

MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 20, 2025 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 not present. Solicitor, Nathan Karn was present.

Visitors: Natilie England, Sherry Waddington, Dan Deters, Dorcus Johnson, Daryl Cole, Natilie Gorsuch, Wayne Baker, Scott Baker, Pat Bottenfield, James Blough, Elva Fay, Bob Aurandt

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the minutes as written for January 16, 2025 (with correction of last name and no second on Blough Rd repair). Ralph Rispoli seconded the motion. Unanimous.

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

First National Bank approved the credit card application. It will take approximately 10 days for the cards to arrive.

Natalie England from Teeter Group introduced herself and discussed a Workers Comp quote from Teeters. She was not on the agenda so no action could be taken. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Sherry Waddington asked about how to get the concrete wall fixed at the corner of her property. She thinks it was hit and knocked a chunk of concrete out. Some residents offered ideas on how to fix it. Heather Flaig suggested she contact PennDot as they were the ones that installed it.

Scott Baker gave a report on the Equipment Inspection that was done by a number of inspectors along with Ralph Rispoli. A list was provided with suggestions on whether to keep the equipment, sell it, or scrap it. Scott mentioned not all of the equipment was on the list provided by the township. The list included equipment over \$1000. Scott felt it was better to sell some items rather than put money into them to fix them. The board, solicitor, and residents discussed having an auction. More information will be obtained. Tabled until next meeting.

There was a back hoe bucket and a plow that they could not find during the inspection. The backhoe bucket was purchased with township items. It should have been on a separate invoice. The bucket price and fee was reimbursed to the township in October 2024.

Pat Bottenfield mentioned that the Williamsburg Borough may be interested in bidding on or purchasing the leaf vac. Scott Baker mentioned that Woodbury Township may also be interested. There was a discussion on the possibility of doing a lease between the 3 entities for using and storing the leaf vac. No action taken. Solicitor mentioned if the township sold to another municipality, there was no need for bidding.

Keller Engineers spoke to the board before the meeting to discuss the Act 537 Plan and getting it started.

Kellers did not feel that it needed started right away as DEP was not pushing it at this time. It was discussed if this would affect subdivisions if it was not complete. The plan would take approximately one year to complete and cost approximately \$35,000.00. Keller's is going to contact Luke Helsel about the sewage inspections and set up a meeting with USDA for funding opportunities. Tabled until next meeting. Some discussion was held about the sewage inspections done by Blair County Sanitation Administration.

Keller Engineers did a survey of the corner of Oak Alley where a portion of the alley is on private property. A diagram was provided with approximate tone of stone needed. The supervisors would like more information regarding the exact placement of the relocated alley. It was suggested to have the surveyor at the next meeting.

The speed signs along Yellow Springs Dr was discussed. The exact location of the signs and what they would be mounted on was not clear with the information provided. Speeding concerns were discussed by several resident. PennDot will be notified for more information.

The road at the corner of Hill Alley and Home Street is deteriorating along with the drainage pipe getting crushed. The corner property mark was questioned as to where it is located. Once identified, it can be decided how to take care of the corner and the drainage pipe.

A Resolution for the Tax Collector was presented for her to be able to collect a fee for duplicates. The solicitor said this is to be done at the start of a term. This Resolution only needs done once a term, not annually. The secretary will look into when this was done the last time. No action taken.

Ken Brenneman made a motion to update the Policy book adding the Holidays that would be paid if worked. Seconded by Heather Flaig.

The Road Master, Mike Fay, was not present; however, he wanted it mentioned that he would be retiring as of April 1st, 2025. Ken Brenneman thanked him and his wife for their work done for the township.

Residents wanted to know what was going to happen in the time of the Road Master retiring and getting a new Road Master. Ralph Rispoli said that the supervisors would handle the position until a new one is hired. The position will be advertised after a written letter is provided with the date of retirement.

Ken Brenneman asked to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. He made a motion to pay bills first, seconded by Heather Flaig.

After the bills were paid, Ken decided it wasn't needed to discuss personnel issues as the Road master was retiring. There was no executive meeting held.

Only one person filled out paperwork to be paid for the Equipment Inspection Committee. Ralph Rispoli didn't feel that anyone was going to submit hours for the inspection.

Roadmaster Report

None

Supervisors Report

None

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

Heather Flaig made a motion to adjourn at 8:44pm, seconded by Ken Brenneman.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Flaig, Secretary/Supervisor