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**Monthly Meeting**

**April 4, 2024**

The Keating Township Supervisors met on April 4, 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 nineteen (19) township residents attended the meeting.

The Minutes of March 7th, 2024, board meeting was approved with the motion made by Supervisor McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson.

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

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>STATE AID</b>	<b>SEWER</b>	Period of 03/08/2024 to 04/04/2024		
Petty Cash	176.61	-	247.71	General Fund	Receipts	\$ 3774.87
JVB-Checking	362,181.64	2,390.99	9540.58		Expenses	\$ 29,345.58
PLIGT-Savings	602,089.80	361,205.91	555,879		Interest Income	\$
PLGIT-Class Hamlin-MM	1,994.94	-			Checks No.	9854-9879
Hamlin - Impact	122,278.40			State Aid	Receipts	\$
Hamlin - Road Bond	709.01				Expenses	\$ -
NWS-Checking		-	11724.00		Interest Income	\$
Hamlin Checking	11938.14	-	807.67		Checks No.	
	\$ 1,101,368.54	\$ 363,596.90	\$ 578,199.85			
UNPAID EXPENSES	\$ 8,544.60	\$ -	\$ 18,771.60	Sewer	Receipts	\$ 82,499.79
					Expenses	\$ 205,837.47
					Interest Income	\$ 119.73
					Check No.	3954-4015

A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson, to accept the Treasurer’s Report. 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 for a total of \$27,316.20 including Sewer Expenses of \$18,771.60 and General Expenses of \$8,544.60.

**PUBLIC HEARD:**

John Stratton- wanted to make a comment on the nuisance ordinance, stating that the draft is a great place to start for our township as we develop, with some minor revisions. Supervisor McClain discussed having a future ordinance workshop, which will be announced for a future date.

Tama Fitzsimmons- Tama spoke for the Cyclone residents who attended the meeting. She spoke to the opposition to the Catalyst Injection Well for Cyclone, PA and all the major concerns of the residents. Brought up concerns about possible contamination of residents’ water supply, streams, wetlands, wildlife habitats, traffic, noise, and air pollution, decrease property value, and possible leaking of chemicals into their environment and water supply.

Kevin Hartman- Was inquiring about updates on Route 646 campers. Supervisor Anderson responded with a follow up within the week and to give him an update.

Cindi Johnson- Inquired about wanting support from the Township Board for the position that Cyclone Residents have been put in. Supervisor Anderson responded by offering them any documents they many need and that they have the support of the township board.

**BIDS:** Chip Stone – 2 Bids were placed. Hawbaker placed a bid for \$36,302 and IA Construction Corporation placed a bid for \$35,000 A motion was made by Supervisor Anderson/2<sup>nd</sup> McClain to accept the bid from IA Construction Corporation. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Hamlin Library Report
- 2) Smethport Fire Report- 12 Calls in March
- 3) Hilltop Fire Report- 5 Calls in March
- 4) DEP Well Application Catalyst
- 5) PSATS Report

**ROAD MASTER REPORT:** Supervisor Anderson read what the road crew had accomplished in March. Report attached.

**SEWER REPORT:** Supervisor McClain read what the sewer accomplished in March. Report attached.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Ambulance Service- Resignation of ambulance service from Phoenix. Tim Crandall offered EMS coverage to Keating Township.
- 2) Excavator Muncibid- Bid was not accepted for \$62,000- Advertise to people of interest. Supervisor McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson to advertise to past bidders on the excavator. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Hilltop Water Project Kickoff- Supervisor Anderson discussed that Larson Design Group came up with a new plan to kick start the water project building a new plant, where the township will then take over the plant. Gayle Tarbox had comments about the water project with concerns of the cost and function of the plant itself. Supervisor Anderson responded by discussing in-depth the plans of LDG engineers and keeping the water bill the same price.  
Tama Fitzsimmons- asked if the water would have to be mandated for everyone on the hill, stating how they are not interested in the water supply to their homes, but did comment to say that it will be great for others in Cyclone. Supervisor McClain explained that it would not be feasible to do the Water Project, without everyone hooking up to the service. Supervisor Anderson then responded with the future plans and meetings for the water project and that there will be meetings to formulate any plans with the public.
- 4) Multimodal Bordell Road Bridge Grant
- 5) Multimodal Reilly Hollow Grant

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Supervisor McClain read the Resignation of Secretary/Treasurer Trudi Bowser on 3/27. Supervisor McClain/2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson to accept the Resignation of Secretary/Treasurer Trudi Bowser on 3/27. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) A motion was made by Supervisor Anderson/2<sup>nd</sup> McClain Appointed a new Secretary/Treasurer Taylor Rittberg. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson to accept Resolution 2024-J Add Taylor Rittberg to JVB. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson to accept Resolution 2024-K Add Taylor Rittberg to NW. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson to accept Resolution 2024-L Add Taylor Rittberg to Hamlin. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6) Audit Report- Auditors Barnish and Burt present the audit and report that the books have been balanced and is ready to be reported to the state for an official Audit.
- 7) HSA Employee Contribution – Clarified the townships contribution to employees’ HSA of 75%. Supervisors discussed making a future resolution for the contribution when it renews this coming fall. Supervisor McClain suggested bringing our Insurance Rep into the office for future contributions and to be sure it is correct.
- 8) Guidelines for future Municibid Purchases- Supervisor Anderson and Supervisor McClain would like to suggest we put a list together and present it at a meeting, then the public would know what we were doing, and we could bid on it without having to wait for the next meeting.
- 9) A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Anderson to purchase a water pump. Motion was carried unanimously.
- 10) Workshop-None
- 11) Assessor’s Office
- 12) Denny Johnson- Made further comments about the Injection Well. Mentioned that it is not just the Injection Well itself, but the dangers of the pressures of the well and the dangers of it being so close to the homes surrounding the well. Mechanical Integrity test concerns. Hazardous waste concerns. Concerns about if something happens in the night when the Well is unattended. Concerns about road safety. Supervisor McClain explained that they will do what they can do to keep everyone updated, are here for them, that they are here to give them any documents they may need, for them to just ask.
- 13) Emery- Asked about grants for Piece Brook and Stuckles. Supervisor Anderson explained that there is money out there for townships to expand the sewer and that the grant applications are due by the end of May.
- 14) John Stratton- Wanted further explanation of the cost of the upcoming ambulance service if we were to be charged. Supervisor Herzog explained that it would be \$78,000/year for services and discussed possible future plans for services and potentially having more than one Municipality.
  
- 15) **NEXT MEETING:** will be held on May 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Township Building.
- 16) **NEXT WORKSHOP:** will be held on September 19, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the Township Building.
- 17) **ADJOURNMENT:** was heard at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Taylor Rittberg, Secretary/Treasurer