy can drive through to her property, and the children can walk through to get the school bus without getting hurt. Supervisors said they would have our solicitor look into this issue.

David Cunningham – Keller Engineer was at the fall convention and one of the supervisors asked about Act 537. Dave from Keller Engineers was asked to come and talk about Act 537, and give the supervisors some general information on it. Luke Helsel is correct that we are to have a plan in place. Someday DEP will tell us that we don't have a plan in place, and that we will need to do one. The township could adopt an ordinance to have pumping and inspections

done every three years. Only the solicitor would have to get involved. Then if DEP would come, we would have records to show them on septic's. Right now nothing is in place to do anything.

Home Nursing Agency – Home Nursing is asking if Catharine Township would put into their 2015 budget a contribution of \$250.00 to support The Home Nursing Agency's program and services. A motion was made by Ralph F Rispoli to budget \$250.00 for The Home Nursing Agency for the year 2015, seconded by Marc Daniel Isenberg. Unanimous

Liquid Fuel estimates for 2015 came out. Catharine Township's estimate for 2015 is \$36,217.27. The actual allocation in the spring of 2015 could be slightly more or less then the estimated figure.

Building Permits on a Roof – A question came up about a permit on a barn roof. After checking with the solicitor, residents are required to get a permit to replace a non-dwelling structure roof on a barn. If less than 500 square feet of roofing is being replaced and the materials are of the same type, then no Building Permit is required. If the materials are different, or if it is more than 500 square feet of material in involved, then a Building Permit is required.

Residents must get a permit for anything that cost over \$200.00, and for dwellings except when the standard for a dwelling is 25% of the roof (instead of 500 square feet) from the TOWNSHIP. If over 1,000 square ft. then CCIS will have to do an inspection.

PennDot has a construction plan for the proposed project on SR 2017 located on Fox Run Road which is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2016. The scope of work will include the replacement of the existing structure with a precast box culvert.

#### Roadmaster Report:

1. Edgewood Drive Project – Replace 525 Ft. of pipe for storm water before road can be pave.
2. Overlook Drive Project – Rails to Trails had the bridge redecked and used Overlook Drive. They never bonded it. They did put \$10,000.00 back for repairs.
3. Shawn Ritchey from Keller's and Mike Fay did a road inspection and found 2 dozen spots that needed repaired. When they went back and recalculated the figures, they came up with \$16,500.00 to fix the road.
4. Roller – Engine went.
5. Workers are skin patching
6. REA – Next year a project on Canoe Valley Road
7. 5' Box Blade for spreading materials out.
8. Broom – Did not get – bid.
9. Two Accidents
  1. Truck stuck in ditch on Cross Valley when putting in Cross pipe.
  2. Edgewood Drive – Turned around in resident drive-way and Hit their mail box.
10. PennDot is selling a Roller. Ralph F Rispoli made a motion to bid up to \$2000.00 for the 4 to 6 ton Roller, seconded by Marc Daniel Isenberg. Unanimous

11. LTAP – Gravel Seminar

12. Unique is having a breakfast on Thursday October 23, 2014 at Stoney Ridge Road. They will be talking about cold patch

Kenneth Brenneman:

1. Home and Oak Alley roads are rough and asked about smoothing them out. The Alley's will remain dirt.
2. School Bus about Polecat and Cross Valley Road
3. Canoe Mt Road – PennDot review
4. Bridges – All county except Hemlock.

Budget need done before November Meeting.

Marc Daniel Isenberg made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Ralph F Rispoli.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor K Harclerode, Secretary/Treasurer