

MINUTES FOR THE MAY 17, 2018 MEETING OF THE CATHARINE TOWNSHIP BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS

Catharine Township's regular monthly meeting began at 7:00 PM with supervisors Ralph F Rispoli, Kenneth Brenneman, Heather Flaig, secretary/treasurer Eleanor K Harclerode & Solicitor David Pertile.

Visitors: Natalie Gorsuch, David Brown, Mark & Renee Criswell, Kent F. Wilson, Lorraine Keithley, Daryl Cole, Luke Helsel, Louis Brenneman & Mike Breslin.

Minor corrections were made to spelling issues with the minutes.

A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to approve minutes, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to approve the financial report as is, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous

David Brown came to see about the problem with Wayne Baker. Dave Pertile said he did have a discussion with Attorney Zang one time and Attorney Zang said he would advise his client to be a good neighbor and comply. Mr. Brown feels nothing is being done to enforce the letter sent to Mr. Baker, or to enforce the noise ordinance. David, along with the Criswells, is asking for something to be done about the noise. Dave Pertile asked David if he would be willing to testify if need be. Kenneth Brenneman made a motion to prepare a complaint against Mr. Baker, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

Also brought up was the issue of the run off from Wayne Baker widening Oak Alley. It was determined that there is a need to call the Blair Conservation District to look at this issue.

Mark and Renee Criswell have a complaint about a storm water drain that goes through their yard. Water, debris and diesel oil is coming through the pipe. The drain pipe is the one that is located at Wayne Baker's property. It was discussed about a drain being put in. It was also discussed about the cost for materials, told that PENN DOT will only open the pipe. It was figured up 90 feet of pipe, 18 inches, looking at about \$15.00 a foot. The Criswell's were advised to contact the Conservation District.

Mike Rosser has been in about the trash at the former Louie's Coral Lounge. This matter has been resolved. The person responsible for the trash has moved out.

Dog barking at 909 Maple Street - A letter has been sent to the property owner about complaints of dogs barking. This matter has been resolved.

Daryl Cole was asking about the gravel on Home Street. Paving was a part of the agreement of allowing the additional width. This has not been done, gravel runs into the street. Ralph Rispoli said to talk to the Roadmaster. This should have been done last year.

Louis Brenneman asked about rescinding Municipal Waste Ordinance #17. Dave Pertile is going to review this.

Mike Breslin asked as far as the right of way goes, who's responsibility is it? Due to the fact the edges of his yard are being run over by the trucks and creating big ruts in his yard. He is asking if the trucks could possibly stay off or is it the township's property?

Act 537 Plan – Ganister has few working septic systems. Most dump into the river. The residents have the opportunity to complete a survey, which will help to greatly reduce the cost of a new system. However, not many have complied. Something is in dire need of being done. Be it voluntarily with possible aide or mandatory by the state with no financial help. Dave McFarland stressed how important getting these surveys are. Ralph asked about bidding the sewer job out, Dave Pertile said we could, but do not have to. Luke Helsel told the supervisors that DEP will have it mandatory by 2025 to have ACT 537; otherwise, there will be no more subdivisions. It was decided to ask for a proposal for the more specific areas of Ganister. Dave Pertile said he would look into this.

Keller Engineer did a proposal of service/contract for the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Dave Pertile said there have been no updates to the Ordinance. He suggested maybe it is time to update it. Dave McFarland is going to come up with a draft to be read over by Dave Pertile.

Stone Bids – All bids were rejected. Decided we would buy stone as needed. A motion by Kenneth Brenneman, and seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

Melissa Gunnett purchased new software to manage the property taxes. It was determined the township does not have to pay Melissa for this. Kenneth Brenneman made a motion to not reimburse Melissa Gunnett, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

Kent Wilson was asking how his son in law, Matthew Cisney, can have liens against him for a property that he does not own. Dave Pertile will research this issue. Kent was also asking why he never received the tax bills. His daughter did. He was told to check with the Assessment office.

Assistant Secretary –A motion was made by Ralph Rispoli to hire Loranne Keithley as the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Loranne was given a 3 month probation period, with a starting wage of \$11.20, to be raised to regular wage upon completion of probation period, approved the working hours up to 25 a week during this time. A motion for this was made by Ralph Rispoli and seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

Ralph Rispoli made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous

A motion was made by Heather Flaig to go into executive session, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous

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

Respectfully submitted,
Loranne M. Keithley, Secretary/Treasurer