

**MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 6, 2009 MEETING OF THE CATHARINE  
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Mr. Rispoli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All members were present and visitors were Jennifer Barefoot, Dennis Pruitt, Darryl Cole, Steve Butler, David Love, Bob Bottenfield, Ted McDowell, Bill Brantner, Bruce Eastep, Patty Mock, and Debbie Appleman.

David made a motion to accept the minutes from last month's regular meeting as written, Barrie seconded the motion and all were in favor

David made a motion to accept the financial report from last month's regular meeting as written, Ralph seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Old Business**

Barrie made a motion to table the small wind energy facility ordinance until next month. David seconded the motion and all were in favor. Barrie would like Allen to be present at the next meeting. Ralph would like to speak with Allen before having him come to the meeting.

Bob Bottenfield was here to express some concerns with the small wind energy facility. His concerns were with some of the definitions and that the purpose for the ordinance is not defined. He is suggesting that perhaps we look over some key points that he addressed such as definitions, electrical and overall inspections, building permits and fees. Barrie suggested that Mr. Bottenfield take the ordinance and incorporate his key points into the ordinance.

**New Business**

Jennifer Barefoot was here to represent Rails to Trails and have the supervisors sign the holding tank cleaning contract. Rails to Trails needed Catharine Township to sign off on the contract to signify that we are aware of the contract and the process that Rails to Trails is proceeding with. Barrie made a motion to sign the contract, David seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Debbie Appleman was here to represent the Williamsburg School District to talk about the Act 32 law. The act is designed to completely overhaul the earned income tax collection process. The municipality's responsibility will be to choose one delegate and one alternate to the committee no later than September 15, 2009. Debbie Appleman is the

school district's voting delegate and if the township chooses it can choose Debbie Appleman as its voting delegate also. When she votes on the committee her vote would hold more weight than the other delegates. The supervisors did not make a decision tonight. As soon as the supervisors decide on the primary voting delegate and its alternate voting delegate we are to notify Debbie.

Dennis Pruitt, Vincent Greenland (a representative from PennDot), and other residents were present to discuss the bridge project that will be taking place soon in our part of our township. The Grace Pointe Community church will be removing the steps on its property for safety reasons and it will benefit the bridge project in that it will widen the road five more feet. Established in 1901, the church's walkway has been used by many children and residents throughout the years and PennDot is willing to install a walkway or sidewalk if Catharine Township will take responsibility for it. The church stairs will be removed by June 22. The church is also concerned that without a sidewalk being installed that it would push our kids to walk down onto Recreation Drive which then opens up more possibility for a bad situation to happen, whereas, if there was a sidewalk the kids could then walk out in the open which would be safer. PennDot would be willing to install the sidewalks but it would be Catharine Township's responsibility to maintain and clear off the bridge during the winter. One discussion that arose was who would maintain the upkeep and clearance of the bridge, whether it would be road workers or residents who live nearby.

Ted McDowell was here to introduce himself as the constable for Catharine Township.

Gibboney and Gibboney submitted the filings for the unpaid wage taxes.

David Love was here to present us with our e-mail address and go over the launch of our new website.

Barrie made a motion to pay the bills. David seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Ralph made a motion to send a letter in support of the sanitation committee. Barrie seconded the motion and all were in favor with a unanimous vote.

Barrie presented the supervisors with possible road projects for this year. Barrie will submit the proposed roads to receive the bidding package from PennDot.

Canoe Mt. Drive, Mt. Etna, and Hemlock are the roads that will be put up for bid.

David Imler presented the supervisors with an ordinance to require all residents to display their 911 numbers on their properties. The supervisors discussed it and did not come to a conclusion.

John Lear called and expressed a concern with a sand mound being too close to his property and Les Johnson was contacted and there is no regulation on how close to a sand

mound, can be to a property it can be anywhere.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Deters, Secretary