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**Monthly Meeting:**  
**May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

The Keating Township Supervisors met on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Township Building with Chairman Douglas Covert bringing the meeting to order and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors McClain, Sec’y Smith, Anthony J. Alfieri, and twenty-one (21) township residents attended the meeting.

The Minutes of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were unanimously approved by motion of Supv Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> McClain.

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

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>STATE AID</b>	<b>SEWER</b>	Period of	4/1/18 to 4/30/18	
Petty Cash	58.02	-	222.78	General Fund	Receipts	\$ 205,199.53
Checking	26,194.41	2,097.87	18,736.83		Expenses	\$ 31,125.35
Savings	660,196.78	220,509.77	47,648.84		Checks No.	7829-7864
NWS - Savings	107,738.12	-	17,268.22			
Impact Fee/Debt Res	78,222.54	-	295,478.53	State Aid	Receipts	\$ -
	<u>\$ 872,409.87</u>	<u>\$ 222,607.64</u>	<u>\$ 379,355.20</u>		Expenses	\$ 11,009.53
PAID EXPENSES	3,870.11	None	256.00		Checks No.	3158-3161
UNPAID EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 16,588.64</u>	<u>\$ 1,148.94</u>	<u>\$ 7,676.47</u>			

A motion was made by Supv McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Covert, to accept the Treasurer’s Report, pending audit. Motion carried unanimously. By motion of Supv Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> McClain, it was unanimously agreed to pay the bills as listed on the Expense Report for a total of \$25,414.05, including Sewer Expenses of \$7,676.47. A motion was made by Supv Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> McClain to pay any bills that come due before next meeting that will accrual a late charge. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARD:**

- 1) Emery Gallup stated he was in favor with the Twp moving forward with a property maintenance program.
- 2) Anne Baldwin would like to requested to speak at that time when certain agenda items are talked about. Supv Covert said he may or may not depends on the situation.
- 3) Bric Burdick, East Smethport Baseball was under the impression that the Twp budgets \$3,000 a year for the baseball fields. He was told that they need approval to get the \$3,000 from Twp. Supv McClain, stated Twp budgets \$3,000 a year towards the ball field, we have done it a few years now. Supv McClain pointed out all the improvements at the ballfields made by the volunteers and both Supervisors thanked them.
- 4) Jeff Chesebro handed in a petition from the residents along Route 46 who are near Majestic Kamp and Lost Trails. The petition stats that the residents in the area do not want Majestic Kamp to move their trailhead to the Old Quaker State Tank Farm. The resident state there is constant dust, loud noise from after-market exhaust systems and loud music. The resident would also like the Township to enforce the noise ordinance too. Jeanette Spallina, Rob Spallina, Susan McCarthy and Steve Spallina also spoke in regards of this matter.

**BIDS: NONE**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Township received PSATS Bulletin dated May 2018.
- 2) Spring Clean-up ~ May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- 3) Route 46 will be Closed from Route 146 in Norwich Twp to U.S. Route 6 in East Smethport from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>. Please follow the detours use Route 46, Route 120, Route 155 and Route 6.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) A motion by Supv Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> McClain to appointed Mr. Robert Wheeler for Supervisor. Motion carried unanimously. This term will go till Dec 31, 2019. Sec-Tres received 2 letters of interest for the position.
- 2) Supv Covert stated we have had very positive feed back for Shell in regards of placing the sewer line along Valley Cross Road. Shell will be supplying Twp with Dewatering Plan, Waste Management Plan and Health & Safety Plan. Shell will identify the hazards, means and method on which we can process. Trying to finish up the last of the Right of Ways too. Supv McClain stated at the end of the conference call, that the Twp doesn't need to do special testing or boring and those funds can be put back into the budget. Shell has very detailed information of what is in the soil there and how to deal with it and they will pass that info along.
- 3) A motion by Supv Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> McClain to have Sec-Tres Smith start the process to refinance the PNC interim loan until. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) A motion by Supv McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Covert to have Sec-Tres Smith start preparing the letter to RUS for grant extension. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) A motion by Supv Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> McClain to accept PA Dept of Environmental Protection License Agreement with Solicitor Alfieri approval after he reviews it. Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Supv Covert wanted to make a few clarification points in regards to the letter that Ex-Supervisor Richard Tanner mailed out to each resident in the Twp. Tanner made claim that Twp broke the law by purchasing 2 new trucks. The DCED requirements for total loans to not exceed a \$125,000 or 30% of your non-electoral debt. July 2016, we motion to take a loan with JVB Bank for the 2015 Inter 7400 in the amount of \$75,000. In Sept 2016, we motioned for another loan at JVB Bank for 2015 Inter Terra Star in the amount of \$75,000 and that put us over the limit of \$125,000. We didn't realize that we were in non-compliant until our CPA Auditor brought it to our attention. Twp immediately called DCED and let them know and they stated there was no issue but to not let it happen again. These trucks were finance for 3 years and both trucks were paid off in 2 years. At the time of the purchases our non-electoral debt limit was 1.8 million with DCED approval. At no time did the Supervisor put the Twp at any financial danger. Supv Covert stated that he is going to push forward to get 1 more truck this year to complete the fleet. In the letter, Ex-Supervisor Tanner stated the DCED requirements were never explained to him. They were explained to him twice, once by the auditor in Dec 2017 and in Feb 2018 by Sec-Tres Smith. Supv Covert wants to put this letter behind the Twp and move forward and work together and get the best possible resolution for the Twp. Supv McClain stated if Tanner put anywhere near the effort into what he should have been doing here things would of progress better. The amount of effort that went into that letter was 100% more effort than he ever did. Supv Covert open the floor to the public.
  - a. Anne Baldwin, the object of the committee and the Twp and the work is important. It seems like there is always criticism and things being said and done that disrupts your progress that you are trying to complete as a committee. As far as Mr. Tanner letter goes, he had the article in the Bradford Era and criticize that to a degree and then in turn he sent out letters to the township resident and then in additional was presented on Solomon's word. I think his letter has gotten all the attention it needs. If the township resident were dissatisfied with what is going, you would see half the township at the meetings and that is not happening.
- 2) Twp received a letter from H.A. Thomas, Workers Compensation Insurance and PIRMA Liability/Property Insurance and after discussion and physical survey there are no new recommendations for either company.
- 3) A motion by Supv Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> McClain to accept Resolution No. 2018-F, Karpinski's Office System agreement for copier maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) A motion made by Supv McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Covert to pay \$1,500 towards the East Smethport Baseball Field back stop. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5) A motion made by Supv McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Covert to have Sec-Tres Smith put in 2 applications to Workforce Solution State/Local Internship Program. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) A motion was made by Supv Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> McClain to purchase a new radiator from Drive Shaft Specialist for \$1,450. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) Sec-Tres Smith went over PLGIT Investments and let the Supv know that they will be receive some data to show the difference in interest rate and income that the Twp could be making. Will be on June agenda for further discussion.
- 8) Workshop ~ None
- 9) Assessor's Office ~ 4 change for an increase of \$12,050.
  
- 10) **NEXT MEETING:** will be held on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Township Building.
- 11) **ADJOURNMENT:** was heard at 7:12pm

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Jo Smith, Secretary-Treasurer