

MINUTES FOR THE June 16, 2022 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, Kenneth Brenneman/Treasurer and Ralph Rispoli/Supervisor. Road master Michael Fay was present.

Visitors: Natalie Gorsuch, David Greaser, Mike Biddle, Jeff Walason, Tammy Shultz, Arianne Waddington, Karen Liebel, John Leibel

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the minutes as written for May 19, 2022, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the financial report and approved bills paid and ratification of bills and intervening payroll paid in accordance with Resolution 2-17-2022, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

The updated Farm Show Lease was reviewed. Some further changes were suggested. Jeff Walason will send his thoughts next week as to the concerns the Farm Show has.

The complaints on Oak Alley were inspected by Blair County Conservation and a report was filed. No action has been taken at this time to comply. According to Blair County Conservation the issue has been forwarded to DEP (Dept. of Environmental Protection).

Bids for use of a back hoe will be ran in the Morrison Cove Herald. Bids will be open at the next meeting.

LERTA (Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act) was discussed. This Act would give a tax incentive for increased amount of value to a property to qualified property owners. Heather Flaig made a motion in favor LERTA, seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

There was a petition presented to the Board of Supervisors to take over River Front Road by all the residents that live on this road. The supervisors agreed to pursue the take over pending needed requirements from Liquid fuels and an inspection by PennDot.. More information to follow at the next meeting.

The township was looking into having a road worker get his CDL. The cost would be approximately \$4000 and would be several weeks of training. The supervisors decided not to take action on this at this time.

Valley Rural contacted the township and made them aware that the street light at Cross Valley and Yellow Springs has been shot out 3 times now. It cost about \$250 to replace this light each time. Valley Rural said they were going to file a police report. The supervisors agreed to send out letters to the residents on Cross Valley to inform them of this issue and to contact the township if they became aware of any information regarding the light.

The Williamsburg Farm Show requested use on township roads for the parades/Farm Show events. Heather Flaig made a motion to approve use of township roads, seconded by Ken

Brenneman. Unanimous. A letter of approval was presented to the Farm Show president during the meeting.

There was an amendment made to Ordinance #76 to include Oak Alley to the list of roads for 10-ton weight limits.

Mike Biddle and Dave Greaser discussed their business, SPUR. They can locate and acquire grants for the township. Ken Brenneman made a motion to have a contract with SPUR done, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous.

Heather Flaig made a motion to add getting a Forester to the agenda, seconded by Ken Brenneman. The township is looking to see if there is any value to the trees along the Juniata River on the township's property. Ken Brenneman made a motion to have a forester look at the trees, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous.

### **Roadmaster Report**

One road worker is off until further notice for health issues. The road crew needs another worker. Bear Crossing needs output blocks put in. There may be a grant available in the spring to complete this.

Etna Furnace needs finished paving.

Overlook needs a pipe/drain box.

Some work needs done on Maple and Chestnut before any paving can be done.

A concrete culvert on Hemlock will need to be addressed in the near future.

Purchase of a generator for the building was discussed, but no action taken at this time.

### **Supervisors Report**

Heather Flaig made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Ken Brenneman.

Heather Flaig made motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm, seconded by Ken Brenneman.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Flaig, Secretary/Supervisor