

MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 17, 2020 MEETING OF THE CATHARINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Catharine Township's regular monthly meeting began at 7:00 PM at the Catharine Township Municipal Building with supervisors Heather Flaig/Secretary, Ralph F Rispoli, and Kenneth Brenneman/Treasurer present. Road master Mike Fay and Solicitor Dave Pertile were NOT present.

Visitors: Daryl Cole, Scott and Cristy Baker

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the minutes as written for November 19, 2020, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the financial report. Seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

A special meeting will be on December 28 at 5pm to approve the final budget.

Scott and Cristy Baker wanted to know the updates on the Barker sewage issue. The township's solicitor, Dave Pertile, was on speakerphone to address the issue. Dave said that he was still gathering information for the complaint and nothing was filed with the court as of yet. He said if the township pursues the issue it will be against the property owner which is now Scott Baker. Scott purchased the property in September at an Upset Tax Sale. Scott was concerned as to why nothing had been filed yet and now the burden lies with him now. Scott agreed to file for an eviction of the Barker's. The township agreed to pay for the eviction cost of filing to get the Barker's removed from the property since the township already was going to cover the cost of litigation.

A letter was received from the Williamsburg Municipal Authority about extending the sewage line service out Yellow Springs Drive. The township would be responsible to pay for the 3M report to be done. The township's engineer would need to complete it. The township will send out letters to residents on Yellow Springs to get an estimate of how many properties would be interested in getting a sewage line.

The township received the new bidding requirements for 2021.

\$0.01-\$11,500.00- no quotes or bidding necessary.

\$11,500.00-\$21,300.00- 3 written or phone quotes required.

\$21,300.00 and greater- public bidding is required

Hemlock Lane Farm will be requesting the renewal of their existing CAFO permit. The township received the notice of intent.

The township's CAT Loader was sold for \$15,000. Sale, payment and transporting is complete.

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy is interested in submitting a grant application to PA DCNR to update the *Juniata Watershed Conservation Plan*. This grant application requires the support of at least half of the municipalities within the watershed. The updated plan will be placed on the PA Rivers Registry, which opens up additional funding sources to municipalities

and others for implementing recommendations or projects identified in the plan. The Township adopted **Resolution 12-17-2020-5** to support their efforts. This motion was made by Heather Flaig. Seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

The Re-Organization meeting was scheduled for January 4, 2021 at 4pm.

Supervisors Report

The bridge on Hemlock is in need of some repairs. This will be looked at in the spring when work is able to be done.

Roadmaster Report

n/a (absent)

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

Heather Flaig made motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Flaig, Secretary/Supervisor