

MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 18, 2020 MEETING OF THE CATHARINE TOWNSHIP BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS

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

Visitors: Don Brantner, Daryl Cole, Trevor Rabenstein, Natalie Gorsuch, Mick Tekely, Pat Bottenfield, Scott Baker, Dave McFarland.

A motion was made by Heather Flaig to accept the minutes as written for May 21, 2020, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Heather Flaig to accept the June 3, 2020 special meeting minutes. Seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the financial report which included April and May, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous.

Scott Baker and Trevor Rabenstein said the Barker sewage issue is getting worse. There is a concern about sewage going into water wells. Scott said he contacted DEP, who talked to Luke Helsel, and said they cannot take the issue any further. The Township will contact their solicitor, Dave Pertile, about taking further actions. The Township will also contact DEP and Luke Helsel to investigate their involvement thus far.

Dave McFarland discussed some information regarding the Ganister project. There are still 6 residents that have not completed the surveys needed for funding through CDBG. If we cannot get at least 51% of surveys completed we will not qualify for funding through them. Luke Helsel will be contacted to see if he could talk to the residents. Dave discussed some other options for funding if we cannot get the surveys. These options are not as financially generous as CDBG. Dave will get together a team to discuss this issue further. Heather Flaig asked Dave if there would be any advantage in adding the Yellow Springs residents, which do not have sewage, to the project. Dave will check into that and see if it would benefit us or not.

Mick Tekely wanted to know if there were any plans to improve Overlook Drive. He said the road is getting very bad. There is a concern for damage to vehicles. He asked instead of patching, if we could pave a ¼ of the road at a time each year. The Township will arrange a meeting with Judy Ward to discuss funding options.

Pat Bottenfield was nominated for the Election Vacancy Board Chairman at our Re-Organization meeting in January. He inquired about his duties.

Ken Brenneman was nominated by Heather Flaig to replace her as Treasurer. Seconded by Ralph Rispoli.

Blair County GIS wanted to give an unaddressed cabin off of Barker Road an address in case someone there would need to call 911. The Township Supervisors agreed on naming the road either ADAMS DRIVE or RHOADES DRIVE. There was also a request from a resident to put a

sign under “Rocky Top Lane” that read “Goods Lane”. GIS said no they would not do this as it may confuse EMS as to what road it was in an emergency.

PSATS was contacted regarding the use of the Road Masters equipment. In order to use his equipment, the township would have to go through the advertising and bidding process. The Road Master has no interest at this time to use his own equipment. The township will continue to rent equipment as needed or bid out when necessary.

The Supervisors and Road Master discussed if there was any other type of resources we could look into for Overlook Dr. While waiting to meet with Judy we will see what we can find out.

Roadmaster Report

1. JR and Hemlock project- Mike Fay signed an agreement for extending the project. Grannas Brothers made a proposal for doing the DSA for \$52,000. The original grant was for \$43,000. We are able to go over the original amount by 20%. So the amount proposed would be covered by the grant. Our new deadline will be June 29th to have it completed.
2. Marsha Smith has a hole in her yard where drainage pipes were located. PennDot was contacted; they said it is the property owner’s responsibility since it is off their right of way. It is not the township’s responsibility either due to the holes location. Mike will contact her to discuss further.
3. PennDot was notified about the Agility they owe us. Spray patching is needed in some areas. Mike will follow up on this issue.
4. There is a dead deer lying along Yellow Springs that has been there for a while. PennDot was notified. They said they do not pick these up and contract that work out. PennDot said they would take care of it.

Heather Flaig made a motion to pay bills. Seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

Heather Flaig made motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Flaig, Secretary/Supervisor