

The Keating Township Supervisors met on August 5, 2020 in the Township Building with Chairman David McClain bringing the meeting to order and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors McClain, Wheeler and Covert, Secretary/Treasurer Birosh, Solicitor Alfieri and (9) township residents attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the July 8, 2020 Monthly meeting were unanimously approved by motion of Covert/2nd Wheeler.

TREASURER’S REPORT showed the following bank balances:

	GENERAL FUND	STATE AID	SEWER	Period of	7/1/2020 - 7/31/2020
Petty Cash	176.75		293.54	General Fund	Receipts \$ 74,867.95
Hamlin-Checking	237,888.24	1,713.49	24,526.81		Expenses \$ 40,858.38
PLIGT-Savings	588,921.46	214,654.95	661,508.71		Interest Incom \$ 603.37
Hamlin-MM	1,977.16				Checks No. 8619-8651
Hamlin - Impact	120,108.33			State Aid	Receipts \$ 24.59
Hamlin - Road Bond	649,846.34				Expenses \$ 10,804.11
NWS-Checking			632.76		Interest Incom \$ 24.59
					Checks No. 3255-3256
	\$ 1,598,918.28	\$ 216,368.44	\$ 686,961.82	Sewer	Receipts \$ 26,145.63
					Expenses \$ 10,099.09
UNPAID EXPENSES	\$ 12,989.45	\$ 882.08	\$ 12,945.10		Interest Incom \$ 198.63
					Check No. 3222-3237

A motion was made by Supervisor Wheeler/2nd Covert to accept the Treasurer’s Report, pending audit. Motion carried unanimously.

By motion of Supervisor Covert/2nd Wheeler, it was unanimously agreed to pay the bills as listed on the Expense Report for a total of \$26,816.63, including sewer expense of \$12,945.10. Supervisor Covert mentioned that he would like to investigate lower prices for diffusers. Supervisor McClain mentioned that the treatment charges being paid to Smethport Boro has decreased significantly.

PUBLIC HEARD:

- 1) Sharon Shefler talked about the Community Park in Gifford. She expressed concern that the current caretakers will not be able to maintain the park anymore. She wants to know if the Township has any ownership or ties to the property that would need to be considered when they are deciding what to do with the property. Attorney Alfieri will look into it.
- 2) Dana Spittler asked about the possibility of side-by-sides running on township roads. Supervisor McClain asked that a map of the requested roads be provided so that the board can consider it.
- 3) Butch Shaffer had questions about the upcoming installation of grinder pumps for the Phase III sewer projects. The supervisors let him know there will be notifications when the classes are available, probably in the spring of 2021. He also asked about the necessity of pumping and backfilling their old systems. The supervisors stated that this is a requirement of the DEP before hooking into the system.
- 4) John Stratton stated that lower East Valley Road has potholes and berms that need addressing. He also stated that there have been a lot of ATVs and UTVs traveling on the road going about 60 mph.
- 5) Curt Wallace wanted to follow up on the Rathbun Storage Project and the waivers being requested for the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Supervisor McClain asked that Mr. Wallace provide a detailed list of the points of the Ordinance he would like waivers on. A motion was made by Supervisor Covert/2nd Wheeler to have a special meeting if needed to consider the requests.
 Supervisor McClain stated that at our July meeting a motion was passed awarding a waver of our Storm Water Management Ordinance with Solicitor concurrence, to the Rathbun Storage Project. Our Solicitor has advised us that if we grant an overall variance, we would in essence be voiding our Ordinance and we would have to treat other applicants similarly. I am not in favor of voiding the Storm Water Management

Ordinance and therefore I make a motion to rescind the award of an overall exception on our Storm Water Management Ordinance to the Rathbun Storage Project. The motion was 2nd by Supervisor Covert. Motion carried unanimously.

ROADMASTER REPORT

The road crew has installed a total of 35 sluice pipes and cleaned 4 ½ miles of ditches and berms on Bordell Road. They have installed a total of 22 sluice pipes and cleaned 3 ½ miles of ditches and berms on East Valley Road. They are currently painting bridge beams and grading dirt roads. They will start spot paving next week. Intermunicipal help with seal coating will start on 8/17/2020.

The grinding and re-profiling project on East Valley and Bordell Roads is also scheduled to start on 8/17/2020. A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Wheeler to use the allowable Impact Fee money and the remainder from the PLIGIT savings account to fund the additional \$138,194.60 to include other areas of Bordell Road and Bordell Crossroads to the project. Motion carried unanimously.

BIDS: 2002 Ford F550

- 1) Chris Drum submitted a bid for \$2,525.00
- 2) Mike Veneziano submitted a bid for \$2,607.00

A motion was made by Supervisor Covert/2nd Wheeler to sell the 2002 Ford F550 to the highest bidder. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Communication was received from the 2020 Census that non-response follow-up is starting in our area. Residents are urged to cooperate with the census takers.
- 2) There will be a Collection Event at the Otto-Eldred Joint School on August 22, 2020 from 9:00 till 1:00.
- 3) Hamlin Library Report – July 2020
- 4) PSATS July News Bulletin

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Supervisor Covert observed a truck owned by C & R Boring as it was crossing a bridge with a 3 ton weight limit. The C & R Boring site supervisor was immediately contacted. Supervisor Covert has done research on placing cameras and signage on the bridge. The bridge will be closed starting around September 1, 2020 for approximately 6 weeks for repairs.
- 2) Phase III updates – the boring is ahead of schedule but more focus is needed on the day to day activities of the contractor. Complaints have been received about the mud and open holes. The Conservation District has also received complaints. The Engineer and Solicitor have been contacted by the Township. Resident costs are going to be significantly less than first projected.
- 3) A motion was made by Supervisor Covert/2nd Wheeler to pay Requisition #56 in the amount of \$820,707.19.
- 4) A motion was made by Supervisor Wheeler/2nd Covert to accept Keating Township Ordinance #103 – RUS Bond Ordinance for ISSUANCE OF TWO (2) FULLY REGISTERED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES OF 2020, NO. AR-1 AND NO. AR-2, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$6,556,000 ADDITIONALLY, BOND NO. AR-2 IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,962,000. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) CEO position – Resumes have been reviewed by the Supervisors. 3 candidates to be called in for interviews.
- 6) A motion was made by Supervisor Wheeler/2nd Covert to use County Liquid Fuel allocation for aggregates in the amount of \$9,077.47. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) Workforce Solutions has extended the Internship. A motion was made by Supervisor Covert/2nd Wheeler to accept the extension. Covert – Aye, Wheeler – Aye, McClain – Abstain.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Supervisor Covert withdrew his request for resignation with the statement that if anyone expresses interest in the position, he will step down. He would also like to start thinking about having a working supervisor, at least part time.

- 2) There was discussion concerning Kleisath Road. Maintenance of the ditches is needed, either by replacing the pipes or going to open ditching. Homeowners may need to be contacted. Supervisor Covert was contacted by a homeowner who would like to take over a portion of the road. Supervisor Covert would also like the other supervisors to start thinking about extending the sewer system to Kleisath Road.
- 3) Delinquent Accounts –
 - a. A motion was made by Supervisor Covert/2nd McClain to start civil action on Acct #s 4845, 4510, and 4825. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. A motion was made by Supervisor Wheeler/2nd McClain to place a lien on Acct # 1070. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. A motion was made by Supervisor Covert/2nd Wheeler to write off Acct #s 4035, 5810, 4995, and 4635 pending confirmation that all pumps have been pulled. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Workshops – A motion was made by Supervisor Covert/2nd Wheeler to allow Sewer Operator Terry Carlson to attend a 3 contact hour workshop on Nitrification & Denitrification for \$90 and a 3.5 contact hour workshop on Securing Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities for \$105.00. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Assessor's office – None

NEXT MEETING: September 2, 2020 at 6:00 pm
NEXT WORKSHOP September 23, 2020 at 5:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT was heard at 7:49 pm.
Respectfully Submitted, Penny Birosh, Secretary/Treasurer