

Minutes for the March 11, 2013 meeting of Catharine Township Board of Supervisors

The board of supervisors for Catharine Township met on Monday, March 11, 2013, at the Catharine Township Building with Ralph F Rispoli, David Bigelow, Marc Daniel Isenberg, and secretary present.

Visitors – Wayne Grove, Norma Grove, George Boliski and Ryan C Beasom from AWA, Barrie Wyland, Kenneth Brenneman, Rodney Imler, Charles Verbonitz Sr, James Wyland, Richard Roller, and Louis Brenneman.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as written by David Bigelow, seconded by Marc Daniel Isenberg. Unanimous

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

Kenneth Brenneman said that the township has an ordinance on sludge and wanted to see about getting the ordinance changed. George Boliski from the Altoona Water Authority gave out papers on Biosolids Annual Agronomic Loading Rate and Analysis Report for Use of Biosolids on Cropland. Current regulations specify N-based (Nitrogen) nutrient management. The sludge has to be tested and made safe before it is taken to a farm and spread on their fields. In 1995 the Altoona Water Authority asked DEP for approval. The Altoona Water Authority asked one farmer from Catharine Township, Woodbury Township, and one joined from Taylor Township. One year later the Catharine Township farmer was against sludge and stopped using it. He can still receive sludge for his farms in Woodbury Township if he wants to per the Altoona Water Authority. The Altoona Water Authority has received permits for 7 more farms in Antis Township, Woodbury Township and Warriors Mark Township in Huntingdon County. Louis Brenneman asked if pot ash, phosphorus and heavy metals is tested. Heavy metal is tested. Pot ash and phosphorus is not.

David Bigelow said we have an ordinance against sludge and have you proved the ordinance wrong?

Marc Daniel Isenberg said he has not heard enough evidents on sludge to change the ordinance.

David Bigelow said the burden is up to the residents. Ralph Rispoli said the board will not be taking any action.

Barrie Wyland asked about:

1. Where did we get the money for paving Bear Crossing Road?
2. Renting Prough's track hoe and busting it. The part only cost \$32.00, and we paid for the part.
3. How much money are we making off Fox Run Road?
4. Wanted to see if we were going to buy another truck?
5. Different trucks working on Diehl's road. Was bids done first? What happens to the dirt?
6. Some trash at the township that needs cleaned up.
7. Web site. Wanted to see the bills and wages.

Sam's Card – Michael Fay said he does not feel that we would buy enough supplies for the price of the card.

Stone Bids – Stone bids we received from Grannas Bros Stone & Asphalt, New Enterprise Stone & Lime, and Glenn O Hawbaker. A motion was made from David Bigelow to accept the stone bids from Glenn O Hawbaker and Black Top from Grannas Bros Stone & Asphalt, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous

Catharine Township has to appoint a resident for the Williamsburg Municipal Authority to replace William Delozier. After the supervisors talked, David Bigelow made a motion to accept Michael Fay to set on the Williamsburg Municipal Authority, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous

Spring Convention will be held at the Williamsburg Farm Show Building on April 18, 2013.

Eleanor Harclerode asked the supervisors to think about the EMA agreement between Municipalities to see if the township was interested in going with anyone else. If the township stays on their own, they don't have to do an agreement. If they would go together with other municipalities, then an agreement would have to be done. There would have to be two meeting places, and each municipality would have to tell what they would agree to do.

Michael Fay wanted to know about the bonding of Recreation Drive. In April the Williamsburg Municipal Authority will be starting to work on the sewer plant and heavy equipment will be traveling on Recreation Drive. We need to get it bonded before the work starts.

Roadmaster Report:

1. Proposal for Fire Extinguishers throughout the building and trucks.
2. Bear Crossing Road – Start working this year to pave.
3. Backhoe – Mike and Solicitor has some concerned about using Mike's Backhoe.
4. Brush Hog, Wood Chipper, and Sickle Bar Mower about selling them. The township reserves the right to receive or reject any bids.
5. Truck – Michael Fay purchased a truck that is his. Nothing was discuss if the township is interested or not in purchasing this truck.

David Bigelow made a motion to pay bills, second Marc Daniel Isenberg.

Marc Daniel Isenberg made a motion to adjourn, second David Bigelow.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor K Harclerode, Secretary/Treasurer