

MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 20, 2020 MEETING OF THE CATHARINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Catharine Township's regular monthly meeting began at 7:00 PM at the Catharine Township Municipal Building with supervisors Heather Flaig/Secretary, Ralph F Rispoli, Kenneth Brenneman/Treasurer and roadmaster Mike Fay. Solicitor Dave Pertile was present.

Visitors: Daryl Cole, Rowdy Kagarise, Gaydawn Kagarise, J.F. Campbell, Scott Baker, Patrick Bottenfield, Natalie Gorsuch, Holley Tekely, Mick Tekely, Mic Cochrane, Rod Imler, Dave Cadle

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the minutes as written for July 16, 2020, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Heather Flaig to accept the financial report. Seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

Dave Cadle talked to the supervisors about a possible funding source, CARES county grants. This is provided to businesses affected by Covid-19. He suggested talking to our county commissioners about this to see if the township would qualify for funding regarding the Rails To Trails and the roads leading to them. The Township will look into this further to see if we can benefit from this.

Daryl Cole asked about Home Street getting the pavement fixed. Road master hopes to have this done this year.

Rowdy Kagarise, Gaydawn Kagarise, J.F. Campbell, Holley Tekely, Mick Tekely and Mic Cochrane were at the meeting for updates on paving their road, Overlook Drive. The township had a meeting with PennDot about using Liquid Fuels and went to inspect the road. A paving proposal was written by PennDot to advertise for bids to have the work completed. The Roadmaster provided details on the specs of the project. Bids will be received up until August 27, 2020.

A special meeting will be held August 27, 2020 at 7:00pm to open bids and discuss any other pertinent issues at that time.

We received a letter from the Water Authority in response to our letter to them regarding damage to the intersection of Home Street and Recreation Drive. Some information in the letter was disputed. The township will ask to meet with them to talk about the exact issue we are concerned about. Also another letter will be sent with our specific concerns to clarify any questions.

Scott Baker was seeking updates regarding his neighbor, Don Barker and the septic issue. Dave Pertile discussed the actions that need to be taken and possible litigation. Mr. Barker does have a lien on his property. No action has been taken from Mr. Baker to this point.

Heather Flaig made a motion to go into Executive session to discuss litigation. Seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

Heather Flaig made a motion to go back into regular session. Seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

Ken Brenneman made a motion to proceed with appropriate legal litigations against Donald Barker. Seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

An Executive Session was held on July 29, 2020 at 7:00pm and August 3, 2020 at 7:00pm regarding personnel issues.

Eleanor Harclerode presented a letter of retirement as of August 3, 2020. Heather Flaig made a motion to accept the letter. Seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

Heather Flaig made a motion to update all accounts by removing Eleanor Harclerode's name and replacing with the secretary, Heather Flaig and treasurer, Kenneth Brenneman. Seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

Heather Flaig suggested updating the Township's current Building Permit costs, forms, and requirements to stay current with surrounding areas and standard Commonwealth Codes. The Township will consult with our inspection service, CCIS.

PLGIT permission forms were signed by the supervisors to update who has authorization for those accounts.

Heather Flaig discussed the current issues with the Township's printer. It is not functioning as it should and has needed serviced several times recently. The supervisors requested to check into other places to see if we could get a better price.

Rod Imler expressed his concerns over agricultural utilization of Biosolids on farm land.

Supervisors Report

1. Ken Brenneman- update on possible dog attack on a woman on a bike. Owner of the dog has agreed to pay any cost inquired to the injured. No action needed from Township.

Roadmaster Report

1. Flagger Training was completed for the Roadmaster and the road workers.
2. 2008 Ford Red truck is out for repairs. An estimate was provided for necessary work. Ken Brenneman made a motion to accept estimate and go ahead with necessary repairs. Seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous.
3. International Truck is in need of repairs. Roadmaster will get estimate to have repairs made.
4. The Loader needs repairs and needs to be hauled. Roadmaster will get prices.
5. Roadmaster suggested having an American Flag installed in the front of the building and a more visible sign for people to see when looking for the Township Building.
6. Roadmaster presented information on a new truck. Finances will need to be looked at to see if this would be possible.

Heather Flaig made a motion to pay bills. Seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

Heather Flaig made motion to adjourn at 8:52 pm. Seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Flaig, Secretary/Supervisor