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**Monthly Meeting**  
**April 6, 2022**

The Keating Township Supervisors met on April 6, 2022, in the Township Building with Vice-Chairman John Anderson bringing the meeting to order and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Spittler, Secretary/Treasurer Bowser and eighteen (18) township residents attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the Mar 2, 2022, Monthly meeting were unanimously approved by motion of Anderson/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 02/1/22 to 02/28/22		
Petty Cash	279.27	-	191.17	General Fund	Receipts	\$ 56,988.83
Hamlin-Checking	284,189.89	2,428.37	52,859.05		Expenses	\$ 46,983.75
PLIGT-Savings	589,729.67	332,672.72	521,458.64		Interest Incom	\$ 331.73
Hamlin-MM	1,985.42	-			Checks No.	9164-9188
Hamlin - Impact	121,111.98			State Aid	Receipts	\$ 182,206.74
Hamlin - Road Bond	128,818.16				Expenses	\$ 12,038.11
NWS-Checking		-	57,180.75		Interest Incom	\$ 10.84
	\$ 1,126,114.39	\$ 335,101.09	\$ 631,689.61		Checks No.	3306-3307
				Sewer	Receipts	\$ 8,633.00
UNPAID EXPENSES	\$ 15,545.64	\$ -	\$ 15,723.51		Expenses	\$ 195,238.43
					Interest Incom	\$ 156.86
					Check No.	3537-3550

A motion was made by Supervisor Anderson/2<sup>nd</sup> Spittler, to accept the Treasurer’s Report, pending audit. Motion carried unanimously. By motion of Supervisor Anderson/2<sup>nd</sup> Spittler, it was unanimously agreed to pay the bills as listed on the Expense Report for a total of \$31269.15 including Sewer Expenses of \$15723.51.

**PUBLIC HEARD:**

Paul Schoolmaster with the Scout Camp asked that if the scout camp gets shut down and the only ones staying there are he and his wife in the lodge will that affect the EDU’s. Mr. Schoolmaster did state that there will be campers on site, but they will be using latrines and not the bathrooms. Supervisor Anderson stated that the EDU’s will be affected, and that Mr. Schoolmaster is to give us something in writing in May stating that they are shutting down. Marla McKiernan inquired what the Railroad Lease was about. The Secretary explained that it is for the Township to have the sewer line going under the tracks.

Jerry Kohler had stated that his neighbor on Pithole Road has too much junk and that it makes his house look bad. Mr. Kohler stated that he would like something to be done about it that it is ridiculous. Supervisor Spittler stated that he would talk to the resident and that with him being the Code Enforcement Officer that he will take some pictures and there possibly could levy a fine and taken to Judge Todd. In that case Judge Todd will give a set time frame to have cleaned up. Then Mr. Kohler had inquired about the road and wondered when it was going to get paved. Supervisor Anderson stated that they were going to put a layer of tar and chip on it and Mr. Kohler stated that it was a waste and that that road has only been paved once in 65 years. Supervisor Anderson stated that the Township has about 50 miles of road and the budget to only be able to pave 1 to 2 miles a year. Mr. Kohler was stating that nobody wants to road tared and chipped because he states makes it worse and makes the road unsafe. Supervisor Anderson stated that the public was more than welcome to come to the workshops that we talk about the budget in and give some input.

**BIDS: Sewer Truck Proposals**

A motion by Supervisor Spittler/2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson to accept Gary Miller Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Inc. for \$50,246.00 pending still on the lot. Motion carried unanimously. Other bids were: Humes Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram - \$58,173.00.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Supervisor Anderson went over the March PSATS news bulletin and the March and April Hamlin Library Report. Supervisor Anderson also stated that there is a Repository Sale on Ventures Drive. A motion by Supervisor Spittler/2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson to decline the sale and make the person bid the base bid of \$250.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Supervisor Anderson let the public know that we had sent a letter of support for Majestic Trails to get a grant. One of the stipulations was that Majestic Trails works with the Township on the noise and they have a representative from Majestic Trails come to the monthly meetings from April until October. Jeff Chesebro's question was what was going to be done about it if it was going to be quieted down or not. Mr. Chesebro stated that a couple of weeks ago it wasn't handled very well. Supervisor Anderson inquired how often is it loud and Mr. Chesebro stated that it is every weekend. Mr. Chesebro went to explain what has been happening stating that once people found out who called to complain about the noise that now they will be out in front of his house at 9 pm and rev their engines. Mr. Chesebro went onto state that the noise is happening a lot more in the neighborhood because it was told that he was the one making the complaint. Mr. Chesebro went on to state that if this keeps happening it will then go to the State. There was then a lot of discussions back and forth between Mr. Chesebro and Majestic Trails regarding what can be done to try to eliminate the complaints. Mr. Chesebro states that if they have a stock exhaust, there's minimal noise. All he wants is them to have the stock exhaust. A few of the residents were arguing that Mr. Chesebro had called the cops on them, when Supervisor Anderson asked if they police had visited the resident, he stated no, then the question that arose was "how did you know" and the resident stated that was what he had heard. Supervisor Anderson stated that the ordinance states that at up to 9 pm the decibel level is at 70 dbcls, which is on the edge of the property. The ordinance also states that there can be no activity that infringes on the use of the residence that causes a nuisance to the resident. It had been determined that there seems to be two different issues with noise complaints. Supervisor Anderson stated to at least have some respect until you get away from the residents. Supervisor Anderson let Brenda Fitch speak on behalf of Majestic Trails. Ms. Fitch feels that all the trouble started when a person with a group ended up hitting the trails from the tank yard at full throttle. When that person came back down, he was told they cannot do that again. Brenda stated that if any of the neighbors have a noise complaint that they are to call her, and she will take care of it. All the residents that were present accepted this decision.
- 2) The Majestic Trails noise issue was discussed. Some of the residents were just complaining about the noise and ATV's and UTV's riding on Route 46. Those residents were told that they are to contact the State Police since Route 46 is a state highway and not a township road.
- 3) Supervisor Anderson let the public know that the Smethport Disposal Stickers was increasing effective immediately by 50 cents. The monthly charge of \$16.50 was not affected.
- 4) Supervisor Anderson let the public know that the engineer working on the Valley Crossroad Bridge has submitted the permit application from DEP.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) The supervisors tabled the ballfield improvements until next meeting.
- 2) A motion was made by Supervisor Spittler/2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson to accept the subdivision of the Vangorder Family. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) A motion was made by Supervisor Spittler/2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson to move the State PLGIT monies into a PLGIT Prime Account. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) A motion was made by Supervisor Anderson/2<sup>nd</sup> Spittler to add the auditors report to the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Joe Irons gave the 2021 Auditors report and stated there were no findings.
- 6) Workshops ~ none
- 7) Assessor's Office ~ 11 changes with an increase of \$11,010.
- 8) **NEXT WORKSHOP:** September 21, 2022 at 5pm.
- 9) **NEXT MEETING:** May 4, 2022 at 6pm in the Township Building.
- 10) **ADJOURNMENT:** was heard at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Trudi Bowser, Secretary/Treasurer