

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
October 4, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, October 4, 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, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 18 guests participating via in-person/zoom.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Monthly Meeting, and September 13, 2021 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Ruth Gleckler on behalf of Recycling Specialists, invited the Board and community to attend the 10/21/21 event at the Carnegie Museum in Houghton on Recycling 906. Speakers will cover Michigan's plans for resource recovery and funding availability to expand in our county.
- Vince Kanthak, Painesdale Mine & Shaft Board Member, is requesting permission to digitize historical Copper Range documents and blueprints as part of UPLINK project. The goal is to preserve digital files and make them accessible to the public. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to grant permission to digitize records at no cost to Township. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Heikkinen state two letters of interest have been received for Planning Committee. Posting for application is open until Friday. Deb Pindral has resigned from Committee, and Supervisor has appointed Trustee Eister to position. Darren Niemi stated due to time constraints, he cannot continue. Former members Sherry Kinnunen and Dan Coponen remain on. Public was reminded that Planning Committee purpose is not to solely get rid of wind farms, but to develop a five-year master plan for Township, plan land use and zoning, etc. Lawyer Mackey reiterated the Township resurrecting the planning committee is to take aim at things already in place that are 'right' for the community, appropriate places for different projects, and cannot lawfully do exclusionary zoning. Moratorium ends in February.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated a new FOIA request was received by Varnum Law Office, requesting information regarding various documents on previous planning committee. First FOIA received from them in 2004.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of financial reports for September 2021. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the September 2021 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor Heikkinen reviewed the audit deficiency report corrective action plan submitted by the Township to the State. Due to an oversight and error in posting of grants received, the State requested corrective action plan. Board will be more diligent in reviewing budget.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: There were 25 medical calls and 0 fire calls since last meeting.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report for month of September reviewed.

CEMETERY REPORT: The gates at cemetery will be locked as of November 1st, but will allow foot traffic.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:

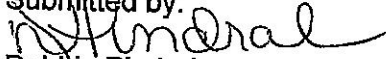
- Chris Holmes stated he is finishing up the water project plans. No update on easements from DNR. Will send reply email to move forward with easement in place. Will need to meet with Supervisor Heikkinen to review computerization input.
- Circle Power representative, Chris Moore, stated the wind farm project in Stanton Township has been dropped. Now plan to develop 12 wind turbines in Adams Township. Studies are being done for new layout that will meet current ordinance setbacks.
- Report from Lori Burton, Par Plan Risk Management Services, regarding existing and potential liability exposures for Township received. Copies distributed to Board Members to review. Seventeen

recommendations highlighted covering administration, contracted services, buildings, fire department, and operational policies. Sample Forms and policies were included for Township to build from.

- Treasurer Immonen reported she just received an update on the American Rescue funding of a couple of minute details that need to be corrected on the application. She will work with Supervisor Heikkinen tomorrow to get corrections submitted.
- James Mihelcic from Stanton Township introduced himself. Stated Stanton shared borders with Adams Township and offered assistance on wind turbine resistance.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:43PM 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
October 4, 2021

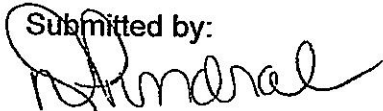
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, October 4, 2021 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:55PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, Clerk Pindral, Water Supervisor, Don Cline, and Office Manager, Heather Platzke. Travis Cline also in attendance.

- Don Cline reported due to multiple water leak repairs, the garage floor at pumping station has not been completed. Plan for next week.
- Charter/Spectrum will be running service line on Wednesday to Pumping Station.
- Three lift station generators are in critical need of replacement. Two in Baltic and one in Painesdale, possibly two more next year. Cost estimated \$6000 to \$18,000 each, depending on brand and quality. Will check monies available in repair accounts.
- Lift stations are functioning with less call outs due to sustained preventive maintenance. Baskets are cleaned 2x/wk, always full of wipes and debris.
- Don stated the dam/lagoon inspection must be completed by 12/31/21.
- Stated issues with grease/oil being discharged in system. Ordinance will be reviewed for waste characterization sampling/inspection by employees and what consequences can be.
- At last water conference, the pumping station updates were lauded. Board thanked Don, Travis, and employees for their hard work.
- Dehumidification/heating system is working well. May be increase in fuel cost due to increase in propane costs.
- Mapping system needs to be upgraded; computerization would be nice.
- Cake and coffee provided immediately following meeting to celebrate Don and Travis licensures.

With no other business or comments before the board, a MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 8:30P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk