

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
February 3, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Adam Township Board was held on Monday, February 3, 2020 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Pledge of allegiance was recited. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Mattila, Treasurer Immonen and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse. There were 10 guests in attendance.

**MOTION** made by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the minutes of the January 6, 2019 Monthly meeting, and January 6, 2019 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Chris Moore from Circle Power gave an update on Wind Turbine Project. Wind Tower is up, and Solar/Wind generator with Lidar taking wind measurements. Discussions are ongoing with UPPCO regarding energy agreement. Possibility of application submitted this summer with townhall meeting planned after application process. Working with tax assessors on taxation. Questions received from citizens in attendance. Working on getting information onto website: [www.circlepowerco.com](http://www.circlepowerco.com)

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Email received from tax assessor regarding inquiry from interested bidder on Camp Kitwen and 80-acre property. Prospective buyer is requesting sizeable decrease in taxable value until sale finalized and property made useable. Discussion regarding value of 80 acres in Township. No action taken.
- 2020 Initial Boundary Validation of Township in preparation of upcoming census was completed and submitted online.
- EGLE has notified Township that Tom Flaminio is the new District Administrator. Information was given regarding availability of 20-30yr low interest loans for utilities, must apply before April 1, 2020.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Review of financial reports for January 2020. **MOTION** made by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the January 2020 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Trustee Keranen absent w/excuse. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Trustee Mattila reported last month there were 12 medical calls and 3 fire calls. Rescue truck was involved in an accident during a snowstorm. Waiting for insurance adjuster to determine damage. Driver of other semi-truck was at fault.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** Assessor report reviewed. BOR training is Feb 11 with three members attending the training. March 3 will be BOR Organizational meeting, and BOR dates are March 9 from 3-9PM, and March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-3PM.

**BUSINESS – OLD/UNFINISHED:**

- Chris Holmes stated he is working with Hancock, Portage, and South Range to get a number of users to blend into system users for loan application. DNR continues to express concern regarding easements and grade of waterline project. Will send easements to lawyer to examine.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the new loader has arrived and has been put to work. UPEA is working on \$50,000 Emergency Grant monies for loader. A projected budget has been drawn up

as well as supporting documentation to why the grant is needed. A Public Hearing is scheduled for March 2, 2020 at 6PM to discuss grant. Monthly meeting will immediately follow.

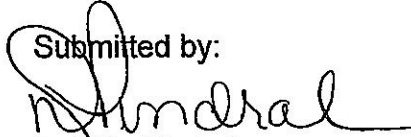
**BUSINESS – NEW:**

- Supervisor Heikkinen presented a salary resolution to the Board for FY 20/21. He noted there have been no board salary increases since 2014. To be voted on in March. Proposed increases are:

Supervisor	\$10,000/annually to \$10,500/annually
Clerk	\$9,000/annually to \$9,480/annually
Treasurer	\$10,710/annually to \$11,256/annually
Trustee	\$1,500/annually to \$1,800/annually
- State is increasing lagoon inspection regulations as EGLE anticipates high water tables in lakes, rivers, and streams. Lagoons in Painesdale are currently inaccessible. Estimates for UTV with track to access lagoons were reviewed. UTV could also be used when reading meters. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Supervisor Heikkinen to purchase Polaris UTV from Houghton Powersports for approx. \$23,000. Roll call, four ayes. No Nays. Motion carried. Funds will be divided between the four sewer accounts, Retail water, and General fund.
- Treasurer Immonen inquired if Certificate of Deposit at Huntington Bank that is mature, should be renewed. Board approved renewal.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated he met with the auditor to discuss Township financial status in light of backhoe purchase and upcoming water project for budgeting purposes and grant/loan eligibility. He stated that if anyone had wish list items for their dept. to get to him ASAP.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:25PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral  
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
Wholesale Water Board  
FEBRUARY 3, 2020

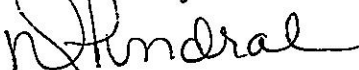
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, February 3, 2020 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Keranen was absent w/excuse. Water Operator Robert Hudson, Don Cline, Heather Platzke and Justin Hayrynen were also present.

- The main lift station in Atlantic Mine is having major issues with debris plugging the pump. Don Cline stated a debris basket is needed or the pump will burn out from being plugged. The lift station is being checked on a regular basis for debris. Don was able to get an estimate of \$7,500 installed. Instructed to get more detailed information ASAP.
- EGLE has requested a plan on file in case of extra infiltration. Chris Holmes inquired if this was aimed at coastal communities, such as Copper Harbor. Will check on. Don stated he planned to discuss crossover with South Range on lagoons. It could benefit both communities in an emergency situation.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Ave in Baltic had a 6" water main break. Worked with Portage Lake on repair.
- Don stated Heather has entered his bookkeeping system into Excel format.
- EGLE has lowered the lead/copper sampling schedule to 10 sites every three years.
- Proposal for three new garage doors for garage in Baltic submitted for wish list. Estimated to cost \$8,700 for all three doors.
- Roof of ice rink needs to be shoveled of snow immediately. Dave Hokenson submitted a bid for \$3,600. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila for Dave Hokenson to do snow removal on snow on ice rink roof for \$3,600. Roll call, 4 ayes. Motion carried.
- Discussion of DNR recreation grant for ice rink improvements. Need to update Township 5-year plan to be able to apply for grant.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 8:05P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

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Debbie Pindral,  
Township Clerk