

Minutes for the May 14, 2012 meeting of Catharine Township Board of Supervisors

The board of supervisors for Catharine Township met on Monday, May 14, 2012, at the Catharine Township Building with Ralph F Rispoli, David Bigelow, Marc Daniel Isenberg and secretary present.

Visitors were Allen Gibboney from Gibboney & Gibboney, David Love, and Michael Fay.

Ralph Rispoli asked about the Spring Convention. He explained that taxes should have been deducted from the \$50.00 you received for going to the convention. Eleanor Harclerode called PSATS, and they told her to let this one alone because most everyone would have cashed their check. Then whoever goes to the fall convention should have the \$50.00 run through payroll. Eleanor had always done it this way and thought it was a reimbursement instead of compensation. Ralph Rispoli explained that each individual paid for their own dinner at one time. The Blair County Associates of Townships did make a change and instead of each individual sending in their money for the dinner, they are to give their names to the township. A copy of the Officials Attendees is to be presented at the Convention with a Township check. For officials bringing a guest a check or cash will need to be presented at that time.

A motion was made that the minutes and agenda were approved as written by David Bigelow, seconded by Marc Daniel Isenberg. Unanimous

David Love asked about getting a building permit for a shed, and Eleanor Harclerode is to fax the application to David Love. Dave Love asked if the minutes could be sent sooner than they have been. Eleanor Harclerode said her would try. David Love asked about getting a state permit to purchase fireworks for-personal display or public entertainment purposes. David Love also needs to get a Licensee's Bond. Dave Love had a paper that said; "The governing body of the municipality shall require a bond deemed adequate by it from the licensee in a sum not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) conditioned for the payment of all damages which may be caused either to a person or persons, or to property by reason of the licensed display and arising from any acts of the licensee, his agents, employees, or subcontractors". The bond should have the date starting and shall cease no later the ending date. A motion was made to hold a \$1,000.00 bond for the fireworks display by Marc Daniel Isenberg, seconded by David Bigelow. Unanimous

Allen Gibboney said he had talked to Eleanor Harclerode about what he has been working on yet for the township:

1. Campsite problem - We found the trailers are just right outside the floodplains. Because of that this issue is a nuisance. Allen Gibboney said he did not know.
2. Streetlights – Only 4 poles in the outer area. The supervisors decided to let everything as is.
3. Linda Lane – No further action at this present time.

4. Oak Alley – Allen Gibboney talked about Oak Alley. Allen said that in the Second Class Township Code book Section 67307 every road which has been used for public travel and maintained and kept in repair by the township for a period of at least twenty-one years is a public road having a right-of-way of thirty-three feet even though there is no public record of the laying out or dedication for public use of the road. The thought upon which we are presently working is that if we proceed to Court and request a Court Order to declare the roadway open under the provisions of Section 67307, that we have a reasonable likelihood of convincing the Court to use the 15 foot provision for an alley as set forth in Section 67306. We are hopeful that this concept stands a reasonable likelihood of success and that the supervisors will authorize us to proceed to prepare a petition to the Court under Sections 67306 and 67307 of the Second Class Township Code. The supervisors asked about going and talking to Chamberlain about the spot by their home.
5. Recreation Drive – A cul-de-sac down at the end of Recreation Drive. There was a piece of ground that was exchange with Williamsburg Borough. This piece of ground was added to Catherine Township. And the question is do you want this to be part of Recreation Drive. That is a whole different plan. Marc Daniel Isenberg said he thought it was the cul-de-sac. The question is do you want to move forward and make this a part of the roadway instead of a piece of land we own?
6. David Imler collecting the delinquent earned income tax from 2011 and back. Blair Co Tax Collection Bureau needs to know if Dave Imler is going to collect the delinquent earned income tax from 2011 and back or if the township is going to turn it over to the Blair Co Tax Collection Bureau. If the township is going to turn it over, then Dave Imler will need to make a list of the delinquent taxes to give to the Blair Co Tax Collection Bureau. A motion was made by David Bigelow to let Dave Imler collect the delinquent earned income tax from 2011 and back. A letter needs to be sent to the Blair Co Tax Collection Bureau to let them know, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous
7. David Imler was interested in having a tax auditor make sure the township is receiving the earned income tax correctly. Allen Gibboney is to talk to David Imler about what he is proposing.

Salt Contract – ARS has agreed to waive the \$10.00 storage fee until December 31, 2012 for those COSTARS participants that have not yet purchased the 60% minimum of stated required tons for the 2011-2012 season. After December 31, 2012, a \$2.00 per ton per month charge will be assessed until the total shortfall (60% minimum) is taken. ARS will NOT apply the 1% decrease in base price for salt purchased by COSTARS participants after August 1, 2012 to meet the 2011-2012 contractual requirement of taking 60% minimum of stated required tons.

HH Bond - Eleanor Harclerode said on April 11, 2011 she asked about closing some accounts out and a motion and second was made. In March 12, 2012 meeting the supervisors decided if mature, cash the bond in and place into the Plgit Savings Account. The HH Bond is matured. If that is not a correct motion then a motion needed to be done. Marc Daniel Isenberg made a motion to cash the HH Bond in and place into the Plgit Savings Account and authorizes the chairperson to sign, seconded by David Bigelow. Unanimous

Debit Cards – The supervisors at the April 9, 2012 meeting talked about getting debit cards. Then supervisors questioned who would be authorized. Before the motion was made all three supervisors decided not to take a debit card. A motion was made by Marc Daniel Isenberg to authorize the Roadmaster and secretary/treasurer to have a debit card and show receipts when used, seconded by David Bigelow. Unanimous

FY 2012 NIMS was filled out before meeting and signed at meeting.

Sewage Complaint John Crouch – DEP received a complaint on May 4, 2012 regarding a malfunctioning of lot system on Fox Run Road. Marc Daniel Isenberg made a motion to contact Luke Helsel and let him take the appropriate action to resolve this complaint, seconded by David Bigelow. Unanimous

Blair County Tax Collection Bureau would like to know if the township would be interested in having the money from Earned Income Tax ACH distributed directly into our account. David Bigelow made a motion to have our earned income tax directly deposited into our account, seconded by Marc Daniel Isenberg. Unanimous

Handicap Sign needs put up – Because the handicap spot is being used Ralph Rispoli said we need another handicap spot.

Michael Fay will be having surgery on May 29, 2012 and will be off for 6 weeks. Mike asked the supervisors if they wanted the road crew to work on anything while he was off. Mike gave the township his Roadmaster report:

1. We cannot do hot patching, because we need 2 people to do that work.
2. Signs being stolen. Stop sign on Fox Run Road and a 10 ton sign at bridge on Mt Etna Road.
3. Mike plans to mow the sides of the roads by Memorial Day before he goes in for surgery.
4. Cut shoulders on Mt Edna Road, Pole Cat Hollow, and Cross Valley.
5. Purchased a horn and lock gas cap for the Loader.
6. Has been trying to keep track of hours to stay within the budget.
7. Merlo – Recreation Drive and Home Street
8. Home Street – The curve at the end by stop sign. When you came down and stopped at the stop sign, someone else could turn in and have room to pass. But now there is not enough room. Mike would like to talk to Penn Dot.
9. Hemlock Road – Information only. We do receive Liquid Fuel.

Ink Cartridge – After David Bigelow had left at our last meeting, Ralph Rispoli said his wife did a lot of printing off on their home printer and asked if the township would pay for an ink cartridge. Ralph said he has talked to Allen Gibboney. Ralph said he made three phone calls to ask if the supervisors gave permission for them to buy something. One said no they never paid for anything like that and the other two said yes if it wasn't too much and was authorized. Ralph also brought up that they paid for a cell phone for one of the supervisors for two years. Ralph felt he was not out of order asking. The ink cartridge was asked about, but no motion was made to authorize paying for it.

Ralph F Rispoli made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Marc Daniel Isenberg.

Ralph Rispoli asked about making Eleanor Harclerode salary or trying to watch her hours. David Bigelow and Marc Daniel Isenberg asked her to break down her hours in more detail and let them know if she needs more time.

Marc Daniel Isenberg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by David Bigelow.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor K Harclerode, Secretary/Treasurer