

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
August 6, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday August 6, 2018 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Pledge of allegiance was recited followed by roll call. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Mattila, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 7 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the minutes of the July 2, 2018 Monthly meeting, and July 2, 2018 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- S. Sabatini inquired on how to move headstone and cornerstones on family grave. Cemetery employees do not handle headstones and it was suggested he call the local monument company. He also inquired if the Township would sponsor a table at the Adams Township School Foundation Dinner on September 29th. Cost would be \$350 and include two dinner tickets or \$300 without tickets. After discussion with Township lawyer, it was decided to table request until further information received.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Packet received from UPPCO regarding adoption of an ordinance granting UPPCO the right to lay, maintain and operate electric and fiber lines, poles and services in Adams Township for 30 years. UPPCO is responsible for all cost regarding publication of such ordinance. After discussion, MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to adopt Ordinance #2018-08-01 a franchise ordinance granting to Upper Peninsula Power Company the right, power and authority to lay, maintain, and operate electric and fiber lines, poles and services in Adams Township. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Pindral will proceed with publication requirements.
- Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce response to membership payment was read.
- Correspondence from Assessor regarding implementation of a charge for land division application. Upon recommendation of Assessor, MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to adopt Resolution effective August 7, 2018 to charge \$100 for Land Division Applications (except land transfer). Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Request from the Daily Mining Gazette to contribute \$35 for advertising in the business directory of the special publication "Copper Country Strong Magazine". After discussion and determining it does not directly benefit Township residents, request was denied.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial reports for July reviewed. Supervisor Heikkinen reported he did a review of accounts up to date and all appear to be stable within budget guidelines. MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the June financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported in July there were 6 medical calls and 1 fire call.

CEMETERY: There were 3 cremations at Mountain View in July. Continue to receive positive feedback on maintenance of both cemeteries. Renewal of special cemetery millage is due in 2019.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report for July reviewed. BOR received only 8 petitions. Lots of comments regarding summer tax bills, mostly on uncapping of tax bills that were sold. Answered Michigan Tax Tribunal petitions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Josh Harju, UPEA engineer, presented change order from Siler Contracting for a 30-day time extension on water project due to storm damage and flooding in Houghton County in June, in which Siler Contracting efforts to aid in cleanup resulted in a split in workforce. This will result in additional engineering costs of \$24,130 due to additional project representative time required as well as continued bi-weekly progress meetings. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Engineering Services Agreement #3/Change order. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Josh then presented Resolution for USDA RD payment draw #10 on water project, in the amount of \$154,724.44 to Siler Contracting and \$15,907.77 to UPEA for total of \$170,632.21. Work has commenced in Trimountain. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to approve Resolution 2018-08-01 for payment in the amount of \$170,632.21. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Josh Harju updated the Board on M-26 water line replacement near Northern Hardwoods. Work has been completed under budget of over \$11,500.00 Presented request for final payment in amount of \$12,209.05. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Resolution 2018-08-02 for payment #2 in the amount of \$12,209.05. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated he received a phone call from Dave Hokens reporting the sale of his wind turbine project to Circle Power. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he spoke with officials from New Circle who stated the land lease agreement was extended but not recorded yet, and a tour with Lake Superior Forest Timber management was planned. Anemometer readings substantiate wind turbines in the area. Company reiterated the tax advantages to the Township. Supervisor Heikkinen researched the subject with Ed Feeley, assessor for City of Hancock and current contact for Turbine Project in Baraga/L'Anse area. Lisa Kaario will work with taxation forms for Adams Township.
- Notice received of annual filing from Bendinski for Wholesale Water loan.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Estimate to repair wholesale water pickup are approximately \$1,450.00, depending on cost of door hinges. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen to proceed with vehicle repairs. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- FYI: MSU implementing Citizen Planner Program with information on zoning. Brad Neuman is local contact.
- Painesdale Mine & Shaft submitted annual electrical bills for pumphouse (where bobcat is stored) in the amount of \$596.00. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen approving payment of invoice in the amount of \$596.00. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- No estimates received on repair of roof of Township Hall.

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
August 6, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, August 6, 2018 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Water Superintendent Thomas Pietila, Water Dept Employees Justin Hayrynen and Heather Platzke were also present.

- Tom Pietila stated the front-end of the Wholesale Water pickup would need to be checked into also. Repairs approved by Board.
- Tom stated the State did sampling for chemical PFA's in water system, will take 3-6 wks to get results. The sample was taken directly from tap in plant. He will be taking water samples on Wed/Thurs for the monthly chloroform tests.
- Chemicals are ordered from Hawkins quarterly. Both Tom and Justin are present to experience change-out of tanks.
- Requested that Siler Contracting grade the gravel road into the plant as well as both lagoons at cost of \$125/hr. Justin will speak with Village of South Range employee regarding getting the Atlantic lagoon graded as the village has equipment. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Siler grading the plant and Painesdale lagoon roads. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Correspondence from DEQ states there will be public water supply changes from 15 parts lead to 12, but anticipates the action to be in legal system for a lengthy time due to extensive costs of requested changes.
- Due to experience, DEQ has approved Tom signing monthly reports as long as exam taken in November. Subject to be revisited if he doesn't pass exam.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reviewed invoices from Portage Lake Construction for repairs on Concord St. (\$5,794), Chippewa St. (\$2,676), and Brooklyn main line (\$1,800), and Main line on Nichols Snowmobile Train (\$4,395). Repairs were separate from work being done by Siler. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Clerk Pindral to approve above invoices. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Superintendent Pietila stated replacement of the old line on main line needs to be a separate project soon due to breakdown of plastic pipe.
- Tom asked the Board to go into executive session to discuss personnel issue.

MOTION to adjourn Wholesale Water Meeting and enter Executive session to discuss personnel issues at 7:05PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to leave executive session at 7:29PM and return Wholesale Water Meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated Board discussed reimbursement of \$25/month for three on-call employees for work usage on their personal cell phones, payable in annual payment in December up to \$300/year. Motion by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to approve proposal. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to adjourn the meeting at 7:30P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk