

MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 19, 2017 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 present.

Visitors: Natalie Gorsuch, Randy Brubaker, Daren Brubaker, Sergeant Leigh A Borrows, Kristina Bratton, and James Blough.

A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to accept 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

Sergeant Barrows came to introduce herself and to observe what is going on in the township. Kenneth Brenneman wanted to know if there is anything more about the \$25.00 per person from the government budget proposal. Kenneth said because Catharine Township does not have local police and uses state police, it was to help with state police cost. Sergeant Barrows said she did not know. Sergeant Barrows said they have had only 13 calls from Catharine Township since January.

James Blough and Kristina Bratton was inquiring about the 4-way stop signs at Maple and Chestnut Street. James Blough said they need to come down. Ralph F Rispoli said the signs were put up to slow people down. James Blough said you can't put a sign up to control speed. James said the signs were put up illegal. Mike Fay asked if there was a petition or anything about the stop signs. Eleanor said she did not know, because she didn't know they were coming to the meeting. Mike said there was no engineering study done on the road. Mike said he started to do a study until he got to the part that you could not use stop signs to control speed and stopped. He left the supervisors know, and they said to go ahead and put the signs up. David Pertile said he would look into the matter and let us know at November's Meeting if the stop sign needs to come down.

Daren and Randy Brubaker asked when Hemlock Road will be done. Ralph F Rispoli said they will be out by Thursday of next week to work on the road. Daren said concrete trucks will be coming to pour concrete for the hog barn.

Daren Brubaker wanted to know what kind of a plan the township needed from them for the Hog Barn. Mike Fay said the township needs a plot plan that should have been brought in to the township when they got there building permit.

Comcast – Comcast operates in our community without a formal agreement. While this is permitted under federal law in systems that were optional prior to 1984, they would prefer to have a record of authority from the township, permitting them to continue to occupy your rights of way and serve your residents. Comcast would like to know if the township would be interested in requesting a Franchise Fee from Comcast's annual revenue. David Pertile said he would talk to Comcast and get back to us.

### **Roadmaster Report:**

1. Mike Fay said on October 6, 2017 he received a phone call about a tree on Overlook Drive, but he didn't get the message until Saturday Morning. Mike said people were driving under the tree. Eleanor said Rowdy Kagarise stopped after work to let us know the tree was down. Rowdy said he did call earlier and got no answer. He was going to call back again, but had to go on a call. Eleanor said she called Ralph F Rispoli and Ralph said call Mike Fay and let him know. Eleanor did call Mike and left a message.
2. Tree hanging over Fox Run Road that Mike Fay reported to PennDOT. A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to have a letter sent to PennDOT about a tree hanging over Fox Run Road, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

Eleanor said she is having problems receiving invoices. Eleanor said she has been making copies of all invoices she receives so Mike has a copy. Eleanor said sometimes she gets a statement in the mail and has no invoice. Eleanor said she makes a copy of the statements she receives and lays the copies on the table so Mike can check if he has an invoice for that vender. At times Eleanor still has to call for an invoice or two. Mike said he finds the invoices on the bulletin board, trucks or missing.

Mike asked about David McFarland cleanup and Marshall Dicken's vehicles. Seem to be going OK.

### **Supervisors Report:**

Kenneth Brenneman wanted to know if the school bus complaint at Edgewood is solved. Mike Fay wants to talk to the school about the issue, and see if the driver could turn at the state shed for safety.

Mike Fay is looking at Brine Tanks. Mike has the approval for two \$900.00 tanks. Mike was looking for a larger tank.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor K Harclerode, Secretary/Treasurer