

The Keating Township Supervisors met on September 10th, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the Township Building with Supv Doug Covert bringing the Special Meeting to order and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor McClain, Supervisor Wheeler, Sec’y Smith and four (4) township residents attended the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARD:

1. Rob Eaton, from Duffy, Inc. has some concerns on Prospect Road project. The bid was to go by the Publication 408, along with an E & S Plan that needs to be approved by DEP and Conservation District. Duffy, Inc. has a licensed pit that has the correct permits, licenses, bonds and employee training. Mr. Eaton does not think it’s right to award the contract to a company who is doing something half way and getting around the cost of the permits, licenses and bonds for the pit.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Supv Covert has some concerns about Prospect Road project. Supv Covert had Sec-Tres confirm with Conservation District that there would be enough grant money to pay the difference if the 2nd bidder was awarded the contract. Dean Construction asked the Twp to enter into an agreement with a foreign borrow pit landowner on Prospect Hill to allow an open borrow pit. Originally Dean Construction was going to do the agreement with Prospect Hill landowner but DEP would not allow that because the material was being place on a Twp road. By entering into an agreement with landowner, Twp would have the liability and additional lawyer cost that would not typical be with a licensed pit. Supv Covert definitely would like to give Dean Construction the opportunity to perform the work for the Twp, but certainly does not want to open any liability to the Twp. Supv Covert tried reaching Twp Solicitor before the meeting to get his comments on the situation, but he was unavailable. Supv McClain, stated were coming up on the dead line that was given by the Conservation District to have the project completed. Supv McClain does not think we have enough time to cover all the bases with pursuing the agreement, receiving DEP approval and then seeing what the actual material is like once the pit is opened up. He thinks there two many variables to move on with their bid. Once the private pit is opened on Prospect Hill the Conservation District still has approval of the material. Supv Wheeler doesn’t like the fact that they are receiving free stone to place on the project. Supv Covert is also worried about the DEP exemption time frame, it could take up too 2 weeks and even still there could be permit paperwork to completed after that. Supv Covert motioned to suspended the award to Dean Construction LLC for Prospect Road Improvement Project and consider the alternate bidder of Duffy Inc. Supv Wheeler 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) A motion by Supv Covert/2nd Wheeler to mail sewer tap-in connection waivers to Account No. 5290, 4020 and 5205. Two of these accounts do not have structures on the properties and the other one does not have a working bathroom in their building per Supv Covert. The sewer taps will be buried and when the account wants to connect to the system they will pay the difference of the current sewer tap in and what they have paid to date on their account. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Supervisor's Roundtable

- a. Supv Covert would like to possibly appointed another solicitor to help with other items that come thru the office to help stream line things faster. Currently we have about 5-6 items that need addressed. Supv Covert would also like him to concentrate on just the sewer project.
- b. Supv McClain would like to see more information on fabric road pavement. It's a fabric that you place in between asphalt to bond the membrane.
- c. Supv Covert expressed that we need to start looking for a loader. Yesterday, an employee was soaked with hydraulic fluid and could have been extremely hurt if the oil was hot. It came up thru the floor of the loader. Supv Covert certainly wants to keep a truck on top of the upgraded equipment list.

Adjournment was heard at 5:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Jo Smith, Secretary-Treasurer