

MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 28, 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. Greg Haney Road Master was present. Solicitor, Nathan Karn was present.

Visitors: Daryl Cole, Bob Aurandt, Ross Brubaker, Jim Blough, Sherry Waddington, Dorcus Johnson, Natalie Gorsuch, Robin Uff, Cynthia Hahn

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the minutes as written for July 17, 2025. Ralph Rispoli seconded the motion. Unanimous.

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

The speed signs along Yellow Springs have been installed. PennDot, after a few modifications of specs, has approved them.

Daryl Cole asked Ken Brenneman's progress in learning Treasurer/Back up duties. More training will be scheduled. Daryl asked what roads were being repaired/fixed this year and what roads are planned for next year. Cross Valley is being planned for paving this year. Depending on the budget, will help decide what else can be completed.

The Hill Alley and Home Street drainage issue is still being looked into for what is needed.

Stiffler McGraw Engineers contacted DEP regarding getting the Act 537 Plan started for the entire township. They are waiting to hear back from them.

The Equipment for the auction was completed. All items for bid were sold except the 2012 International truck. The total amount sold was \$20,140.00. Wisecarver's Auctioneer price was 20% (\$4,028.00). The total the township was received was \$16,112.00.

Cross Valley paving bids, second round, were opened. Grannas Brothers and New Enterprise were the bidders. Grannas Bros. bid was \$149,785.80. New Enterprise was for \$177,570.07. Heather Flaig made a motion to accept Grannas Bros. bid, seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

Bob Aurandt said the property across the street from his residence was a safety hazard. The property is owned by the township, but leased to the Williamsburg Farm Show. Ken Brenneman has corn planted in this field. Bob says that the corn is too close to the road preventing a safe sight distance when he gets his mail and a safety concern for school buses and traffic. Bob feels this is a safety hazard and public trust issue and said Mr. Brenneman legally needs removed from office. Ken Brenneman said he would cut the corn back. Ralph Rispoli felt the field should be grass or hay to eliminate erosion.

The equipment lease was discussed. Nothing new at this time.

No action was taken to appoint a new Emergency Management Director.

LSA Grants are available to apply for. The supervisors would like a quote done for a new truck to apply

for the grant.

Budget meeting will be held after the regular meeting on September 18, 2025.

Ross Brubaker wanted to know what was happening with the corner of Blough and Chestnut. The turn is very bad with chunks of road missing. There is also stone washing down after it rains. Greg Haney will look into this.

Jim Blough said the intersection of Yellow Springs and Chestnut is hard to see when pulling out onto Yellow Springs Dr. Roadmaster will look at area.

Cynthia Hahn and Robin Uff had complaints about the area in front of their property. Storm water runs along Yellow Springs Dr and goes into their basement and fills the front of the property with water and mud. They said delivery drivers have trouble making deliveries when water and mud are present. Greg Haney will talk with PennDot again and LTAP to get assistance. PennDot was contacted in the past about this area due to it being along a state road and denied any assistance.

Roadmaster Report

Lawn mower is having issues. A part was ordered and was the wrong part. When new part comes it will be fixed.

Supervisors Report

Nothing at this time

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

Ken Brenneman made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, seconded by Heather Flaig.

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to go into an executive session. Seconded by Heather Flaig to discuss legal issue.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Flaig, Secretary/Supervisor