

MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 11, 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. Solicitor Nathan Karn was present.

Visitors: Daryl Cole, Kent Wilson, Sherry Waddington, Dotty Hoffner, Natalie Gorsuch, Dave Deters, Greg Haney, Cathy Wyland, Dorcus Johnson

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the minutes as written for March 14, 2024, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

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

Hemlock Road. Waiting for DEP to issue the permit to install new pipe.

Wayne Baker Subdivision Plan needs to have a NPDES plan completed before approval of subdivision.

There is nothing to report for the Ganister Sewer Project funding with PennVest.

Daryl Cole reviewed the 2023 Audit. He discussed his summary that included areas he looked at and addressed items listed.

Daryl 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. DEP was not pressing the issue. It will cost approximately \$30,000.

A storage area for the township was tabled.

The Tax Collector submitting an invoice for an annual fee for the software that is used for township taxes. Ken Brenneman made a motion for the \$349.80 re-imbusement, seconded by Heather Flaig. Unanimous.

DEP stopped at the Township building to let the township know there was a complaint about fly ash being disturbed behind the Farm Show Building. DEP will complete a report and told the township not to touch it until further notice. The Farm Show was contacted.

Complaints were made as to how the outside of the township looked. The supervisors and Road Master will work together to get the grounds cleaned up and organized.

Residents asked about the pot holes on roads and overweight trucks/equipment being driven on the township roads. Our solicitor and outside agencies are working on a solution.

Several residents had concerns over a piece of property behind Oak Alley. Concerns included erosion and water run-off, burning (debris, smell, air quality), road deterioration from overweight truck/equipment. The township will discuss issues with our solicitor.

### **Roadmaster Report**

A Road Planer was not purchased. It was too expensive.

A wood Chipper was not purchased. The place that provided a quote only took credit cards for purchase which goes over the township limit. A quote is getting obtained from a local equipment dealer.

Tires were purchased and put on for the JD.

The 2004 Ford truck is in need of repairs. The repairs are estimated to be more than the truck is worth. No action taken at this time.

The 2012 International is at Allegheny Truck to get an estimate for repairs.

There is water damage on Hemlock from the last storm. The township will contact Keller's to see if DEP can get us the permit ASAP.

### **Supervisors Report**

Ken Brenneman attended a Hazard Mitigation Meeting where they discussed what can be done to improve runoff issues.

The township bought a 2012 International truck from Municibid. Ken approved the purchase up to \$7000. Heather Flaig seconded. The close of the bid was closing before this meeting and proper approval was obtained. The purchase price was \$6100.

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

Heather Flaig made a motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation, 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 adjourn at 9:50pm, seconded by Ken Brenneman.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Flaig, Secretary/Supervisor