

MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 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, Ken Brenneman/Treasurer and Ralph Rispoli/Supervisor. Road master Michael Fay was present. Solicitor, Nathan Karn was present.

Visitors: Julie Walters, Jim Flaig III, Dotty Hoffner, Elva Fay, Daryl Cole, Sherry Waddington, Natalie Gorsuch, Bob Aurandt, Dorcus Johnson, Greg Haney, Wayne Baker, Cami Chamberlain, Dolores Chamberlain, James Brubaker, Kristina Bratton, PSP-CPL Daniel Moyer, Scott Baker, Daren Brubaker, James Blough

A motion was made by Ralph Rispoli to accept the minutes as written for August 15, 2024, seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the financial report, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

Hemlock Road. Still waiting for DEP to issue the permit to install new pipe.

Daryl Cole discussed the Ganister Sewage Plan. He said the Act 537 plan needs completed for the entire Township and could work with the Water Authority on funding.

Wayne Baker asked about Oak Alley getting repaired and potholes getting filled. He had the property surveyed at the corner.

Bear Crossing Road sinking hole was filled with asphalt for the winter. Repair will need to wait until spring. A permit will be needed.

Pennsylvania State Police, CPL Daniel Moyer discussed statistics for Catharine township. There were 62 calls and 15 criminal infractions. He was asked about speeding on Yellow Springs Dr.

First Commonwealth Bank visited the township to discuss credit card options. For every dollar spent, one point is earned. Points then can be redeemed as a check or applied to a statement. No action taken due to KISH bank attending October's meeting. A decision will be made after that if the township wants to switch to one of them for credit card services.

Ethics Commission was notified about the Road master bidding for Back hoe rental. Ethics Commission stated that as long as he goes through the bidding process like everyone else, there is no violation of code.

Burning Ordinance was discussed at the last meeting. No action was taken. This was discussed again and it was a concern that no one can enforce it. Enforcement options were discussed for all Ordinances as to who can enforce them and what training do they need. Third party enforcing is an option.

Catharine Township changed their regular monthly meeting dates to the third Thursday of each month so that our solicitor is able to attend. Meetings will still be held at 7:00pm.

2025 Budget meeting was scheduled for September 26, 2024 at 4:00pm.

List of bills were available to residents as requested by residents at our last regular meeting.

**Roadmaster Report**

Equipment is being serviced to get ready for winter and some small paving projects.

**Supervisors Report**

Ken Brenneman asked if anyone was willing to help with paving as there is a shortage of staff.

Water Authority notified township of minor repairs that will be done at the Sewage Plant.

Ralph wanted to know why a roller and a truck, paver were bought without him knowing. Pipes need to be bid out and not having township doing it. There are problems and need to be fixed.

Heather Flaig made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Ken Brenneman.

Heather Flaig made a motion to adjourn at 7:42pm, seconded by Ken Brenneman.

Heather Flaig made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal issues.

Heather Flaig adjourned executive session at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Flaig, Secretary/Supervisor