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**Monthly Meeting**  
**December 7th, 2016**

The Keating Township Supervisors met on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Township Building with David McClain bringing the meeting to order and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors McClain, Tanner, Covert & Sec’y Smith, Eric Casanave, Buzz Felix, Fran DeLancey and nineteen (19) township residents attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the November 2nd, 2016 meeting were corrected and unanimously approved by motion of Supv Tanner/2<sup>nd</sup> Covert.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** showed the following bank balances:

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>STATE AID</b>	<b>SEWER</b>	Period of	11/1/16 - 11/30/16	
Petty Cash	2.90	-	123.12	General Fund	Receipts	\$ 45,598.78
Checking	100,871.04	8,441.43	4,144.19		Expenses	\$ 18,743.97
Savings	856,879.09	116,374.77	67,056.28		Checks No.	7319-7339
NWS - Savings	107,432.81	-	-			
Impact Fee/Debt Res	51,027.93	-	46,960.50	State Aid	Receipts	\$ -
	<u>\$ 1,116,213.77</u>	<u>\$ 124,816.20</u>	<u>\$ 118,284.09</u>		Expenses	\$ 21,023.51
Paid Expenses	397.23	NONE	187.20		Checks No.	3072-3082
EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 499,783.27</u>	<u>\$ 15,648.38</u>	<u>\$ 5,022.80</u>			

A motion was made by Supv Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> Tanner, to accept the Treasurer’s Report, pending audit. Motion carried unanimously. By motion of Supv Tanner/2<sup>nd</sup> Covert, it was unanimously agreed to pay the bills as listed on the Expense Report for a total of \$520,454.45, including Sewer Expenses of \$5,022.80. A motion was made by Supv Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> Tanner to pay any bills that come due before next meeting that will accrual a late charge. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARD:**

- 1) Emery Gallup asked how many hours GTM has into the grader repairs. Sec Smith responded, 89 hours and approximately \$5500 in parts. He also asked if Supv McClain would go over what was discussed at the previous workshop.
- 2) Robert Good explained his basement under the post office and apartment has about 4’ feet of water in it and it’s coming from the “Wild Cat Sewer”. He also explain that the resident next door dug up the line near his home and place concrete in it about 2 years ago. Mr. Good would like the Twp to look into this matter.
- 3) Joyce Montague explained that she has tried numerous times to contact Todd Downey her contractor in regards of pumping and filling her septic tank. Mr. Downey will not return any of her calls. Supv Covert and Sec’y Smith both have talked to Mr. Downey. Ms. Montague would like a written statement from Supv Covert and Sec’y Smith of what Mr. Downey stated to them. Supv Covert said that we will contact our solicitor and confirm that we are able to give Ms. Montague a written statement.

**BIDS:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) A motion was made by Supv Tanner/2<sup>nd</sup> Covert, to approve payment of Requisition No. 33 in the amount of \$1001.01. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Phase II updates, 344 total paid, 338 pumps pick up, 329 pumps installed. Keating Township received the Certificate of Occupancy for Phase II WWTP from Code Inspections, Inc.
- 3) Phase III updates, Keating Twp ROW are about 70% complete, Stiffler McGraw needs to get some depths for the pump station on Bordell Road.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) A motion was made by Supv Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> Tanner to accept Resolution 2016-P, Firefighter/EMT/Criminal Justice Program. In supporting this program, Keating Township will commit to providing \$2,000 per year over the next five years beginning fiscal year 2017-2018. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Supervisors reviewed the PIRMA Officers and voted for Betty Ann Moyer, Betty Randzin and Bob Softcheck for a five-year term beginning Jan 2017. A motion was made by Supv Tanner/2<sup>nd</sup> Covert. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) A motion was made by Supv Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> Tanner to allow the Road master to purchase a new chain saw. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Township received the 2017 Hamlin Library Budget.
- 5) A motion was made by Supv Tanner/2<sup>nd</sup> Covert to revise the subdivision at the Veterans Monument. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) A motion was made by Supv Covert to appoint Scott Thomas as our Part-Time Road Employee. Seconded by Supv Tanner. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) Keating Township received Rew Volunteer Fireman's Relief Association Compliance Audit for Jan 1, 2014 to Dec 31, 2015. Everything was found in compliance.
- 8) A motion was made by Supv Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> Tanner to accept Resolution 2016-Q, Three-Year Solid Waste Agreement with Charles Bunting and Robert Dunn doing business at Smethport Disposal. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9) Resolution 2016-R, was motioned by Supv Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> Tanner to offer all Keating Twp sewer customers that are connect to Phase I, II and III a yearly 5% (five-percent) discount if they pay their sewer bill in full by Jan 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10) Adoption of Resolution No. 2016-S, which sets the 2017 real estate tax at two and one-half (2 ½ ) mills on the dollar valuation of Keating Township lands and reflects no increase from 2016 tax rate, unanimously passed by motion of Supv Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> Tanner.
- 11) Buzz Feliz our CPA who audits the Twp financial records stated to the Supervisor "I'm not aware of any problems with the township budget. A budget is an estimate of expected expenditures and is not intended to be a straitjacket. Budgets are based on reviews of prior expenditures and inform the citizens about the Supervisors' intentions about projects, such as road maintenance." Felix also referred to the safeguards built into the budgeting audits, saying, "There are several sets of eyes that watch the township's expenditures: First are the Supervisors, followed by the elected auditors, and then me. I'm not here to second guess the Supervisors." Supv Tanner stated his objections to the budget, which concerned payroll and timesheets, without offering any details. McClain asked Tanner. "What do you want fixed?" Tanner, "You said there was nothing wrong, so let's vote on the budget. A motion was made by Supv Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> McClain, to adopt Resolution No. 2016-T, showing the 2017 Keating Township Budget as \$1,077,088.73 (General Fund = \$500,000.00 \* State Aid = \$193,970.73 \* Sewer = \$383,118.00). Supv Tanner – Nay, He is not in favor of it.
- 12) A motion was made Supv Tanner/2<sup>nd</sup> Covert for Roy Burt to attend a work shop for CDL Training. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13) Township assessment changes, mailed on November 14, 2016, which reflected a \$213,990 increase in the Township's real estate assessed value.
- 14) A motion was made by Supv Tanner/2<sup>nd</sup> Covert to appoint Supv McClain as Temporary Chairman. Motion carried unanimously. Supv McClain motioned for Sec'y Smith to be Temporary Secretary for the organizational meeting, Supv Tanner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING:** will be held on Tuesday January 3rd, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Township Building.

**ADJOURNMENT:** was heard at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Jo Smith, Secretary-Treasurer