

MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 19, 2018 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, solicitor David Pertile, and roadmaster Mike Fay.

Visitors: Natalie Gorsuch, David Brown, Mark & Renee Criswell, Kent F. Wilson, Jim Gregory candidate 80th District, Jeff Kifer, and Sam Grannas.

Kenneth Brenneman said there was a correction on the water bids. Should say \$1,750.00 instead of \$1,75.00. A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to approve the minutes after correction is made, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

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

Mark and Renee Criswell have a complaint about a Stormwater drain that goes through their yard. Water, debris and diesel oil is coming through the pipe. The drain pipe is the one that is located at Wayne Baker's property. The grass is brown and their children cannot play in the yard because of the problem.

David Brown came to see about the problem with Wayne Baker. David Pertile said that he and Heather Flaig had meet with Wayne Baker and his attorney. David Pertile said he has not yet talked to the board about that meeting. David Pertile said he feels he needs to talk to the board in an executive meeting. Kenneth Brenneman said he feels the board needs to address the rest of the meeting and then go into executive session.

Jim Gregory is running for 80th District State Representative in the primary here on May 15, 2018. Jim wanted to introduce himself and is asking for our vote.

Jeff Kifer updated the township on the Paul and Minnie Grannas Estate. A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to grant a waiver for 505.2.C for Lot size and 505.4.a building setback distance, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

A motion was made by Ralph F Rispoli to approve the Paul and Minnie Grannas Estate subdivision, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

A motion was made by Heather Flaig to approve and execute the Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration for Paul and Minnie Grannas Estate subdivision, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

Mike Rosser has been in about the trash at the former Louie's Coral Lounge. The supervisors did go and checked on the issue, and they could not find anything.

Dog barking at 909 Maple Street - A letter has been sent to the property owner about complaints of dogs barking.

David Pertile said Catharine Township has a Flood Plain Ordinance. The FEMA MAPS has been changed so we are required to advertise and update our ordinance. A motion was made by Ralph F Rispoli to adopt the new Flood Plain Ordinance #74, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

Act 537 Plan – Right now the supervisors tabled this issue.

Keller Engineer did a proposal of service/contract for the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Eleanor Harclerode said she talked to David McFarland and he said if the supervisors would like to start the ordinance, he would talk to Keller Engineer and David Pertile and start working on the ordinance. David Pertile said to have Eleanor Harclerode call David McFarland to see how far the Blair County Planning Commission could go themselves, and let the board know next month.

Stone Bids – Michael Fay said he needs more time to go over the bids for stone. A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to table the stone bids until next month, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

Blair County Conservation District needs a contract signed to extend the completion of Hemlock Lane Project. A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to sign the maintenance agreement for Hemlock Lane Project to extend the completion date to October 31, 2018, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

Catharine Township electric meter registered an excess of 1,500 kWh for two consecutive months and is subject to demand billing. We will get charged the kWh each month and what is over 1,500 kWh will get demand charges each month. To not get charged the demand charge we will have to use fewer than 1,500 for 12 months.

Michael Fay already took care of the 911 address off of Linda Lane.

David McFarland was in and went over the Language, census, and mitigation.

1. If someone comes in and cannot speak English, have them point to a chart for the language they speak. We will make a phone call and get someone who speaks their language to talk to them and us.
2. Blair County Planning Commission is going to work with the county and Census Bureau. Some municipalities are doing these themselves and others are going with Blair County and letting them do it. Blair County will use the 911 addresses and may have to call if there are apartments in the township to clarify their address.
3. Mitigation – Blair County would like the township to pick out 5 Top Hazard Rankings-Wish List and send to them.
 - a. Natural
 1. Flooding
 2. Strong Storms
 3. Invasive Species
 - b. Human-Induced
 1. Transportation Accidents
 2. Utility Interruption

Melissa Gunnett purchased new software to manage the property taxes. Melissa is not sure if the

township is willing to reimburse her for the purchase. David Pertile said he will look into this purchase and let Eleanor Harclerode know.

Assistant Secretary – As of right now the assistant secretary/treasurer position has not been filled. The supervisors are going to leave the position open. A motion was made by Ralph F Rispoli to have the office hours changed. The new hours will be from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM Monday thru Friday, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

Ralph F Rispoli made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Heather Flaig.

A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to go into executive session, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to exit executive session, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

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

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor K Harclerode, Secretary/Treasurer