

MINUTES FOR THE January 21, 2021 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 Michael Fay was present. Solicitor Patrick Fanelli was present

Visitors: Daryl Cole, Scott Baker, Don Brantner, Jim Gregory, Natalie Gorsuch, Marc Kifer, and Dan Verbonitz Jr.

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the minutes as written for December 17, 2020, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the minutes as written for the special meeting December 28, 2020. Seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Ralph Rispoli to accept the minutes as written for the Re-organization meeting January 4, 2021. Seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

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

The township's new solicitor, Patrick Fanelli went over some issues regarding the Barker sewage issue. He will gather more information from our previous solicitor and the Township's secretary to review and come to a better course of action to proceed. An executive meeting was held to discuss litigation issues. Scott Baker explained his current situation as the new owner of the property and his concerns.

Letters were sent out by the township to a section of Yellow Springs residents asking for a response of interest/no interest on getting on the public sewage system. 29 letters were sent out. There were 23 responses; 14 are interested and 9 are not interested. Ken Brenneman made a motion to contact the Township's Engineer to see what the cost would be to have a 3M report done. Seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous.

PennDot sent out information regarding Act 106 of 2020 regarding Personal Delivery Devices (PDD). As of right now, no PDD's are approved for Catharine Township.

Statement of Financial Interest Forms are available to be filled out for those required. Forms are due by May 1, 2021.

The township received information regarding grants from DCNR. However the township does not qualify for the grants that were listed.

**Resolution 01-21-2021-01** to appoint Locally-Elected Tax Collector as Municipal Officer was passed. Heather Flaig made a motion to approve, seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

The Township received a letter from the Board of Elections. They request information for what

offices and number of offices will be open for election in 2021. The Township will have 1 Supervisor, 1 Tax Collector, and 3 Auditors.

Heather Flaig made a motion to go into Executive Session with the Solicitor to discuss possible litigation issues regarding the Barker sewage issue. Seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous. Heather Flaig made a motion to come out of Executive session and return to the regular meeting. Seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

Jim Gregory, PA State Representative, discussed what he has been doing and plans to do since he has been re-elected. He expressed gratitude to the township and the services they provide. He offered help when needed from himself and his staff. Supervisor Ken Brenneman asked if he had any information on getting funding for alleys. The township receives no funding for alleys, but needs to repair and maintain them. Mr. Gregory made a note and will look into that concern.

### **Roadmaster Report**

Michael Fay discussed a back hoe that was up for bid. The current bid was up to \$20,000. He said if we do not get a machine to replace the Loader that was sold; he will have to rent the equipment that will range from \$800 to \$1500 a week. He estimated he would need the equipment at least 200 hours this year. All supervisors agreed it was not financially feasible at this time and all voted not to bid at this time.

Michael addressed the need for paving to be done on Mt. Etna Furnace Road. The road needs improving soon due to the deteriorating condition. Paving needed would be approximately 1.2 miles. The supervisors took note and will discuss at a later time.

### **Supervisors Report**

Someone dumped dirt between Recreation Drive and the river. This area is in a flood zone and cannot be dumped on. A resident reached out to the township asking if they could have the dirt. The supervisors agreed it needs removed and agreed to let the resident remove and have it.

There was a complaint about a possible "land fill" at the end of Hill Alley. The Township will look into this and gather more information.

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

Heather Flaig made motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Flaig, Secretary/Supervisor