

MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 14, 2024 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: Daryl Cole, Jeff Kifer, Jeff Walason, Natalie Gorsuch by phone

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the minutes as written for February 8, 2024, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman 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 Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

Hemlock Road permit documentation is done and fees are paid. Waiting for DEP to issue the permit

Wayne Baker Subdivision Plan was not approved by the Board due to a Sediment and Erosion Plan not being completed. Jeff Kifer explained the current lot would be divided into three lots.

Penelec applied for a permit to rebuild approximately 11 miles of over head electrical line within their existing right-of-way. The township needed to fill out the notification form and return it. Heather Flaig made a motion to file out and approve the form, seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

The Township is looking in to funding for the Ganister Sewage Project. PennVest offers low interest loans and some grants. If the township goes through PennVest, all planning needs to be done, design needs to be done. This will cost a substantial amount of money up front. The township would also have to own and maintain/upkeep the sewage system until the loan is paid off. More information will be needed.

Jeff Walason discussed the Farm Show Building and grounds. They are cleaning up trees, addressing safety concerns, fixing the fence at the ball field, getting bleachers and replacing the batting cage. A grant was received from the Altoona Curve that will help cover costs.

Daryl Cole reviewed the 2023 Audit. He asked about the Act 537 Plan and where the township was on that. Keller's was contacted and said that it could be done in the next several years.

Roadmaster Report

International truck- repairs may cost approximately \$4000 or more.

Mike Fay requested a road planer. Heather Flaig made a motion to approved the purchase up to \$1000. Seconded by Ken Brenneman.

A wood chipper is needed for all the tree trimmings and branches taken down. An estimate of \$3500 was presented. Ken Brenneman made a motion to purchase, seconded by Heather Flaig.

There is drainage on Polecat that needs trenched.

8 ton of 2A was put down and spread on Oak Alley for pot holes.

Tires are needed for the JD.

Supervisors Report

Ken Brenneman attended a Hazard Mitigation Meeting where they discussed solar storms, regional police, cleaning of streams and rivers, river warning devices, and a cell phone tower being put in.

Resolution 1-19-2023-01 was not recorded in the minutes as being approved. Heather Flaig made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ken Brenneman.

Heather Flaig made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issue, seconded by Ken Brenneman.

Heather Flaig made a motion to go back into regular session, seconded by Ken Brenneman.

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

Heather Flaig made a motion to adjourn at 9:15pm, seconded by Ken Brenneman.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Flaig, Secretary/Supervisor