

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 7, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday May 7, 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 Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2018 Monthly meeting, April 18, 2018 Special meeting, and April 2, 2018 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Don Verran reported there is still water in his mother's basement. He contacted the Road Commission regarding low-lying ditch but no help offered. Due to 33 foot road right of way, options are limited. Questioned if water could be ice rink meltage or if a leaking pipe under the road could still be a possibility. Supervisor Heikkinen will have J. Hayrynen check. Mr. Verran also inquired when yard clean-up will be completed in Atlantic Mine. Due to winter and the road restrictions, contractor will be returning to finish clean up. Every street affected by construction will be viewed before Township signs off on project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Correspondence regarding Score Association, non-profit volunteer organization to help businesses thru workshops, tools, etc. FYI item only.
- Correspondence from DEQ regarding 2019 Wellhead Protection Program grant applications. Chris Holmes, UPEA, will check into.
- Notice of four properties in Adams Township in tax foreclosure offered to the Township. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to refuse Township purchase of tax foreclosure properties in accordance with Public Act 123 of 1999. Roll call, all ayes. Motion passed. Treasurer will deliver appropriate paperwork to County Treasurer's office.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial reports for April reviewed. MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the April financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported since last monthly meeting there were 13 medical calls and no fire calls. The repair of Fire hall brick façade project is underway.

CEMETERY: Justin Hayrynen stated he has ordered Video Surveillance signs for both cemeteries. Have found used needles on cemetery grounds. Heather stated there are four full burials scheduled. Jim M. started at Atlantic Mine cemetery today.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report for April reviewed. State goal for 2020 AMAR is to have every property reassessed with tax card in hand. Assessor Karrio presented proposal from Premier MI from Marquette to assess each parcel with picture and card for \$20/parcel. Discussion regarding whether keeping the property cards updated is part of assessor's job description. Township has approximately 1125 residential properties. Tabled for further investigation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Chris Holmes, UPEA Engineer, reported invitations to bid went out on the repair and boring M-26 waterline. Bids will be opened on May 24th at 1:00PM. Permit is in place and submitted to DEQ.
- Siler will be doing test pits on Kearsarge/Hulbert Streets this week. Possibly changing from open cut to boring on Iroquois Street. Will probably have a second crew to get Atlantic Mine cleaned up also. After the Painesdale portion of water project is done, remaining funds will determine next step of project. Chris Holmes stated the Township needs to discuss raising water rates incrementally to prepare for grants/loans for future projects.
- Invoice received from Portage Health Foundation for payment of year two of UPSET pledge. Statistics of drug investigations shared with Board. No motion needed for payment as pledge was previously approved.
- WUPDR needs more detailed information for Township Five Year Recreation Plan. Specifically details of projects with associated cost.

Public Comment: David Fox addressed the Board regarding local baseball league's use of building. He addressed concerns regarding lights left on, creating extra expense for Township. He suggested charging a rental fee to defray Township costs. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he is meeting with the league and will discuss building utilization.

Trustee Mattila requested the Board discuss personnel issues in executive session immediately following the Wholesale Water Meeting to allow better time management and flow.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:39PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
MAY 7, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, May 7, 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. Justin Hayrynen, and Office Manager, Heather Platzke were also present. Water Superintendent Hudson was at MWWA meeting with excused absence.

- There was a major water leak in Trimountain last Saturday. Justin responded to call and found a leak between shut-off and water main. MJO was in area to fix the leak.
- Water main pipes come in 20 ft sections and only shipped when there is a full load coming this way. Otherwise special shipping charges are applied. Due to two recent breaks, Justin recommended having at least three sections with accompanying connectors on stock. He stated there is room to store the materials at the Atlantic lagoon building. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Clerk Pindral to order the extra pipe and connectors. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- City of Houghton Water employees have started their twice weekly visits to the pumping station, utilizing a Tues/Thurs schedule.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated he plans to continue his weekly meetings with employees as schedule permits.
- Water Shut-offs have started. Two have been done, with more to come unless payment received soon.

MOTION to adjourn Wholesale Water Meeting and enter Executive session to discuss personnel issues at 6:50PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

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MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to leave executive session at 7:11PM and return Wholesale Water Meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Clerk Pindral to hire Cole Smith as cemetery maintenance worker starting May 8, 2018. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor Heikkinen will notify Cole.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 P.M. Roll call, all ayes.. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk