

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
January 6, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Adam Township Board was held on Monday, January 6, 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, Trustee Keranen, Treasurer Immonen and Clerk Pindral. There were 9 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the minutes of the December 2, 2019 Monthly meeting, and December 2, 2019 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Jack Zwart, AFLAC Representative, stated he left materials with employees who are interested in signing up with AFLAC. With the current three full-time employees, they qualify as a group. It would be payroll deductions with no cost to the Township. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to allow AFLAC services to eligible employees with no cost to Township. Roll call, all Ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Pindral will meet with Mr. Zwart to set up account.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Agreement Letter received from UPSET re “Law Enforcement Services”. Trustee Mattila suggested checking with Chief Donnelly as Board previously signed an agreement. Lawyer Mackey suggested checking if it was a “Policing Agreement for jurisdiction”. Supervisor Heikkinen will check into.
- Copy of the Houghton County Road Commission 5 Year Plan reviewed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of financial reports for December 2019. MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the December financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported last month there were 13 medical calls and 1 fire call. Total for the year: 17 Fire Calls and 139 EMT calls. Approximately 150 children visited with Santa at the Fire Hall in Atlantic Mine in December.

ASSESSOR REPORT: The monthly Assessor report reviewed. Assessor has been dealing with multiple calls into tax issues with Camp Kitwen property. There will be BOR training on February 11<sup>th</sup> in Houghton with Torey Kostamo, Kathy DeForge, and Jean Stevens registered to attend. March BOR is scheduled for March 9 from 3-9PM, and March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-3PM. Organizational meeting is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1-2PM. Resolution for Poverty Exemption needs to be approved at asset level of \$50,000. MOTION to approve Resolution for Poverty Exemption #2020-01-01 with increased asset level to \$50,000 made by Treasurer Immonen with support by Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS – OLD/UNFINISHED:**

- Two invoices received from UPEA for services including the Water Improvement Project and the AMP and DSMI reporting. Chris Holmes reported deadlines for the AMP and DSMI reporting has been met, with more reports to come in the future. Supervisor Heikkinen and Engineer Chris

Holmes will be meeting with Auditor Bradford on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 2PM to discuss numbers, affordability of Wholesale Water Improvement Project.

- No update from Circle Power regarding wind turbines or a date for Town Hall meeting.
- Email shared by request from Northern Specialty Health regarding Township stance on recreational marihuana, stating there was no public comment. Supervisor Heikkinen stated there was ample time for public comment during Citizen Comment sections on multiple monthly agendas. Current Opt-out status stands.

**BUSINESS – NEW:**

- Supervisor Heikkinen stated snow removal at the pumping station is time consuming utilizing the Skidsteer with additional expense of hiring out for pushing snowbanks. Employee Don Cline has obtained multiple bids for purchasing an end loader. The end loader would also be used on water projects year-round, eliminating need for bidding out some projects. UPEA engineer stated there are emergency need grants possibly available up to \$50,000 due to heavy snowfall and flooding in locality. After Board discussion it was decided to pursue purchase of CAT End-loader. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Clerk Pindral to discuss financials with auditor and purchase CAT. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- BridgeFest 2020 is scheduled for June 18-21, 2020. Financial donations are being solicited. No action taken.
- Greenleaf Timber Holding Inc. is placing 40 acres back into CFR status.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:45PM 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  
January 2, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Water Operator Robert Hudson, Don Cline, Heather Platzke and Justin Hayrynen were also present.

- DMSI drawings are done, spreadsheets just need to be updated. Don Cline stated he is waiting for the lead/copper water results to come in from Whitewater Associates and then will send in report. Dependent upon results, there is a good possibility the lead/copper testing could be reduced to 1x/yr. Bob Hudson stated due to phosphorus testing unlikely to reduce testing to less than 1x/yr. City of Hancock is responsible for their own testing now.
- Don Cline stated he passed the S3 exam taken in November. Current plan is to take D4 exam in May, and the D2 in November 2020.
- Wilmer's Heating has not responded to calls regarding the heating at Plant. Don will attempt again, with RC Mechanical as second option.
- Lift stations have been cleaned out. Lift station in Atlantic Mine is having electrical problems. Not resetting after power outages. Bob Hudson suggests transducer instead of floats.
- Don Cline reported the company has a flow meter that will work at the Painesdale Lagoon but no estimate numbers. Would like RF transmitter to be set up with Seeberville lift repeater.
- Heather Platzke has made a list of houses and services. Log notes for meter and line, adding pictures if necessary. Meters will be monitored and upgraded when deemed necessary.

MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila to exit wholesale water meeting and go into executive session at 7:20PM to discuss personnel issues. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to exit executive session and return to wholesale water meeting at 7:25PM. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Heikkinen reopened the Wholesale Water Meeting at 7:25PM, stating employee personnel issues were discussed in executive session.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 7:25P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,  
Township Clerk