

MINUTES FOR THE MAY 16, 2019 MEETING OF THE CATHARINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Catharine Township's regular monthly meeting began at 7:00 PM with supervisors Kenneth Brenneman, Ralph F Rispoli, Heather Flaig, secretary/treasurer Eleanor K Harclerode, and roadmaster Mike Fay. David Pertile was absent.

Visitors: Daryl Cole, Natalie Gorsuch, David Brown, Brenda Crouch, John Crouch, Richard Smith, Arianne Waddington, Sherry Waddington, Jon McClintock, Scott Baker, Donald Brantner, Pat Bottenfield, David Cunningham from Keller's Engineer, and Jeff Lutton.

Kenneth Brenneman said there was one correction. Heather Flaig was absent at April's Meeting. A motion was made by Heather Flaig to except the minutes after correction is made, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous

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

Daryl Cole said the Township Audit was approved and posted three weeks ago in the Morrison Cove Herald. Daryl asked if any supervisor was up for reelection this year. Yes, Ralph F Rispoli term will be up at the end of the year. Daryl Cole asked who is on the ballot. Kenneth Brenneman said Ralph F Rispoli and Michael Fay are both running.

David Brown asked about Wayne Baker. A couple of days after a hearing he pulled a portable 53ft semi-trailer with no license right up against David Brown fence on the property line. Dumpster was placed right at the property line and garbage is accumulating. David has been picking up garbage every day. Also, a mattress has been in the ally for a month.

Brenda & John Crouch – The Crouch's are asking for a difference of 10ft (from 35 to 25ft) variance from the road for their garage. A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to give Brenda & John Crouch the variance, seconded by Ralph F Rispoli. Unanimous

Sherry Waddington is just here to listen. Last month she asked about the crack in the curb and the bump on Yellow Springs Drive. Eleanor Harclerode said a letter has been sent to PennDOT. Sherry also asked about having something done to convert water from going into her basement. Michael Fay said that is on his list to do.

Arianne Waddington would like us to contact the State Representatives, because Governor Wolf is proposing to restore Pennsylvania. They may have some grants that the township may be able to use. Kenneth Brenneman asked Arianne to email the information to the township, and Eleanor can then email the information to all supervisors.

David Cunningham said concerning the Ganister sewer project, we have gone as far as we can and now we need to have a meeting with the Williamsburg Municipal Authority. Questions are who will own it, how will it be managed, how are we going to move forward with this project, and how will the responsibility be split. Daryl Cole said to call the Williamsburg Municipal Authority and request a meeting the second week of June at 6 or 7 o'clock in the evening. That way we will have the meeting before our monthly meeting. Then let David Cunningham know.

David Cunningham said last month he had talked about the sewer facilities program grant that is open. The grant application is needed right now. The application is due at the end of May. David Cunningham said he would need a resolution and letter from the township tonight. A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to move forward with the grant, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

David Cunningham said on the resolution we need to designate the two signatures that will be signing the paper work. Kenneth Brenneman said that he and Eleanor Harclerode will be the two signers.

Donald Brantner asked how the sewer gets pumped out. David Cunningham said the state law requires every municipality must maintain a sewage plan that addresses how every area is going to take care of their sewage. A portion will go to the municipality authority and others are handled with on lot systems. In order to extend sewage in the Ganister area, they meet with Department of Environmental Protection. If we were revisiting that plan to change how we were handling Ganister, we were also going to have to address the rest of the township as well. We can do it in two phases and that way we can move forward with Ganister with this three year plan for the rest of the township. In order to designate the rest of the township as an on lot septic disposal area, that means not extend public sewer to it because it will be too costly. In order to do that DEP is going to require the township to do an ordinance that said if you have an on-lot septic system then that needs to be pumped every three years and inspected by the sewage enforcement officer whenever that times comes around. So when that time comes around and there is an issue with that septic system, then that home owner will have to work with that sewage enforcement officer Luke Helsel to make whatever repairs that is necessary. It will be different then how things are handled now, and for some residents it will be an expense. DEP has left the township put this off as long as they can. If you are going to address Ganister, then you need to address the whole township.

Jon McClintock lives at Point View. The residents up at Point View have their own sewer plant. Jon wanted to know if the township could help them out with testing. They are testing their sewer plant every month. Jon wants to know if there is a way Point View could be incorporated in with Ganister and it would all be done together. David Cunningham said to ask the sewage enforcement officer if he would be able to do it on his rounds. Daryl Cole said to ask the Williamsburg Municipal Authority to see if they may be able to help with that.

Jeff Lutton asked about using prisoners down at Mt Etna. There is garbage down by the river and a new dump site that has a microwave and other appliances that need cleaned up. He has a work program application that the township would have to fill out, and they would come and check the area out. They would let us know if they would clean that area up. The prisoners would be sent out to clean up that area if you are not afraid of prisoners being in the area. These prisoners are about to be release from prison. Jeff said they would do any type of cleanup like graveyards, parks, trash, and etc. A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to look into this program with Christian Garman CCPM SCI-SMITHFIELD, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

Brown v Baker – There was a hearing and the judge ruled in favor of the township and Browns. Michael Fay wanted to know how much of a fine Wayne Baker got. David Pertile said the judge level \$100.00. Michael Fay wants to know how much attorney fees we have in this issue.

A letter was typed for the Williamsburg Farm Show to hold a parade on August 22, 2019. The letter was approved outside of a regular meeting and just needs approved so we have a record. A motion was made by Ralph F Rispoli to approve the Williamsburg Farm Show Letter, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

2019 CDBG Application – It is a Community Development Block Grant Program. Eligible activities include broad areas of housing, public infrastructure, economic development and public services. Funds may also be used by municipal authorities for public works activities such as water & sewer development and drainage improvement projects. To be eligible, a project must address one of the CDBG Program’s national objectives 1) benefit low and moderate income residents; 2) eliminate slums and blight; or 3) address urgent threats to public health and safety. The grant is open from May 1, 2019 through August 2, 2019.

Allegheny, Logan and Antis Townships have begun researching the reorganization of the Blair County Association of Township Elected Officials. They are in contact with PSATS and are in the process of locating the records from prior years. They are asking each township if they are still interested at this time. They are looking to have a fall convention tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2019 location yet to be determined. The township is to let Silke Morrison know by Friday, June 15, 2019 if our township would like to participate. Ralph F Rispoli said he feels we should go to the dinners.

Cleaning time for the Furnace. Eleanor Harclerode wanted to know if Martin Oil is to clean the furnace this year. Supervisors said to check with local cleaning places in the township to see how much they would charge to clean the furnace. A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to go with the lowest price, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

Credit Card Limit – Eleanor Harclerode said Michael Fay and she received their credit card. We both used our cards and when the bill came in there were two bills. Eleanor called to ask why we were billed separate and they told me that as long as we are billed separate then we will be able to use the card the next day. If we consolidate then we will have to wait until the next billing cycle began at the beginning of the next month to use the card. Michael Fay feel \$500.00 credit card limit is too low. Michael would like to have the limit raised. The supervisors decided to raise the limit to total of \$2500.00 together for Michael Fay and Eleanor Harclerode. Eleanor said she will have to fill out a form and return to them. The Credit Card Company will let us know if they approve the credit card limit. A motion was made by Heather Flaig to set the total limit together for Michael Fay and Eleanor Harclerode at \$2500.00, seconded by Ralph F Rispoli. Unanimous

2019 Budget – A letter came to the supervisors about the 2019 budget from our solicitor David Pertile. There was a little discussion and supervisors decided to table it until next month.

Michael Fay brought up the Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Maintenance Grants. Hemlock and JR Road agreements need signed.

1. Hemlock Road – eligible up to \$24,248.00
2. JR Drive – eligible up to \$19,530.00

A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to approve Hemlock Road & JR Drive agreement, seconded by Heather Flag. Unanimous

Michael Fay needs a list of Penelec lights for Catharine Township. Eleanor Harclerode said she

did give everyone a copy of all there lights last month.

Supervisors went into executive secession.

Supervisors exit Executive Secession.

Roadmaster Report:

Michael Fay said that Daryl Cole told him the hole is opening up again on Yellow Spring Drive on the lower end at the church.

Kenneth Brenneman said Fox Run Road at Jim Davis's property the road is getting undermined by Fox Run. There has been so much stone and dirt washed away that now the road is hanging over the bank like a cliff. Michael Fay will check it out and call Huntingdon or Blair County.

Kenneth Brenneman said if the road by Stanley Loose drops let PennDOT know.

Eleanor Harclerode said she has sent a letter to PennDOT about the road in front of Sherry Waddington house and curb at Home Street.

Pat Bottenfield's letter was sent to PennDOT about the pipes being filled up and water going back on to their property.

A motion was made to pay bills by Kenneth Brenneman, seconded by Heather Flaig.
Unanimous

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:00 PM by Kenneth Brenneman, seconded by Heather Flaig.
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor K Harclerode, Secretary/Treasurer