

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
February 6, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, February 6, 2023 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 13 guests participating.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2023 Monthly Meeting and January 9, 2023 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- T. Parolini inquired as to who to contact regarding volunteering at the ice rink. Interested volunteers can contact Heather who in turn will contact Casey or Sarah to inform them. She also encouraged the Board and Planning Commission to fill out the application through the Keweenaw Destination Development for grant that will attract tourism to the area. Heather has grant training and will check into on behalf of Board.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Bridgefest 2023 Committee is requesting donations for the Bridgefest celebration. No action taken.
2. The Township has received \$186,427.29 total in American Rescue Grant monies, with \$88,321.86 spent. Balance will be spent by Retail Water for new meters/nodes and technology. Report due end of April 2023.
3. Letter from Semco Energy reminding of digging protocols due to underground pipelines. Call 811 before you dig.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Supervisor Heikkinen inquired if there were any questions/concerns regarding the January 2023 Financial reports, and if none asked for a motion to approve. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the January 2023 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved. Outline of adjustments to the budgets were gone over. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to make the budget changes as presented. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved. Copy of outline of budget changes will be kept on file in the book of minutes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

There were 9 medical calls and 2 fire service calls since last report. Chief Coponen presented a set of blueprints for the new fire hall. Some discussion on using the Jeffers Jets School colors in the color theme. Chris Holmes stated no action need be taken on the millage yet. Once bids have gone out, the Township will then know how much millage is needed. Rural Development will issue bonds. Numerous phone calls have been made regarding the land purchase from Moyle Will need a MDOT driveway permit to access M26.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor Report for January reviewed. The assessor will be holding an informal pre-BOR meeting for the public to ask questions on March 1 from 10AM-4PM. BOR is scheduled for Monday, March 13 from 9AM-3PM and Thursday, March 16 from 3-9PM.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:

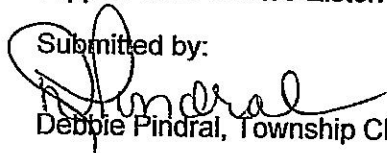
- Chris Holmes reported the trail easement application has been submitted to the DNR in Lansing. No response yet. The SHPO information was sent in before Christmas, Chris will check into. The survey for the water tank property in South Range is done but no boundary pins set yet. Supervisor Heikkinen stated water department employees will have land cleared by March 15th. No update on signing of paperwork yet for water project. Another report requested by R D.

- Martha Dugdale reported the Planning Commission Survey received about 150 surveys back by mail/online. The 5 top requests were: Walking Trails, Hiking, Playgrounds, Bicycling trails, and ice skating. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be Feb 16. Will work with the Township Lawyer on Recreation Plan to present to Board.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reports the Baltic Ice rink is open. Volunteers needed!
- The Older white GMC pick-up is going out for bids this week.
- Letters have been sent informing of wholesale and retail water rate increase effective 4/1/23.

Dave F. asked to address the Board regarding the need for a constable to enforce Township ordinances regarding old cars, junk and speeding.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:45PM 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
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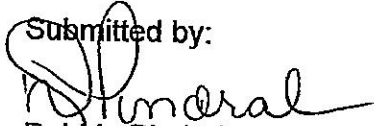
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, February 6, 2023 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:46PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Keranen, Trustee Eister, and Clerk Pindral. Office Manager Heather Platzke and Water Superintendent Don Cline were also in attendance.

- Don Cline stated things have been going smooth, no major water leaks in the past month. No frozen pipes yet.
- The new let run discount has been given to all who have called the office to inform of letting their water run. The flow rate of 2 gallons per hour has been developed and customers have been informed. Discount will be based on 1500 gallons per month at flow rate, not a full flow. The let run change is to avoid overfill in the lagoon systems and fines levied by EGLE for overfill. The lagoons look good so far, will be watching spring rain/run-off.
- Water hydrants will be cleared by employees next week. Stated they are checked at least monthly. Public encouraged to "adopt a hydrant" to keep shoveled and clear for the winter.
- Heather inquired if the Ice Rink has any monies in a budget for shelving to put extra pairs of skates in. Clerk Pindral stated there were extra shelf units upstairs that could be utilized. Heather will get measurements for size of unit needed.

With no other business or comments before the board, a MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 7P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:


Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk