

MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 20, 2017 MEETING OF THE CATHARINE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Catharine Township's regular monthly meeting began at 7:00 PM with supervisors Ralph F Rispoli, Daniel Isenberg, Kenneth T Brenneman, secretary/treasurer Eleanor K Harclerode, and roadmaster Mike Fay present.

Visitors: Heather Flaig, James Flaig III, Laura Jackson, Daryl Cole, Ross & Lisa Saltsgiver, Bruce Estep, and Natalie Gorsuch from the Morrison Cove Herald.

Kenneth Brenneman noticed that David Hanna's name was spelled wrong and correction was made. A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to accept the minutes with the corrected spelling, seconded by Daniel Isenberg. Unanimous

A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to accept the financial report as is, seconded by Daniel Isenberg. Unanimous

**Old Business:**

Ralph Rispoli inquired about any developments with the Catharine Properties/Heller's Quarry. Eleanor Harclerode sent a letter to PennDOT on April 4, 2017, but we have not heard anything. Eleanor received a phone call from Alder Run Engineers Michele Merrow about zoning and was advised the township has no related zoning. Michele said they have touched base with PennDOT and Rail to Trails. Residents have been asking about the setbacks. Michele advised they can go to [pa.code.com](http://pa.code.com) for Pennsylvania Mining to find out what the setbacks would be.

**New Business:**

Laura Jackson asked about the letter that went to PennDOT. Kenneth Brenneman stated that the March minutes record the supervisors wanted to know what is needed for State Route 2017 if the quarry becomes operational; there is a 10 ton weight limit on that road.

Resident Daryl Cole has finished his driveway up to Recreation Drive. He wanted to see when the crew would be coming to backfill. Mike Fay said he would look at it next week.

Kenneth Brenneman asked Auditor Daryl Cole about the 2016 DCED Audit Report. Daryl Cole said the auditors were waiting on final approval for them to finish.

Ralph Rispoli asked Daryl Cole as representative of the Williamsburg Municipal Authority to give a report on the sanitation committee. Daryl Cole said he had nothing new to report. Daryl Cole went over some things in case Ganister would get sewer.

Eleanor Harclerode said the Community Development Block Grant Program is open again. Eleanor called Trina Illig and asked if she went to door to door. Trina said she did not. Daniel Isenberg said he wants Trina to go ahead and put an ad in the Herald and go door to door on May

6, 2017 in the morning to see if Trina can get more residents to respond. Currently the township has 40% responds but needs 51% to be able to proceed with the sewer.

Bruce Estep said Marshall Dicken is in violation again. Dicken has more than 2 cars on his property. Estep reported Dicken was burning creating a lot of black smoke and stink. Daniel Isenberg made a motion to have Eleanor call Attorney David Pertile and ask what the next step needs to be, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

Ross and Lisa Saltsgiver made a complaint about their neighbor having junk cars, garbage, oil, and tires all over their property. They are simply asking is for the neighbor to clean up the mess. Mike Fay said he would go out and get pictures. He feels something needs done with the oil right away. Mike wants to talk to the solicitor as soon as possible.

Daniel Isenberg has tendered his resignation by letter. Daniel will be moving out of the township. Daniel was initially concerned he would not be a resident of Catharine Township for the entire month of May, but he will be here until the end of May. Daniel said if the board would like him to stay on for the month of May he will so supervisors can find a replacement to serve until the end of his term. Kenneth Brenneman made a motion to table Daniel Isenberg's Resignation until May's meeting, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Dan Isenberg respectfully abstained.

Equipment Rental Bids will be open at May's Meeting.

Pa Dept of Labor & Industry-Uniform Construction Code five year audit review on February 22, 2012, has determined that Catharine Township's code enforcement department had satisfactorily complied with the UCC Accessibility and administrative regulations on eligible projects audited at that time.

A list of the 2017 Proposed PSATS Resolutions, bylaws change, and nominations report for consideration at the 2017 PSATS' Annual Educational State Conference and Trade Show, to be held April 23-26, 2017 in Hershey, PA. The list will be voted on at the general session on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

2019 Twelve Year Transportation Program comes out every two years to update the current Twelve Year Transportation Program which outlines Pennsylvania's next 12 years of transportation projects.

### **Roadmaster Report:**

The township will receive the first half of \$22,614.00 Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Road Maintenance Agreement for Hemlock Lane. Mike Fay said he will be applying for Chestnut Street and J R Road for the next Dirt, Gravel & Low Road Maintenance Grant.

PennDOT Agility Agreement for Mowing and Brushing. PennDOT is working on a new agility agreement. Currently they owe the township around \$10,000.00. The township will be doing Fox Run Road, RT22, and trimming at Haney's going towards Huntingdon Mountain.

The Township purchased a Gervo Tar Buggy from Springfield Township for \$1,000.00.

Payloader – Eleanor Harclerode called 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank and Mike called CBT for percent's. First National Bank said they could give us a rate of 4%, but wants to see if they can get the percent lowered for being a municipality. 1st National Bank requires three signatures (Ralph F Rispoli, Kenneth Brenneman, and Eleanor Harclerode). CBT said they could not go below 5 or 6 percent. Daniel Isenberg advised the secretary to pursue the First National loan application. Kenneth Brenneman made a motion to purchase a 1994 Caterpillar Payloader for \$18,900.00, seconded by Daniel Isenberg. Unanimous

Huston Township offered to purchase Catharine Township's 2500 gals Salt Brim Tank. Mike Fay wants to purchase a 5,000 gal Salt Brim Tank soon. A motion was made by Daniel Isenberg to sell our 2500 gals Salt Brim Tank to Huston Township for \$1,000.00, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous

Workers will attend a LTAP Class in Tyrone on Asphalt Paving on April 26, 2017.

Mike Fay said there are seven roads that need attention: Canoe Mountain Road, Poplar Street, Home Street, Chestnut Street, Overlook Drive & Etna Furnace.

Mike Fay said in the Township News about National Public works week recognizes the people who keep our roads in shape. Mike Fay said in the Township News they are asking if Townships would sponsor to help feed Kids during the summer. Mike Fay would like to go to the school and ask if any of the students would like to work in the summer at Catharine Township.

Eleanor Harclerode said she checked with Huston Township about their Township sign. They purchased the sign through West Branch Materials.

### **Supervisor Report:**

Ralph Rispoli said their subdivision is done except it has to go through the Blair Co Planning Commission for review. Ralph wanted to know if everything is done before our next meeting would the township contingent approve the subdivision. A motion was made by Daniel Isenberg to contingent approve Rispoli Subdivision when the township receives the letter from the Blair County Planning Commission, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Ralph Rispoli abstained.

Daniel Isenberg made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman.

Daniel Isenberg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor K Harclerode, Secretary/Treasurer