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Monthly Meeting

June 6th 2024

The Keating Township Supervisors met on June 6th, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Township Building with Chairman David McClain bringing the meeting to order and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Anderson, Herzog, Secretary Rittberg and five (7) township residents attended the meeting.

The Minutes of May 2nd, 2024, board meeting was approved with the motion made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT showed the following bank balances:

	GENERAL FUND	STATE AID	SEWER	Period of	5/2/2024-6/6/2024	
Petty Cash	176.61	-	247.71	General Fund	Receipts	\$ 45,678.78
JVB-Checking	420503.86	2364.58	25,589.09		Expenses	\$ 83,658.05
PLIGT-Savings	602,089.80	357,859.83	573,221.42		Interest Income	\$
PLGIT-Class Hamlin-MM	1,994.94	-			Checks No.	9915-9949
Hamlin - Impact	122,278.40			State Aid	Receipts	\$
Hamlin - Road Bond	709.01				Expenses	\$ -
NWS-Checking		-	11,197.47		Interest Income	\$
Hamlin Checking	169.86				Checks No.	
	\$ 1,153,064	\$ 360,223.58	\$ 609,863.36			
				Sewer	Receipts	\$ 11,220.00
UNPAID EXPENSES	\$ 25,860.75	\$ -	\$ 15,536.16		Expenses	\$ 31,335.90
					Interest Income	\$
					Check No.	4028-4040

A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson, to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried unanimously. By motion of Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson, it was unanimously agreed to pay the bills as listed on the Expense Report for a total of \$41,396.91 including Sewer Expenses of \$15,536.16 and General Expenses of \$25,860.75.

PUBLIC HEARD:

Sam Dibble: Mr. Dibble had some questions and concerns about the Nuisance Ordinance. He had concerns about Compost. His concern was if cow manure was involved within the Ordinance. Supervisor McClain explained how farmers already have to have a Manure Management Plan and that this ordinance does not apply. His other question was about animals. He wanted to be sure that his chickens would be okay how they are. Supervisor McClain explained that this portion of the ordinance is so that no one’s animals become a nuisance to the surrounding neighbors. Therefore, as long as no one is making a complaint about them, they are not considered a nuisance.

John Stratton: Mr. Stratton provided a comment sheet from the Keating Township Citizens Committee to each board member. This list was general comments regarding the Nuisance Ordinance. His main concern was what all applies to farms in the Nuisance Ordinance and what applies to Commercial Businesses as well. He suggested taking out “Unless for resale” in the Ordinance, because it is too ambiguous. His next comment was that Farmers are exempt to these ordinances, accounting to the Farmers Act. Supervisor McClain then explained that since the act is still intact, this does exempt farmers/agriculture for most of this ordinance when it comes to animal and other farming means.

Kevin Hartman: Mr. Hartman suggested a workshop on the Nuisance Ordinance. He then wanted an update on the trailers near his house. Supervisor Anderson explained that there is a warrant our for the landowner’s arrest. He

explained that this is all moving forward and that they got the girl out and into a healthier environment. She got the help she needed and now they can move forward with everything else legal as far as the land. Mr. Hartman then brought up how he is concerned about the asbestos of the dilapidated building near his house and when it gets cleaned up, he would like everyone to be aware.

Brenda Fitch: Mrs. Fitch had concerns about the wording within the Nuisance Ordinance and is willing to attend the Workshop to bring up her concerns with that, for a better understanding. Her next concern is with the Solar Ordinance, she was also concerned of the wording for this ordinance. She was concerned that she would have to get a permit for the Solar Panels to go on the roof of her house. Supervisor McClain explained that unless you have solar panels covers more than 2 acres of land, then this does not apply to you. Mrs. Fitch then suggested that we change the wording of the ordinance for others to understand better.

BIDS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Hamlin Library Report- None
- 2) Smethport Fire Report- (April) 7 Keating Township calls
- 3) Hilltop Fire Report- 4 Total calls for May
- 4) PSATS Report- Raise Rates for government officials
- 5) Bucks Retirement after 41 dedicated years to the Township

ROAD MASTER REPORT: Supervisor Anderson read what the road crew had accomplished in May.

SEWER REPORT: Supervisor McClain read what the sewer accomplished in May.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Purchase of Paver and Pickup Truck: Supervisor McClain discussed the purchase of the paver for \$22,100. The purchase of the Pick-up truck was \$12,000.
- 2) Solar Ordinance: Supervisor McClain explained that if we decide to change any wording of the ordinance, we must readvertise. Brenda Fitch made a comment about the explanation of Solar Farm, she would like it to be broken down more and to be better explained. Jeanne commented back and explained how a Solar Farm or System is anything more than 2 acres, if you are under 2 acres, this ordinance does not apply to you. Supervisor Anderson spoke with Jeanne about changing some of the wording, eliminating some of the sections for a new draft at the upcoming workshop.

Supervisor McClain made a motion to readvertise the Solar Ordinance after all updates are made. Supervisor Herzog 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Nuisance Ordinance: The Supervisors discussed the Nuisance Ordinance with Jeanne as well about updating some of the wording that the township residents were concerned about, taking out a few sections, and also cleaning it up to readvertise after the workshop.

Supervisor Anderson made a motion to have an Ordinance Workshop for June 27th at 5:00 PM. Supervisor Herzog 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4) DCED Multimodal Grant: Supervisor Anderson explained how the DCED has allowed us to combine both our grants to be able to fully fund the Bordell Bridge. Bassett Engineering has started working on this. The extra money is going to be used on Reilly Hollow. We have just shy of \$100,000 to get blacktop to complete the road.
- 5) Ambulance Service: Supervisor Herzog explained how Bradford is going to continue to cover Rew and Hilltop, they have sent us an agreement for \$10,500 to provide their service for the rest of the year. We did not get an agreement from Port, their agreement is to cover the remainder of the township.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Bid for Reilly Hollow Asphalt: Supervisor McClain made a motion to advertise for bid for 2 inch for paving Reilly Hollow. Supervisor Anderson 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Wind Ordinance: Supervisor McClain explained the intent of the Wind Ordinance, is that we are putting this in place to be proactive and that this is specifically for a commercial size. Supervisor Anderson explained how this Wind Ordinance is a model from PSATs that other Municipalities are using throughout the state. Kevin Hartman commented about the sound. He is concerned about the neighboring surroundings dealing with the “flicker” and the noise, with the noise being constant. He discussed changing some of the wording in this as well. Supervisor McClain suggested that we include the Wind Ordinance in the workshop and we will update and advertise after the workshop.
- 3) Tires for #38 Ford Dump Truck: Supervisor McClain suggested to get 3 quotes and take the best price. Supervisor McClain made a motion to buy new tires for the Ford Dump truck, KT #38. Supervisor Anderson 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Advertise for Old Paver and Roller: Supervisor Anderson discussed the conditions of the Paver and Roller and suggested doing an ad on Municibid and in the paper. Supervisor McClain made a motion to advertise the Paver and the Roller in Municibid and in the Paper. Supervisor Anderson 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Valley Crossroads Bridge Signage: Supervisor Anderson spoke with a DOT officer. He said that they suggested to get a large signage before or after the railroad tracks. This way the trucks have a place to turn around and are more likely to see the sign. Supervisor McClain made a motion to purchase new signage for Valley Crossroads Bridge. Supervisor Anderson 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Trainings/Classes for Secretary: Supervisor McClain made a motion to pick 3 webinars on PSATS and to research classes to take in accounting. Supervisor Anderson 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1) Workshop- June 27th 2024 at 5 P.M.
- 2) Assessor’s Office

- 3) **NEXT MEETING:** will be held on July 11th 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Township Building.
- 4) **NEXT WORKSHOP:** will be held on June 27th, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the Township Building.
- 5) **ADJOURNMENT:** was heard at 7:33 PM

Respectfully submitted, Taylor Rittberg, Secretary/Treasurer