

MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 18, 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.

Visitors: Natalie Gorsuch

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the minutes as written for February 25, 2021, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

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

Financial Surveys were sent out to the Ganister residents again since some of the previous surveys were going to expire soon. The Yellow Springs residents were also sent out financial surveys to complete regarding the sewer project. The Township has not made a decision yet as to if they are going to pay to have the 3M survey done. It has not been decided who will be paying for the project; Catharine Township or the Williamsburg Water Authority.

There was a hearing held regarding the Barker sewage issue. No updates since then.

Some research was done for trying to get the townships alleys to qualify for Liquid Fuel Funds. The specifications are more than what the township is able to do at this time.

The Employee Handbook and Policy Manual was approved by all the supervisors. A motion was made by Heather Flaig to adopt new Handbook and Manual, seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous. A copy has been sent to the solicitor for his review.

The supervisors discussed our setbacks for the township. There is no ordinance stating what the setbacks are. The solicitor will be contacted to get this on record.

Ordinance #60 and Ordinance #74 are the same ordinance with #70 having some updates. The solicitor will be contacted to get Ordinance #60 repealed.

Weight limits on Township roads was discussed as there has been some complaints. 17 of the townships roads have been studied by the township's engineer and a weight limit of 10 tons has been posted. The Ordinance for weight limits need to be updated to reflect this. Heather Flaig made a motion to have this ordinance updating. Seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

There was a complaint about a resident driving his trucks and equipment through other residents' yards and causing damage to property. The Township is unable to assist with this issue as it is a personal dispute and would need to have the State Police handle the complaint.

Roadmaster Report

1. Opening bids for the steel frame structure with open April 5 by the Williamsburg Borough.

2. Roadmaster will get some estimates as to how much it would be to pave the townships alleys.
3. Inlet box on corner of Hill Alley and Home Street is in need of some maintenance.
4. Sweeping and shoulder repair of the roads has begun and should be completed by next week.
5. Etna Furnace Road needs work done to it before any kind of paving could be done. Road crew will work towards getting it done
6. Some projects will need a back hoe to complete. It was discussed about renting a back hoe when needed. Road master will get estimates. It was also discussed about putting a bid out to have the work done. Township will wait to get estimates for a rental.
7. Bridge on Hemlock needs some maintenance. Road master will look into this.

Supervisors Report

Ken Brenneman was notified about the library needed someone to fill a vacancy on the Library Board and was wondering if we make any suggestions. Michael Fay volunteered.

Wesley Zimmerman was wondering what is going on with the sidewalk repair on Yellow Springs.

PSATS, Pennsylvania State Association for Township Supervisors, had posted a news report about The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 that President Biden had signed. As reported, small cities, townships, and borough would receive an amount of money from this Act. There is no specific dates for distribution and no stipulations for the spending of the money as of yet.

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

Heather Flaig made motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Seconded by Kenneth Brenneman. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Flaig, Secretary/Supervisor