

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
November 1, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, November 1, 2021 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Meeting started with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Immonen, and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse. There were 17 guests participating via in-person/zoom.

MOTION made by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2021 Monthly Meeting, and October 4, 2021 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Supervisor Heikkinen addressed the public regarding the Planning Committee. The group met October 27<sup>th</sup> and roles assigned. Comprised of Trustee Paul Eister as CEO, Martha Dugdale as Chairperson, Terry Parolini as Secretary, Sherry Kinnunen and Dan Coponen. The land use pkg of 2005 is being reviewed. Upcoming meeting date are 11/10/21, 12/1/21 and 12/15/21 at 6PM. Urged them to be well planned, organized which should move process along.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated he spoke with Rich Rossway at Rep. Jack Bergman's office expressing that he wants Michigan legislators to get involved with this wind turbine issue. Reiterated it is a huge issue for Michigan as a whole. He stated he wants the legislators to attend our Township meetings to give insight, course of action, etc. Both the state and federal level must get involved due to ecological, human, and wildlife preservation. He is insisting on answers and facts from State and Federal level. Chris Moore of Circle Power stated he anticipates releasing a map of the 12 wind turbines in 6-8 weeks, possibly in time for next meeting.
- Proposal received from mPower in Iron Mountain regarding implementation on a GIS (Geographic Information System) that will map utility system much more accurately and efficiently than paper maps. It will help with DMSI inventory, assist with inspections, routine daily information recorded and interface with the office billing system used by Heather. Each truck will have a tablet on board with access to the GIS system. Startup cost is estimated at \$30,000 for gear, \$5000 annual fee. UPEA engineer Chris Holmes stated he believed UPEA has designed software and personalized but wasn't aware of cost. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to move forward with the mPower or compatible system. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- The Township has received the 50% distribution of American Rescue Monies. Initial report date has been changed to April 2022, a compliance report of how the monies were spent. The GIS could be classified as infrastructure. To be determined by Board,

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Review of financial reports for October 2021. Supervisor Heikkinen reviewed the accounts and recommended the following budget adjustments:

- General Fund add 40580-line American Rescue funds to budget
- 40636 Burials add \$1600 to budget due to more burials than normal
- 101900 Printing and Publications needs \$800 added due to extra costs
- 248801 Professional Services needs \$3,000 added due to increased lawyer fees
- 265970 Building/Grounds Capital Outlay will decrease \$4000 to fund the Professional Services and Printing and Publication overrun.

MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the October 2021 financial reports and budget amendments. Roll call, all ayes. Trustee Keranen absent with excuse. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** There were 7 medical calls and 0 fire calls since last meeting. Supervisor Heikkinen gave Fire Chief Coponen a folder contained printed copies of the PAR Plan Policies for the fire department. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he attended the fire department monthly meeting and heard concerns. Land has been offered in donation by Moyle to start the process of constructing a new fire hall in Atlantic Mine. Old study projects cost of engineering and code review to about \$600,000. Chris Holmes stated UPEA currently

has no grants but can do loans of \$30,000 but need backing. Current interest rate is fluctuating around 2.38%. Might be possible to receive covid loans due to health care/EMT services would be out of that building. Chief Coponen stated a bigger building is needed as no room to store all equipment, the rescue van sits outside all winter. A community center would also be an asset. Lots of homework to do. Treasurer Immonen will check with Houghton County as to what the parcel would need/mean on property taxes. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to proceed to apply for RD grant/loan for new fire hall project. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Chief Coponen stated the new fire truck needs four new rear tires at a cost of approximately \$2,400. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Eister to purchase the four new fire truck tires at the cost of \$2400.00 Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** Assessor report for month of October reviewed. December BOR is scheduled for 12/14/21 from 1-2PM. This is for corrections.

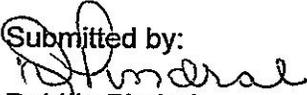
**CEMETERY REPORT:** The gates at cemetery are closed to vehicle traffic but will allow foot traffic. Burials will be on weather-permitting basis.

**BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:**

- Chris Holmes stated he has started input into RD system. Needs to meet with Supervisor Heikkinen and once everything is reviewed the application will be sent in for \$3.7 Million. Federal American Rescue infrastructure distribution of monies is still an unknown. MDEQ/EGLE is demanding the main waterline be repaired due to history of 5-6 breaks so far.
- Supervisor Heikkinen will check with Township auditor regarding wholesale over budget due to water project engineering invoices being paid from professional services.
- Circle Power representative, Chris Moore, had no further update and thanked Supervisor Heikkinen for the township update.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated it is the will of the Board to open the ice rink this winter, provided safety precautions are in place. Currently dealing with leaking roof which damaged electrical. Employees are repairing. Lots of clean-up.
- Joshua Vissers introduced himself as multimedia reporter for online Copper Beacon.
- Pete Roliff introduced himself as contact for the Houghton County Road Commission. He stated he looks forward to working closely with the Township
- Clerk Pindral stated Vince Kanthak is busy digitizing records and will provide the Board with updates.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:30PM by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

  
Debbie Pindral  
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
Wholesale Water Board  
November 1, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, November 1, 2021 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Clerk Pindral, Water Supervisor, Don Cline, and Office Manager, Heather Platzke. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse.

- Don Cline stated the mPower GIS system was covered in the General Monthly meeting. Stated systems are going well, minimal water breaks. The floor is planned to be poured within the week. A new door will need to be installed to fit the vac-truck.
- Stated Charter/Spectrum will be in on Wednesday to complete the install of the internet and phone lines. Will continue to use ATT and Verizon until complete.
- Travis is taking the S3 exam on November 2. October had lots of education for the employees.
- Lots of kudos at UP Conference on the pumping station updates.
- Stated EGLE is pushing DMSI hard. EPA is also issuing lead/copper mandates.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated Heather would like to enroll in an online grant-writing class thru the University of Wisconsin. Cost is approximately \$400 but will be returned many times over in grant return. Supervisor Heikkinen has approved enrollment. Board thanked Heather and guys for their willingness to advance the Township.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated salaries in all accounts are over budget and funds will be taken from Contract Labor to cover.

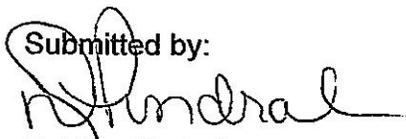
MOTION by Supervisor Heikkinen with support from Trustee Eister to leave wholesale water meeting and enter into executive session at 8:01PM to discuss personnel issues. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to leave executive session at 8:38PM and return to wholesale water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Wholesale water meeting readjourned at 8:38PM. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Board discussed personnel issues.

With no other business or comments before the board, a MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Eister to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 8:39P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral,  
Township Clerk