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Monthly Meeting
March 11th 2026

The Keating Township Supervisors met on March 11th, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Township Building with Chairman McClain bringing the meeting to order and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Anderson, Supervisor Herzog, Secretary/Treasurer Rittberg and five township residents attended the meeting.

The Minutes of February 11th, 2026 board meeting were approved with the motion made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT showed the following bank balances:

ACCOUNTS	GENERAL FUND	STATE AID	SEWER	WATER FUND	Period of	2/12/2026-3/11/2026	
Petty Cash	4.40		14.56		General Fund	Receipts	$ 78,241.53
JVB-Checking	156,875.14	190,509.82	184,752.40			Expenses	$ 62,859.04
PLIGT-Savings	277,856.24	122,012.03	467,867.09				
PLGIT-Class	4,591.35						
Hamlin-MM	1,999.90	-				Checks No.	10689-10703
Hamlin Checking	1,288.52				State Aid	Receipts	$ 185,654.94
Hamlin - Road Bond						Expenses	$ 2970.96
NWS-Checking		-	33,642.01				
KTMA- Water Fund				51,415.80		Checks No.	3439-3447
					Sewer	Receipts	$ 38,790.44
						Expenses	$ 32,118.12
						Check No.	4366-4375
						Receipts	
					Water	Expenses	13120.55
						Check No.	10081-10090
UNPAID EXPENSES	$ 12,028.74	$ 3,042.61	$ 2,581.24	$5,999.62			

A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously. By motion of Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson, it was unanimously agreed to pay the bills as listed on the Expense Report for a total of $23,652.21 including Sewer Expenses of $2,581.24, State Aid Expenses of $3,042.61, General Expenses of $12,028.74 and Water Expense of $5,999.62.

PUBLIC HEARD:
John Stratton: Mr. Stratton brought picture evidence of a property in Keating Township, which Supervisors identified as 260 Champlin Hill Road from the picture evidence that John put on the Supervisors table, due to the lack of attention to the property, by the property owners. He mentioned the broken-down cars and garbage from one end to the other. Supervisor McClain asked him if he came in and filed a complaint? Stratton said that he has talked to over 30 Keating Township residents and that they do not feel comfortable coming in and filing a complaint, because if it goes to court then their names will not be redacted. Supervisor Anderson said that if we did not use the complaint form as the first step, then we would have to hire someone to drive around to keep track and file for every property that has an infraction, which we do not want to do. Stratton asked why we would need to do that, when someone brings evidence in like something he brought in, and then the code enforcement officer can get something started. He asked

the supervisors to take action to get this property taken care of. Supervisor Anderson then explained that we cannot go around the township and pick out properties one by one, and that if we did that on the way to this property in question alone, there would be 20-30 properties that would be getting citations. He asked if Stratton thinks we should stop fixing roads to do this work instead? Stratton again asked how we would take care of things like this. (Pointing to his evidence). Stratton kept mentioning that the Supervisors are protected, Supervisor McClain said "No, we are residents just like you." Stratton said, "you have the law behind you." Supervisor Anderson said, that is not the problem, the problem is that we cannot just pick one, we would have to go out that back road and write a citation to anyone that has a house falling, old cars, garbage and more to every single property on the way to this one. Stratton said, "why do you think you need to do that? Why can't you focus your attention on the most egregious ones?" Supervisor McClain replied saying "Because then when it does go to court, they can bring pictures of every other property on their road with the same things and complain about how they are getting picked out of a crowd, when there are others just like theirs. If we at least have someone to complain, it helps elevate it." Supervisor McClain then explained that if there is a Keating Township resident that has a formal complaint about another resident's property, they need to come in and file a formal complaint and sign it, but that the formal complaint will be anonymous. This is the first step in our ordinance. Stratton said that residents are going to want to complain but not want it to be "official" and you cannot accept those. So, there is going to be no way that we can address these sorts of things, with that attitude. Supervisor McClain said "Who has the attitude? The Resident that wants something done, that is not willing to do it?" Stratton then asked if there was a way we could hire a part-time police officer to go around the township and start writing citations to the property owners who are violating the nuisance ordinance. Supervisor McClain replied saying "do you believe our roads are good enough right now? That we should be spending the money to hire a police officer to regulate this, rather than spending the money on the roads?" Supervisor Anderson explained that when these forms do get filed, the residents will end up just paying the fine and still do not take care of their properties. He continued explaining that we don't have as many teeth in this game as others think. Supervisor McClain said it would be much easier if someone just filed the paperwork. Stratton mentioned again that he talked to 30 different residents that said they would not be willing to do so. Supervisor Anderson then said "John, in all the years I have been doing this, one of the things that really bothers me, is everybody wants someone to do something about something, but they don't want to be that somebody. All you have to do is fill out a form to have this move forward and you say 'absolutely not' I am not going to put pen to paper to move forward with this. Supervisor McClain explained that it does not take time to come to a meeting on a Wednesday night to talk about this, that it would have been taken care of Monday through Friday in the office and someone could have walked in here with that reasonable complaint and it could have already been taken care of. Supervisor Anderson then said, if you would like to start a blite committee of 5 people, the township would greatly appreciate the committee. He asked Stratton if he had 5 people that would want to sit on that committee and condemn their neighbors' properties, when we cannot even get someone to put their name on a piece of paper. Stratton finished by saying "I just pity the neighboring houses, because if they ever had to sell, no one wants to buy a house next to a junk yard. Until we get zoning, which is generations down, I guess we are destined to have many of our properties continue to deteriorate."

Corky Hall- Mr. Hall is looking to get an exemption from using our current SEO officer and he would like to outsource to another SEO Officer. He said he has worked with our current SEO in the past and did not have such luck, that he thinks he is a "crook" and found someone he has worked with before and would like to choose his own. Supervisor Anderson said he would speak to our solicitor to see if she can work something up and if we are allowed to grant the exemption and that if we are, we will give him a call as soon as we hear back.

Deyarmin: Mr. Deyarmin wanted to know about the 35 MPH signs by his house and if the state was the ones who needed to add more of the MPH signs. Supervisor Anderson explained that they have moved them and it is our responsibility to provide the signs, but they place them. He then wanted to know about the brake retarder signs and if that got approved. Supervisor Anderson said that it did get approved and we are just waiting for the sign to come in.

Mrs. Deyarmin wanted to bring to the Supervisors the projected Solar Projects that are to be coming to Keating Township. She provided a few print outs for the Supervisors. These had a map of a project that is in the works and then she also provided a breakdown of the differences between Keating Township's Solar Ordinance and Norwich Townships Solar ordinance, stating that Norwich's Ordinance is still holding up in court, currently. She had some more questions for the Solar and Wind Ordinances, but Supervisor McClain stated that we will be talking/covering most of those in the ordinances in New Business on the agenda.

BIDS: 1)

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) Hamlin Library Report
2) Smethport Fire Report
3) Hilltop Fire Report
4) PSATS Report-
5) Subdivision- A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson to approve the subdivision for McKeirnan. Motion carried unanimously.
   A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson to approve the subdivision for Gregory. Motion was carried unanimously.
6) Dave's Retirement after 30 Years. Supervisor McClain announced David Vosslers retirement after 30 years of faithful service to the township. He mentioned the little celebration we threw for him as a township. Supervisor Anderson explained how Vossler will be greatly missed.
7) Section 504 Grievance Procedure-USDA. A Motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson to approve the Section 504 Grievance Procedure for the USDA. Motion carried unanimously.

ROAD MASTER REPORT: Supervisor Anderson read what the road crew accomplished in February.

SEWER REPORT: Supervisor McClain read what the sewer had accomplished in February.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Spring Clean-Up. Supervisor McClain announced the date change for the spring cleanup. It was originally set to be on May 4th, but due to scheduling issues, the new spring cleanup date will now be **April 27th, 2026.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Ordinance No. 117 – Keating Township to acquire all ROW necessary for Valley Cross Bridge. A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson to accept Ordinance No. 117. Motion carried unanimously.
   A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson to approve Resolution No. 2026-E that is included in Ordinance No. 117. Motion carried unanimously.
2) Public Awareness Construction Ordinance. Supervisor McClain went into detail, of what this ordinance includes. A copy of the ordinance is available at the township building for review, before approval. A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson to Advertise Ordinance No. 118. Motion carried unanimously.
3) Large Scale Energy Project Ordinance. Supervisor McClain also read through this ordinance in detail at the meeting and they are available at the township building for review, before approval. A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson to Advertise Ordinance No. 119. Motion carried unanimously.
4) Sell Leeboy Paver. A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson to list the Leeboy Paver for sale. Motion Carried unanimously.
5) Purchase Pick-Up Truck. A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson to buy a pick-up truck that is 6 years old or less and have 70K miles or less. Motion carried unanimously.
6) Buy picnic tables for pavilion. A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson to buy four 8ft long picnic tables for the new pavilion at the East Smethport Baseball Field. Motion carried unanimously.
7) Advertise to put 900 Tons of Asphalt our for bid. A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson to put out 900 tons of asphalt out to bid. Motion carried unanimously.
8) Advertise to put 600 tons or chip stone and oil out to bid. A motion was made by Supervisor McClain/2nd Anderson to put out for bid. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: April 8thh, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Township Building.
NEXT WORKSHOP:
NEXT KTMA MEETING: April 21st, 2026 at 5:00 PM in the Township Building
ADJOURNMENT: at 7:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Taylor Rittberg
Secretary/Treasurer