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**Monthly Meeting**

**July 5, 2023**

The Keating Township Supervisors met on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 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, Spittler, Secretary Bowser and seven (7) township residents attended the meeting.

The Minutes of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 was unanimously approved with corrections and addition of attach sewer and road master reports and motioned by Supervisor McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Spittler.

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

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>STATE AID</b>	<b>SEWER</b>	Period of	<b>06/01/2023-06/30/2023</b>	
Petty Cash	211.74	-	190.74	General Fund	Receipts	\$ 77,539.45
Hamlin-Checking	522,865.00	1,000.69	23,444.80		Expenses	\$ 84,696.22
PLIGT-Savings	516,917.15	384,566.38	588,679.30		Interest Incom	\$ 2,499.20
Hamlin-MM	1,991.62	-			Checks No.	9553-9586
Hamlin - Impact	121,870.73			State Aid	Receipts	\$ -
Hamlin - Road Bond	95,013.24				Expenses	\$ 10,238.32
NWS-Checking		-	59,996.98		Interest Incom	\$ 1,666.60
	\$ 1,258,869.48	\$ 385,567.07	\$ 672,311.82		Checks No.	3342-3343
				Sewer	Receipts	\$ 9,641.00
UNPAID EXPENSES	\$ 43,801.51	\$ -	\$ 5,041.02		Expenses	\$ 18,963.06
ACH Bills	\$ 689.88	\$ -	\$ 5,046.00		Interest Incom	\$ 2,336.33
					Check No.	3783-3799

A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Spittler, to accept the Treasurer’s Report, pending audit. Motion carried unanimously. By motion of Supervisor McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson, it was unanimously agreed to pay the bills as listed on the Expense Report with the exception of Swanson Fabrication pending approval from the bridge inspector for a total of \$48,842.53, including Sewer Expenses of \$5,041.02.

**PUBLIC HEARD:** Kevin Hartman was inquiring if there had been any updates on the Raymond Walters’s property. Kevin stated that the people staying there have a generator that they run 24/7. With that, Kevin inquired about a noise ordinance. Supervisor McClain stated that the decibel level of the generator is way under the noise ordinance decibels. Kevin also stated he was going to contact DEP regarding their sewer because he does not see them take anything out to be dumped. We were able to give Kevin the phone number for Todd Fantasky the SEO.

**ROADMASTER REPORT:** Supervisor McClain read what the road crew had accomplished in June. Report attached.

**SEWER REPORT:** Supervisor McClain read what the sewer operator had accomplished in June. Report attached.

**BIDS: 1400 Tons #1B AASHTO for Road Projects**

A motion by Supervisor McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson to accept Hawbaker for 1400 T #1B AASHTO stone for \$27.69/T pending Road Master’s approval. Motion carried unanimously. Other bids were Gernatt at \$29.09. Wurm Earthworks at \$42.40. IA for \$29.00.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Hamlin Library Report
- 2) Fire Dept. report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Supervisor McClain let the public know that the Valley Cross Road bridge has a new member and that the repair is complete. Supervisor McClain also state that the bridge inspector will be here within the week to hopefully give us the nod to reopen the bridge. Supervisor Spittler inquired about the barriers and Supervisor McClain stated that the crew will have to go down with a loader to move them out of the way and bring them back to the shop.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Supervisor McClain explained that we were going to investigate an ordinance that keeps public and state agencies from gather land without doing a switch-off. This will help Keating Township maintain a tax base. Supervisor McClain stated that we have asked our Solicitor to investigate it and let us know. There have been questions sent to the commissioners and are waiting to hear back from them.
- 2) Supervisor McClain brought a possible solution to try to help alleviate the stress on the sewer personnel with after hour call outs by giving the responsibility of the grinder pumps to the land owners. During the discussion it was quickly decided by doing that, it was not a good solution to the problem. There were two other solutions that was discussed. A more detailed documentation of when and why the grinder pumps are being replaced. Those that have multiple issues due to putting things down the drain that they are not supposed to will eventually be charged for the repair/replacement after multiple service calls. If it is normal wear and tear, those will be serviced as normal by the township at no charge. There was also discussion on trying to implement a way to better receive emergency calls after hours.
- 3) A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson to accept Bassett Engineering to apply for a multimodal grant for some of our bridges for a small fee. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) A motion was made by Supervisor Spittler/2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson to provide a letter for the Tractor Parade. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Supervisor McClain stated for Act 13 Impact fees, we received \$34,244.82.
- 6) The supervisors tabled the quote from RJ Lawncare taking care of the WWI memorial. They wanted to have more clarification on what the quote fully covers.
- 7) A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson to move payday from Thursday to Friday. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8) Assessor's Office – None
- 9) A motion was made by Supervisor Anderson/2<sup>nd</sup> McClain to add discussion on the Asphalt Grinder. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10) A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson to pay Asphalt Zipper before the next meeting after the check has been deposited. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11) Workshop – None
- 12) John Stratton inquired about the bolts on the valley bridge. He stated that he was under the impression that they were going to try to use bolts that looked like rivets and not hex bolts. Supervisor McClain stated that is going to be the intent when the rehab project gets underway. Supervisor McClain also stated that the work that has been done has been approved by all the necessary authorities. John questioned that he thought the bolts looking like rivets was built into the engineering plans for the repair. Supervisor Anderson stated that there was discussion of it, but unfortunately no one does bolts and they could not find ones to match the existing bolts. Supervisor McClain also stated that in doing that, it would have been way over the bid. John also inquired about

the Asphalt Zipper and thought that it was on some special low interest loan from the company itself. Supervisor McClain stated that they had a low interest loan, and we found a lower interest loan. John wanted to give his input on the grinder pumps. He believes that the average home owner does not have the skills necessary or interest to fix the pumps. He stated that when the citizens group was active during the beginning stages of the project that they were told the maintenance would be done by the township since this was not a gravity system and be no concern to the average home owner. He stated that we should be harder on the repeat offenders. Supervisor McClain stated that if they knew of anyone that was willing to take that job on and carry a phone 24/7 365 days a year to get called out after hours to repair the pump, to let us know. John also stated that if we spoke with the engineers since they were the ones stating that the grinders were the way to go. It was mentioned that back when this was in the planning phase that the employment pool was a lot bigger than what we are looking at now. John stated that maybe a solution would be to have a contractor or some group that would be willing to be called out after hours to do a repair keeping the homeowner out of it. Supervisor McClain stated that might be the second avenue.

- 13) Emery Gallop asked if Jane Ware Road has been tarred and chipped yet. Supervisor Anderson stated that they will do all the roads that they grind at once with the tar and chips. Emery inquired about the excavator that we bought and then got a grant for a new one, he wondered if that had been put out for bid since we do not need 2 of them. Supervisor McClain stated that we were not going to do anything like that until we receive the one, we ordered from the grant and are currently using the one we own. Emery also stated that his neighbor next door passed and feels that we are not going to receive our monies. Secretary Bowser stated that she had spoken with his son that morning and he will paying his total past due balance next week.
- 14) Kevin Hartman also stated that with the grinder pumps that it was their understanding that they were going to be maintained by the Township. He feels that we should go after the ones that are misusing the system. He feels that having a contractor do the work is a better system.
- 15) Bill Gross also agrees with Kevin Hartman and having a contractor do the repairs on the grinders instead of putting it on the homeowners. Bill also inquired that now the valley bridge was open, what were the plans for the road. Supervisor McClain stated that plans are in effect to do something with the East Valley side and that the Township needs to have a big conversation with the refinery for the other side of the road and what they should possibly do also. Bill stated that on the other side of the bridge there is a bid drop off where water washed away on the refinery side. Supervisor McClain stated that we needed to get in touch with someone from the refinery to discuss a safe depth and access.
- 16) Marla McKiernan wanted to say a thank you to the workers for the job they did on Kent Hollow with the milings.
- 17) **NEXT WORKSHOP:** will be held on September 20, 2023, at 5:00 pm in the Township Building.
- 18) **NEXT MEETING:** will be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the Township Building.
- 19) **ADJOURNMENT:** was heard at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Trudi Bowser, Secretary/Treasurer