

MINUTES FOR THE JULY 16, 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: Natalie Gorsuch, Rowdy Kagarise, Gaydawn Kagarise, Charlotte Cochrane, Mick Cochrane, Holly Tekely, mick Tekely, James Campbell

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the minutes as written for June 18, 2020, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the financial report with the exception of a bill from Keller's for 1272.13. This bill will be looked into to make sure it is correct. Seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

Rowdy Kagarise expressed his concern regarding the bad condition of Overlook Drive. Living there for 30 years, he doesn't believe there has been any work major work done to the road other than it being chipped and tarred. He asked several questions regarding the budget and liquid fuel money and how it is spent. He didn't feel that road was being maintained as some other roads in the township. He expressed concern over the amount of vehicles using that road, not just the residents that live there, but all the Rails-To-Trails traffic that also uses that road. He was seeking a commitment from the township to address the issue and get the road repaired. The Township will look into money available and get a plan set into place to have the road repaired.

Mick Tekely asked if the township contacted Judy Ward's office. The township did, and was given two references, Blair Planning Commission and PennDot Municipal Services, to call for information on resources. Both were contacted, but no response was received at the time of the meeting.

Mike Fay suggested having a meeting with PennDot Municipal Services to discuss the options and requirements for Overlook Drive paving.

No word on an estimate for the curb from the insurance company. Mike Fay will contact them to see when we might get this.

Bear Crossing sewage issue: Luke Helsel was contacted. He stated that he was in contact with the township's solicitor and they were discussing further actions to be taken against the resident.

Blair County Department of Emergency Services gave two addresses on Barker road for cabins, 319 ADAMS DRIVE and 516 ADAMS DRIVE. They also had a request from a resident to get an address for a structure on their property. They suggested 501 Polecat Hollow Road. Heather Flaig made a motion to accept that address, seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

Penn Dot Winter Maintenance Agreement was received for the Winter Traffic Service Agreement on Fox Run Road. Ken Brenneman made a motion to continue this winter with the agreement. Seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous.

The Census Bureau contacted the township letting them know Census takers will be visiting households that have not responded to the 2020 Census starting the week of July 20.

Doug Shultz and Evan Helbey bonds have been released and bills were paid in full.

Required drug and alcohol testing has been set up for the CDL driver for the township.

The township received an electronic copy of the report "Frankstown Branch Juniata River Flood Study, Blair County, Pennsylvania" for anyone's viewing.

Blair County GIS was looking to mapping all of the snow emergency routes. School bus runs, Polecat Hollow Road, Canoe Valley Road, and Cross Valley were listed as emergency snow routes.

Supervisors Report

1. Heather Flaig was notified that one of our road workers did not receive his 90 day pay increase. The board voted to have his pay increased and to give back pay for when he should have gotten a raise after 90 days.
2. Ken Brenneman was notified of a possible dog attack on a woman on a bike. Details were scarce. The board agreed there should have been a report filed with the State Police. It was unclear if the dog owner was a resident of Catharine Township or if the attack happened on a township or state road.

Roadmaster Report

1. JR and Hemlock project- Both projects are completed and completion reports have been sent.
2. The loader needs brakes, will get an estimate for this.
3. Oil leak in red truck, will get a price to have this fixed.
4. Road inspection was conducted by Mike Fay and Heather Flaig.

JR Drive: The last pipe on road needs a head wall built on both ends per Blair County Soil Conservation. Stop sign needs moved or trees trimmed back on resident's property.

Overlook Dr: Big tree stump needs removed before any road work can be done in that area. An excavator is needed. 75% of cutting the shoulders is done. Tree trimming needs done in various spots. Road itself is in poor condition and needs attention.

Cross Valley: South end, cut tree down close to the road. Approximately 200 yards from Fox Run, needs a cross pipe. Transit lowest spot for best area to put in. Deteriorating spots needs pavement. Over all, road is in need of attention.

Pheasant Farm Rd (on Cross Valley): pipe needs replaced

Polecat Hollow: Delineator's around turn need straightened. Trees need cut in various

spots. Rough spots throughout entire road. Blind spot concern on one area. Dead tree limb above the road hanging. Large bushes starting to come out close to the roads edge. Pipe needs installed for drainage at the end of road (opposite 22).

Lower Trail: Tree stump needs removed. Several dead trees and branches need cut.

Etna Furnace: Vast majority of the road is rough and can use some attention.

Hemlock: Double pipe can go to single pipe. This would be eligible for a grant next year.

Bear Crossing: Stumps need removed at the end.

Canoe Valley: Half a dozen or so stumps need removed.

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

Heather Flaig made motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Flaig, Secretary/Supervisor