

MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 19, 2023 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. Solicitor, Nathan Karn was present.

Visitors: Dorcas Johnson, Daryl Cole, Natalie Gorsuch

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the minutes as written for September 21, 2023, seconded by Ralph Ripoli.

A motion was made by Ralph Rispoli to accept the financial report and approval of bills to be paid and ratification of bills and intervening payroll paid in accordance with Resolution 2-17-2022-02, seconded by Ken Brenneman.

River Front Drive- All residents will be sent a letter of approval needed to deed a portion of their property to the Township to get the 33-foot right-of-way needed. There will be a signature page to sign and return to the township.

There was a complaint of one of the County bridges on Etna Furnace Road. It was reported to have chunks falling off of it. The County will be notified.

Equipment bids were opened. Only one bid was submitted. Fay Excavating received the bid. Ken Brenneman made a motion, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Heather Flaig abstained.

The red truck was sold to Runk's Garage for \$5000. It would of cost in between \$10,000 to \$20,000 to fix it.

The township is looking into a grant for a new truck. A resolution will be done at the next meeting.

The township was asked to make a donation for a plaque for the Children's Home Memorial, Our Solicitor advised us against it only because this would be using tax papers dollars to fund.

Brake retardation will not be able to be enforced near the Williamsburg Bridge. PennDot conducted a study and the % of grade is too great. The other portion of Yellow Springs can be posted.

The supervisors discussed the budget and will have a final draft to submit for advertising at November's meeting. The supervisors decided to eliminate the Street light tax for all property owner's. The millage rate will be increased from 0.941 to 1.41 to address inflation for the 2024 year.

Roadmaster Report

Cross Valley is estimated to be \$121,000 to pave. The supervisors discussed paving half of it in 2024 and the other half in 2025. This will depend on funds available.

Hemlock's permit proposal was approved to get the bigger pipes put in. Heather Flaig made a motion to approve, seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

A grant for Lower Trail will be sought for DSA roads in the spring for repairs, drainage issues, and guiderail maintenance.

Supervisors Report

Nothing at this time

Heather Flaig made a motion to pay bills and approve bills paid before the regular meeting with ratification, seconded by Ken Brenneman.

Heather Flaig made a motion to adjourn at 8:55pm, seconded by Ralph Rispoli.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Flaig, Secretary/Supervisor