MINUTES FOR THE JULY 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 Ken Brenneman/Treasurer and Ralph Rispoli/Supervisor. Heather Flaig/Supervisor, Secretary was absent. Solicitor Nathan Karn and Kaitlyn Edmiston were present.

Visitors: Daryl Cole, Natalie Gorsuch, Jeff Walason, Dorcas Johnson, James Blough, Wayne Baker

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman to accept the minutes as written for June 18, 2026. Ralph Rispoli seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Ken Brenneman 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.

Drainage pipe was discussed at Hill Alley and Home St. Township will look into agility if PennDot could do it.

No action was taken to appoint a new Emergency Management Director.

The corner of Blough Rd and Chestnut is still being looked into. Township called 5 companies to fix the corner, only one gave an estimate. Hartman's Paving gave an estimate of $2500. Ken Benneman said there was concrete placed in the hole for around $250 and could be finished for about the same amount. The hole will be fixed in house.

There is a hole by the mailboxes on Chestnut that needs addressed.

No one has applied for the Roadmaster position. There is someone that is interested and will submit their application.

The Act 537 Plan Task Report is waiting for DEP to approve.

The Forced Distribution of County ACT 32 Liquid Fuel Tax Monies needs done this year. The application was approved for patching/paving of Recreation Dr.

Paving of the township roads was discussed. First National Bank took information and will get back to us with financing a loan for paving. PennCrest was called and they cannot finance that much for this type of loan. It was suggesting to ask our engineer to come up with an amount that would be needed for the miles of roads to be paved. First Commonwealth Bank and Kish Bank was suggested to seek information on a loan.

A Community Survey was discussed. No action taken at this time.

Commercial Solar and Data Center Ordinances were discussed. The Solicitor said it is easier to do with zoning in place which the township does not have and it would have to be tied into our land development plan. It would cost a few thousand dollars to put in place. The solicitor discussed the issue and what would be needed to put in place. Abandonment of the solar farm was discussed. The topic was tabled.

The cleaning up after a total loss fire was discussed. The township does not have an Ordinance at this time. Nathan Karn said he can get information needed for it. Ken Brenneman made a motion to get more information, seconded by Ralph Rispoli.

Jeff Walason presented a letter for approval of using the barns for winter storage at the last meeting. Ken Brenneman made a motion to approve the use of the barns for storage, seconded by Ralph Rispoli. Jeff provided documentation of clearing of land on Farm Show leased land. This will be put on the agenda to be voted on at the next meeting. Jeff updated the township on the Penelec hookup to the farm show grounds.

Roadmaster Report
Greg Haney has been mowing and keeping things cleaned up. Holes in roads have been worked on.

Supervisors Report
There was a complaint made about sign and mailbox damage at Catherine Dr and Dogwood Dr that was done over the winter from the plowing.
Ken Brenneman discussed about logging trees. Nathan Karn discussed the amounts needed to have bids needed. Nathan will look into the process to sell the logged timber.
There was a complaint about sight distance on Poplar pulling out onto Yellow Springs Dr. A bush is blocking the sight to pull out.

Ken Brenneman made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Ralph Rispoli.

Ken Brenneman made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm, seconded by Ralph Rispoli.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Flaig, Secretary/Supervisor