MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 16, 2026 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 and Ken Brenneman/Treasurer and Ralph Rispoli/Supervisor. Solicitor, assistant Solicitor Kaitlyn Edminston was present.

Visitors: John Koptchak, Daryl Cole, Karyn Shaw, Maggie Merritts, James Blough, Dorcas Johnson, Jeff Walason, Angie Walason, Bill Stotler

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the minutes as written for March 19, 2026. Ralph Rispoli seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Heather Flaig to accept the financial report and ratification of bills and intervening payroll paid in accordance with Resolution 2-27-2022-02, seconded by Ralph Rispoli.

Subdivision for Christine Rispoli was presented again for the plan revision resolution to be signed. There was confusion on whether the subdivision was a non-build or a build. It will be a build lot. The surveyor, John Koptchak, explained the subdivision in detail. All forms were completed and Resolution was signed and approved. Ralph Rispoli made the motion, seconded by Ken Brenneman. Unanimous.

The Hill Alley and Home Street drainage issue will be looked into soon.

Oak Alley has some holes that need addressed.

Maggie Merritts presented information about the America 250 event. The asked for any donation if possible. She discussed the events and vendors/performers involved.

The Act 537 Plan was discussed. The new Task Report was approved for the entire township to be done instead of just Ganister area (that was denied by DEP). Blair Planning was going to look into grant options for the plan. It is estimated to be $82,636 for the task report to be completed. Heather Flaig made a motion to approve the new Task Report to be done for entire township, seconded by Ralph Rispoli, unanimous.

No action was taken to appoint a new Emergency Management Director. No one has interested thus far.

The corner of Blough Rd and Chestnut is still being looked into. Township will address as soon as possible.

No one has applied for the Roadmaster position.

Jeff Walason requested approval for uses of township roads for the Farm Show parade in August. Ken Brenneman made a motion to approve, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.
Jeff also asked if he could block of sections of Recreation Drive off for the farm show week in August. Jeff spoke to the residents it would affect (5 residents) and they were in agreement. Ken Brenneman made a motion to approve, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.
Jeff spoke to people from the school district. They would like to replace the score board at the baseball field as it is not working. One person suggested replacing two score boards, one at the baseball field and one at the softball field. Ken Brenneman made a motion to approve both score board replacements,

seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Unanimous.

Jeff Kifer submitted a revised plan for Nancy Becker Subdivision. Ralph Rispoli made a motion to approved the revised plan, seconded by Ken Brenneman, unanimous.

Blair County Planning Commission needed candidates for the Region Four seat. Ken Brenneman said he would be a candidate at the last meeting as no one else was interested. Dave Bigelow was appointed by Woodbury Township and Williamsburg Borough. Catharine Township decided to appoint Dave Bigelow as well instead of Ken Brenneman. Ken Brenneman made the motion to approve, seconded by Heather Flaig.

The township needs to appoint someone to be on the Hazard Mitigation Committee, the Government Advisory Committee, and the Stormwater Management Committee. Ken Brenneman was appointed at the reorganization meeting to be on the Government Advisory Committee. Ken made a motion to be appoint himself for both other committees. Heather Flaig made a second.

The township is eligible to receive $9,095.05 from Forced Distribution of County ACT 32 Liquid Fuel Tax Monies. The township would need to apply for these funds and pay up front for them. The use of funds needs to be specified on application. Ken Brenneman made a motion to use eligible funds for black topping/repair on Recreation Drive and the hole on Chestnut and Home Street. Seconded by Ralph Rispoli.

Daryl Cole asked about when we would have money to get our roads fixed. He asked if there would be enough money in Liquid Fuels to fix all the roads in five years. Daryl suggested compiling a list of all the roads that need fixed and go out for bid to fix all the roads at one time. A loan would be needed. A debt service tax could be done. Daryl felt past supervisors failed to fix the roads and fund the township. He doesn't see the township being able to keep up with road repairs at the current rate. The township agreed to look into the option of a loan.

Roadmaster Report
None at this time

Supervisors Report
None at this time

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

Ken Brenneman made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm, seconded by Heather Flaig.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Flaig, Secretary/Supervisor