MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 16, 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 T Brenneman, secretary/treasurer Eleanor K Harclerode, Trainee Loranne Keithley & Solicitor Dave Pertile. Absent from the meeting was Heather J. Flaig and Roadmaster Mike Fay.

Visitors: Kent F. Wilson, Rod Imler, Charles Imler, Rick Smith, Natalie Gorsuch, Dave McFarland & Cpl. Robert Lenhart

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to table the minutes, seconded by Ralph F. Rispoli. Unanimous

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to approve the financial report as is, but asked if possible to add another column to show spent vs. budgeted, seconded by Ralph F. Rispoli. Unanimous

Ken Brenneman had a few phone calls from citizens not happy about township not plowing Fox Run Rd this winter.

Ken Brenneman asked if minutes can be approved by someone who was not at the previous meeting. Dave Pertile said they can be tabled, if need be, but minutes will have to be approved first thing in next month’s meeting.

State Trooper Cpl. Lenhart came down to speak. He asked if any guests had any questions or concerns. Rod Imler had a few minor questions as did Kent Wilson. Cpl. Lenhart was specifically asked about more of a presence on Yellow Springs Dr. since the accident a few weeks ago. Cpl. Lenhart reported on incidents that the State Police had to respond to in the township, none of them were anything of an extreme nature.

The issue on Home St is still on going. The road crew is expecting to have black top this week for that job.

Municipal Ordinance #33, tabled due to still waiting to get people here to speak on behalf of already participating areas to come to give more information on sludge. However, Dave Pertile said regardless, the Ordinance should be updated.

The issue with the Brown’s is still up in the air as they were not present at the meeting and have not returned Dave Pertile’s messages.

Act 537 Plan – Dave McFarland asked about setting up a meeting with himself, Luke Helsel, Trina and Keller’s to further discuss more actions. Dave also supplied some grant info that he will be looking into to aid the residents in this endeavor.

Dave McFarland would like to meet with the Supervisors to go over ideas and concepts for the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Then come back to a regular meeting to provide more info publically. Dave Pertile suggested that Taylor Township’s ordinance is a very good starting point. Also that a meeting with Keller’s on this issue would be beneficial as well.

Hemlock Rd is complete according to Roadmaster Fay. However, Donna Fisher disagrees. JR Dr. is not yet begun.

Vender validation process was determined to be legit according to Dave Pertile. He did suggest the two people who are put on it simply give the township address, phone number and email. Ken made the motion for the Secretary/Treasurer and Chair be put on. Ralph Rispoli seconded. Unanimous

The paperwork is all at the bank for the process of switching over.

A motion was made by Ralph Rispoli to have Dirt & Gravel Agreement cancelled for this year so other jobs can get finished up, seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous, Loranne will call Diane to let her know.

NIMS , We received a form to be filled out. We passed it on to Reps Steve Lane and Bill Deters. We are waiting to get it back from them.

Rick Smith gave the Roadmaster report. Criswell’s seem to be pleased with the work done on their behalf. Overlook is to be done. Flooding issue on Beagle Club Rd, Donna Fisher and CCIS were called. Marty from CCIS reported that the Lower’s are not building, but are expanding their yard.

Supervisor’s report was Ken Brenneman had a request of where Bear Crossing Rd & Baker’s meets. There are trees that are creating a vision hazard on the turn. Scot Baker offered to remove the trees. Rick Smith said he knows where the brush pile is that Mark Diehl is complaining about. Rick will take care of this on Monday. Also, Mark Diehl has said about Helen Teeters having a shed close to the road that has boards falling off of it and the boards end up on the road causing a hazard. Ralph Rispoli had gotten a complaint from Jeff & Beth Lutton on the issue of smell from the hog farm at Brubakers.

Ken Brenneman made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Ralph Rispoli

Dave Pertile suggested we do not adjourn, but go into executive session, that way if we need to reopen the meeting for any decisions, we can. A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to go into executive session, seconded by Ralph Rispoli, Unanimous.

Back in session to approve Loranne Keithley as Secretary/Treasurer and Eleanor Harclerode as the assistant. Eleanor will cut back on hours and be more of an “on-call” status, but will be here at least once a week to check on Loranne’s progress while on her own. Eleanor said Loranne Keithley probation period is almost up. Eleanor said Loranne Keithley payrate should go to $12.36, but Ralph wanted to put Loranne payrate the same as Eleanor $13.03. Loranne Keithley will go from $11.20 to $13.03 an hour after her probation period is up on Aug 22, 2018. Office hours will be from Mon, Tues., Thurs., Fri 9:30 am-12:30 pm and Wed., 3 pm-6 pm. With variances allowed for appointments and such upon letting Supervisors aware. Let Natalie Gorsuch know so the new hours can be put in the Herald. Motion made by Ken Brenneman, seconded by Ralph Rispoli, Unanimous

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to adjourn, seconded by Ralph Rispoli, Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Loranne M. Keithley, Secretary/Treasurer