

The Keating Township Supervisors met on March 4, 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 and ten (13) township residents attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the February 5, 2020 Monthly meeting, and the Workshop of February 19, 2020 were unanimously approved by motion of Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> Wheeler.

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

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>STATE AID</b>	<b>SEWER</b>	Period of	<b>2/1/2020 - 2/29/2020</b>	
Petty Cash	119.80		409.36	General Fund	Receipts	\$ 545,806.64
Hamlin-Checking	48,953.49	205,782.16	23,243.75		Expenses	\$ 23,944.73
PLIGT-Savings	587,013.22	134,091.77	586,908.43		Interest Incom	\$ 1,532.81
Hamlin-MM	1,973.85				Checks No.	8500-8527
Hamlin - Impact	94,435.82			State Aid	Receipts	\$ -
Hamlin - Road Bond	608,160.88				Expenses	\$ 10,712.31
NWS-Checking			27,187.46		Interest Incom	\$ 190.49
					Checks No.	3235-3236
	\$ 1,340,657.06	\$ 339,873.93	\$ 637,749.00	Sewer	Receipts	\$ 122,117.97
					Expenses	\$ 121,782.58
UNPAID EXPENSES	\$ 46,297.64	\$ 205.20	\$ 19,084.72		Interest Incom	\$ 1,701.99
PAID EXPENSES	NONE	NONE	NONE		Check No.	3151-3166

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

By motion of Supervisor Covert/2<sup>nd</sup> Wheeler, it was unanimously agreed to pay the bills as listed on the Expense Report for a total of \$68,216.11, including sewer expense of \$30,113.05.

**PUBLIC HEARD:**

Mr. Mick Weimer asked if there would be classes for grinder pump installation for Phase III residents. The supervisors confirmed that there will be classes and they will be advertised. Mr. Weimer also asked about the process to have a property removed from the list for receiving a sewer tap during the Phase III construction. The supervisors told him that there is a process that they could go over with him.

Ms. Gayle Tarbox stated her concern about the repairs needed on Fairground Road. Ms. Tarbox asked about the procedure required to obtain information about road bonds. The supervisors explained the Right-to-know policy. Ms. Tarbox also asked about Right of Ways on Aqua Drive. The supervisors stated that the township does not get involved in civil matters. They suggested that she start at the courthouse.

Mr. John Stratton stated that the road conditions on East Valley Road had reduced the traffic by about 75%. He also commented on his opinion of the Right-to-know policy. The effectiveness of the DSA patching was also discussed.

Mrs. John Stratton asked if there was any way to get the Refinery to help fix the road. Supervisor McClain stated that the township will try to engage the refinery. Mrs. Stratton also asked if the township could use any help in searching for grants for road work. Supervisors said that we would be willing to look at anything anyone found. They also stated that the township is always looking for more grant money to stretch our funds.

Mr. Joe Irons commented that the work currently being done on the road is making a difference. Supervisors spoke of the intent to continue with the work as weather permits.

**BIDS:**

- 1) A motion was made by Supervisor Covert/2nd Wheeler, to rescind the February 5, 2020 motion to advertised the Bordell Road/East Valley Road grind project for bid. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 2) The Smethport Fire Department's 2019 Annual Report and February, 2020 monthly were received.
- 3) McKean County Primary Elections will be held April 28, 2020.
- 4) The February 2020 PSATS News Bulletin was received.
- 5) National Fuel will be doing modernization of a portion of their pipeline system.
- 6) The Hamlin Library Report for February, 2020 was received.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Supervisor McClain went over the Phase III update indicating that Konzel Construction has begun work and that there will be a preconstruction meeting held here at the Township tomorrow, March 5, 2020.
- 2) A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Wheeler to appoint Secretary Penny Birosh as the voting delegate at the PSATS Conference in Hershey. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) The liquid fuels allocation deposit in the amount of \$204,112.90 was received on March 2, 2020.
- 2) A motion was made by supervisor McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Covert to pay of Northwest Bank loan for the John Deere loader in the amount of \$43,065.00. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) It was decided that no one from Keating Township will be attending the McKean County Association of Township Officials' banquet to be held at the Port Allegany Veteran's Club on May 15, 2020.
- 4) There was discussion about possible alteration of Keating Township ordinances on driveways, right of way, and excess weight limits. It was decided that the matter needs more discussion.
- 5) A possible ordinance to declare Keating Township as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuary will be considered. It was suggested that the idea be posted on the website for residents to comment.
- 6) Supervisors agreed that they would like to create an ordinance to allow the Fire Department to bill insurance companies for service calls. A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Covert to forward samples of ordinances to the solicitor so that a draft can be drawn up. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Covert to approve the Victor & Kristin Palacios subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8) Assessor's office – none.

NEXT MEETING: April 1, 2020  
NEXT WORKSHOP September 23, 2020

ADJOURNMENT 7:06PM