

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
January 4, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held instituting mandated teleconferencing/social distancing guidelines on Monday, January 4, 2021 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: Trustee Eister, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Supervisor Heikkinen was absent with excuse. There were 8 guests participating. In the absence of Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen chaired the meeting.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2020 Monthly meeting, and December 14, 2020 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were no public comments at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- City of Houghton public hearings have been cancelled.
- Houghton County Road Commission 5-year plan was sent for review.
- A copy of the signed Interlocal Agreement for County Designated Assessor received. This agreement is State Mandated and should cost Adams Township approx. \$100 annually.
- A letter of support was requested by MDNR for Houghton Douglas Falls Scenic Site. Supervisor Heikkinen submitted letter on December 21st due to time constraints.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of financial reports for December 2020. MOTION made by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the December 2020 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: David Mattila reported in the last month there were 10 medical calls and 1 fire call. Total for the year: 138 EMT calls and 18 fire calls. Fire Chief Coponen stated time/financial restraints hurt the ability to secure a fire truck, and a private entity has agreed to purchase the fire truck and then lease the truck to the Township. This enables a faster procurement of a vehicle. The Township attorney, Kevin Mackey drafted a resolution to authorize the Township Supervisor to enter into a contract. MOTION by Diane Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to approve Resolution 2021-01-01 that "Adams Township, being desirous of acquiring a new fire truck, and that Mattila Rock and Dock LLC is willing to acquire, lease to, and sell, an appropriate vehicle to Adams Township, and a contract for a lease with purchase option has been offered to the Township, and that the Township Board during an open meeting on January 4, 2021 having reviewed the proposed contract is in agreement. Therefore it is hereby resolved that the Township Supervisor shall take all appropriate actions to enter into a contract with Mattila Rock and Dock, and is hereby authorized to commit Adams Township to the lease and possible purchase of a fire apparatus with a price not to exceed \$95,000.00." Roll call, four ayes. Supervisor Heikkinen was absent with excuse. Motion carried. C. Holmes, UPEA Engineer, will submit the Emergency Grant application to Rural Development for the fire truck.

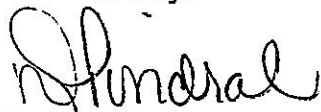
ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report was reviewed. December BOR in person was cancelled; held virtual.

BUSINESS – OLD/UNFINISHED/NEW:

- Chris Holmes stated the Water Improvement project application is close to finalization. He worked with Don Cline to add a line item "wish list". Only needs project total approval to submit. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to proceed with application of approx. \$3.8 million in wholesale water project contingent on Supervisor Heikkinen's approval. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Application for DWAM Grant assessment management was submitted before 1/1/21. DMSI of copper and lead services line must be complete by 2025. Currently doing a survey of valves, curb stops incorporating into software for Township and Engineering use.
- Current UPEA invoices submitted to clerk for payment.
- No updates on wind turbines from Circle Power.
- An email sent to Supervisor Heikkinen by Sean Kennedy of the Solar Farm inquiring on Township zoning, ordinances, and permit process. Due to no zoning or ordinance at Township level at current time, they were advised to check at the County level regarding building permits.
- There have been inquiries as to making ice at the rink in prep of January 15th opening. Will need to wait for MDHHS orders through the Governor's office before proceeding. Discussion regarding the liability to the Township with multiple keys in the public to the lock on ice rink door. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to change the lock on the ice rink door to a code lock system to enable better Township control and reduce liability. Roll call; all ayes. Motion carried. Due to requested improvements at the rink, The Board will investigate application of future DNR grants, which will entail updates to 5-year recreation plan.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:46PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
January 4, 2021

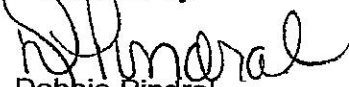
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, January 4, 2021 via mandated social distancing guidelines/teleconferencing at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:57PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Supervisor Heikkinen was absent with excuse. Also participating were Don Cline and Chris Holmes.

- Don Cline reported he did pass the D4 exam. Board extended congratulations. Next step in licensure will be taking the D2 in July, providing requirements are met.
- Don stated he has contacted Ryan Advent with the City of Houghton to oversee Adams Township for a minimum of six months or until he procures D2 status. Working on financial arrangement at the current time.
- Don reported the crew is working on cleaning up, patching, and painting the pumping facility in Painesdale. Goal is to have it completed by Spring. Currently looking at dropping the ceiling down to better heat and clean.
- PFA samples are mandated by the State this week. They must be transported to State Labs not local Whitewater Lab. Timeline of future samples are undetermined, i.e., quarterly, annual, etc.
- It has been a quiet month, no water leaks.
- The Memorial for Robert Hudson has been scheduled for May 29, 2021 at South Range.
- Don requested newer filing cabinets for the plant. David Mattila stated he has a few he can donate.
- Don stated he would like to upgrade the security system along with better internet. Charter has quoted \$15,000 but will meet with them again to discuss better options. Baraga Telephone was contacted but stated cannot provide internet and telephone line.

With no other business before the board, a MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 7:15P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

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Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk