

MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 18, 2019 MEETING OF THE CATHARINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Catharine Township's regular monthly meeting began at 7:00 PM with supervisors Kenneth Brenneman, Ralph F Rispoli, secretary/treasurer Eleanor K Harclerode, and roadmaster Mike Fay. Heather Flaig was absented.

Visitors: Joanna Royer, Daryl Cole, Laura M Miller, Natalie Gorsuch, Pat Bottenfield, Scott Baker, Stan Loose, Wanda Loose, David Cunningham from Keller's Engineer, Greg Haney, Betty Aurandt, Bob Aurandt, Bruce Smith, Arianne Waddington, Sherry Waddington, Chis Dunn, Kathy Kagarise, Beverly Dunn, Julie Walters, Jackie & Christine Skinner, Dotty Hoffner, and Ellissa Lane

Joanna Royer is retired now. She heard there was a meeting tonight, and she came to see what was going on in the township.

Dale Cole said he was waiting for the 2018 audit to get approved. Then he plans on seeing about the township and the Williamsburg Municipal Authority getting together to start the preliminary on the sewer. Kenneth Brenneman said that Joseph Lansberry may come tonight, but he was not sure.

Laura Mae Miller wanted to know when the township was going to fix Chestnut Street. Laura Mae said that Chestnut Street is a mess, and it has holes everywhere. Kenneth Brenneman said right now all we can do is patch and try to keep it up to date.

Scott Baker said where the trees were taken out last year on Bear Crossing Drive, the ground and black top is breaking along the edges of the road and is being washed out. It needs filled in.

Stanley Loose said he did not get to talk to PennDOT yet. The water is running under Yellow Spring Drive (RT2015). Stanley is afraid the road may collapse.

David Cunningham said Ganister sewer is being worked on, and an on-lot maintenance agreement needs done. David Cunningham was asked and answered questions on Ganister Sewer.

Greg Haney said last week he received a letter to come to the township meeting and voice his concerns about different issues like Road Maintenance, Snow Plowing, and General Business. Greg said:

1. Snow plowing – One snow storm Greg's ally was not plowed at all, Laura Mae Miller's side street was only 2/3 plowed, Julie Walters same as Laura Mae. Plowing was 5 or 6 ft. from the grass. Greg said if that is how that person is plowing snow all the time, then they need to be gone. Plowing snow that way can come back as a liability. Even ambulance and fire trucks cannot get to where they are going. The person can come back to the township and sue each supervisor, plus township, and roadmaster. Even edges of yards can get torn up when plowing and needs to be fixed.
2. Gravel Cleanup – Greg said he worked for Blair County, PennDOT and Woodbury Township. Greg said we do have equipment to clean up the gravel. They have a piece of equipment for that job. It works real well when working with the other townships and

borough. Catharine Township has a barrier up and for some reason cannot work with the other townships and borough. Woodbury Township came over one day and started to sweep the streets, Craig Hamilton turned around and no one was around. Catharine Township went to the other townships and borough and when the materials arrived to do the work, Catharine Township workers left and did not help.

Bob Aurandt said he agrees with Greg Henry 100 Percent.

Arianne Waddington asked when the minutes would be put out on the website. Eleanor Harclerode said as soon as David Love gets paid. Eleanor said she talked to David Love this week and checks are ready to be signed tonight.

Sherry Waddington said she gets water in her driveway, and water going into the house. Sherry said the water problem did not start until they did the bridge. Sherry did not know if Home Street had a hump in the middle of the road, and when the bridge was done that hump was removed when repaved. Also, Sherry asked about the curb on Home Street, which has a crack in the wall. Sherry wants to know who is responsible to fix it. Eleanor Harclerode is to send a letter to PennDOT.

Charles Dunn wanted to talk to David Pertile about February's issue behind his place that was dug up, and he has not heard from David Pertile. Charles said that residents are using a skid steer on the roads and should not be allowed to use it. The road needs paved up to Appleman's house if that is a township road. If you are plowing the road, then don't plow down the hill. Charles wants to know about the skid steer.

Julie Walters complained about the gravel on Chestnut Street after it was already cleaned up.

Jackie Skinner asked the township to not plow his ally if Wayne Baker is going thru and leaving all that ice on the ally. His wife fell different times. If we tell Wayne to stop plowing that ally and he keeps doing it, then the township needs to do something about it. Wayne Baker comes along and even takes out cold patch which was put in pot holes.

Dotty Hoffner asked about grass that was torn up, and the gravel put back on the road after the gravel was cleaned up. The grass was put back, but the gravel she is getting tired of cleaning it up time after time.

Julie Walters asked about who is responsible for inlets and pipes being cleaned out.

One thing that needs added to the March minutes: Needs put in the minutes that David Pertile is to look into the Budget and get with Eleanor and let the board know if there is money for the sweeper. A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to approve the minutes after this was added to March 2019 Minutes, seconded by Ralph F Rispoli. Unanimous

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

Kenneth Brenneman will be going to the Brown's vs Baker issue.

Valley Rural Electric will change the lights as they burn out and will be replaced with LED

Lights.

Penelec – Eleanor did receive more information on Penelec’s LED Lights. The lights can be changed without upfront costs to convert your existing lights to LED’s. In the e-mail a Street Lighting Agreement would have to be done. Street Lighting change Authorization/Supplement sheet would need filled out. Then they will need to know what size watt you want put in. A list of all the Street Lights in Catharine Township needs checked out to make sure we have that light. If we are going to change the lights to LED, then we may want to try a small area to see about the brightness of the lights. Residents may not like the brightness.

Eleanor said she received a phone call from GenOn/NRG Williamsburg site location. They wanted to know if the Township/City has a use in mind for the site that they would like to see considered with redevelopment. Supervisors said they had no interest in the site. The information/feedback can be useful in helping attract potential purchasers to the site. The site address is near Local Route LR07020 and T445, Williamsburg, PA 16693 adjacent to 10513 Fox Run Road, Catharine Township, Williamsburg, PA.

Memorial Day Parade – A motion was made by Kenneth Brenneman to approve a letter for Williamsburg Borough to come into Catharine Township on Memorial Day. They want to come across the bridge and turn right on Home Street to end up at the Williamsburg Veterans Memorial Center, seconded by Ralph F Rispoli. Unanimous

Blair County Conservation District Dirt and Gravel Road Program ended in February, but have been extended to May 3, 2019. Michael Fay said we did receive a grant for JR and Hemlock to do the DSA and Gravel. Residents asked about the other townships for the use of their equipment. We need a roller to work on JR and Hemlock.

Eleanor Harclerode said she received a phone call about Wayne Baker working down by Verbonitz property late at night and early in the morning and his children cannot sleep. Eleanor told him we had a meeting on Thursday to come to the meeting and voice his concerns, but he did not show up. Eleanor said she received another phone call wanting top soil. Eleanor said she didn’t know what this person was talking about. Eleanor said he told her that was Catharine Township property. Eleanor told him that she did not know anything about this, and when we get off the phone, Eleanor will call a Supervisor to inquire.

Roadmaster Report:

Michael Fay said he had brought up about Hemlock and the equipment, but he has not received an answer from David Pertile.

Ralph F Rispoli wanted to know who is responsible for the pine trees going down Recreation Drive. The Williamsburg Farm Show is responsible. Williamsburg Farm Show is looking for someone to cut those trees down.

Kenneth Brenneman said he called PennDot for Stanley Loose’s issue.

Eleanor Harclerode said Kenneth Brenneman wanted her to call the bank to see about direct deposit. Eleanor Harclerode said she needed to call QuickBooks about any charge. Eleanor Harclerode said there would be a one-time charge of \$20.00. Each month there would be a

\$10.00 fee and 0.10 per transaction. Michael Fay said everything is OK. We don't need direct deposit.

Michael Fay wanted to know if the township needed to go to the Farm Show and ask about the pine trees. Their meeting is on May 14, 2019. Michael Fay wanted to know if the township should get involved. Kenneth Brenneman said to let the Farm Show take care of the trees.

Bridge Replacement Project – Pat Bottenfield wanted to know if the bridge was going to be done this year. Michael Fay said the bridge will not be done until 2020 after school is out. Kenneth Brenneman said there will be a meeting on June 19, 2019 for the public, but the project will not be done until 2020.

A motion was made to pay bills by Kenneth Brenneman, seconded by Ralph F Rispoli.
Unanimous

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:00 PM by Kenneth Brenneman, seconded by Ralph F Rispoli. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor K Harclerode, Secretary/Treasurer