

Minutes for the February 8, 2016 meeting of the
Catharine Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Rispoli at 7pm.

Also in attendance were Board Supervisors Dan Isenberg, Kenneth Brenneman and Roadmaster Mike Fay. Secretary Eleanor Harclerode was not able to attend the meeting; Vice-Chairman Dan Isenberg served as acting secretary and recorded the meeting and took notes.

Visitors were Don Brantner, Daryl Cole, Bruce Estep, Jeff Kifer and Cody Racchini representing S&T Evergreen Insurers.

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to approve the January minutes, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

Ralph Rispoli made the motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Dan Isenberg. Unanimous.

Daryl Cole agrees to service as an Auditor.

Discussed the letter of proposal from Mattingly Professional Construction Inc to settle the bond issue on Recreation Drive. A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the sum of \$4500.00 in lieu of pursuing the full bond amount of \$7045.00, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous. Chairman Rispoli will meet Solicitor Gibboney Tuesday at 2pm to sign the agreement. A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to pay Mr. Rispoli at the hourly rate for the meeting. Dan Isenberg seconded the motion. Mr. Rispoli abstained. Motion approved unanimously.

Jeff Kifer, representing Richard Mingle, presented a sewer and run-off proposal with recommendations for the Mingle Subdivision, requesting signatures to proceed. Ken Brenneman made the motion to approve the proposal contingent on future discoveries; the motion was seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

Cody Racchini, representing S&T Evergreen LLC, presented a proposal and quotation for Workers Compensation insurance, with history and comparisons. The coverage begin date would be February 22. Upon approval, Mr., Racchini would contact the Township Secretary to sign the documents. After discussion, Supervisor Dan Isenberg made the motion to accept Colony Insurers as the new carrier for Workers Compensation only, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

Daryl Cole, representing the Catharine Township seat on the Williamsburg Municipal Authority, inquired about the Township's status on creating an Act 537 plan. The initial investment for an engineering study will be expensive and will prompt the Township to

pursue possible grants to cover at least part of the cost. It was suggested that we consider an engineering intern to assist with the process.

Also discussed was the anticipated expansion into Ganister. The Supervisors want all of the Catharine Township residents to know they are welcome to share ideas and concerns with the Board, so everyone will be prepared for the mandatory inspections by an independent firm as part of the plan.

There is a seminar entitled "Understanding Ag Regulation" on February 25 at the Prime Sirloin Restaurant from 4:45-8pm. Ken Brenneman and Louis Brenneman plan to attend.

The Supervisors shared with the attending residents an initial draft of the proposed Nuisance Ordinance being prepared by Attorney Gibboney. The initial draft is currently available to all residents. After discussion and feedback, Chairman Rispoli will present concerns and proposed changes to our Solicitor, including language describing the number of junk items permitted, as well as the notation outlining the time of day concerning unreasonable noise factors.

Roadmaster Mike Fay reported that the stone bids are due for review and approval at the March meeting; the package has not arrived. Fay presented a form sent from FEMA allowing for reimbursement of materials, time and equipment utilized during the January Snow Emergency. He will return it upon completion.

Also discussed was the plan to apply for a Dirt and Gravel grant for Hemlock Road. Mr. Fay presented an opportunity to bid on a 7,000 lb capacity tandem axle trailer. Ralph Rispoli made the motion to authorize Mr. Fay to bid up to \$2500 for the trailer, seconded by Dan Isenberg. Unanimous.

An invoice was sent from Williamsburg Borough for sharing the 2015 cost of electricity, maintenance and repairs to the lamps on the Williamsburg Memorial Bridge. The request for payment was rejected by the Board. Of concern was the request for the shared responsibility of repairs and maintenance. Repairs alone were reported as \$1052.35, requiring a 50% contribution by the Township. Dan Isenberg made the motion to table payment on the repairs and maintenance until further discussion with the Borough. Seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

Louis Brenneman asked the Board if there would be interest in purchasing their 8x5 snowblower with three-point hitch. Asking price is \$800. Ralph Rispoli and Mike Fay will inspect the equipment.

A motion was made by Dan Isenberg to pay the bills, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Dan Isenberg to adjourn, seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Marc Daniel Isenberg, aka Dan Isenberg 2/9/2016.