

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Sohlden, and Clerk Pindral. There were 9 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Sohlden to accept the meeting minutes of December 9, 2015, both CDBG hearing and monthly meeting, as well as the Wholesale Water meeting December 9, 2015. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

- Annette B. inquired if replacing the fatigue mats in the ice rink was still approved from last season. Instructed to obtain new estimates. Volunteers have laid down 13 floods to date. Dave M. reported the flood hoses are deteriorated, showing wire. He stated he might have a connection to obtain 200 ft of new hose. Annette stated her husband may have a reel to roll up the hose for storage. Estimates to be obtained to replace hot water heater. Supervisor Heikkinen requested a list of all persons having ice rink keys to be given to the office manager.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) Houghton County Road Commission has released their proposed 5 year transportation plan. No road upgrades in Adams Township.
- 2.) MIOSHA Safety Training to be held on January 13, 2016 in Houghton. Cost is \$90/per employee.

FINANCIAL REPORT: MOTION made by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Sohlden to accept the December financial report as presented. Roll Call, all ayes with Trustee Mattila abstaining from vote on any S&L invoices. Motion carried. Supervisor Heikkinen reported retail water account took a deep hit with the huge packet of invoices submitted by S&L, but appears to be up to date as possible.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported 9 medical calls and 3 fire calls. Stats for the year are: 145EMT calls and 31 fire calls. He stated approximately 150 children visited Santa at the Atlantic Mine Fire Hall in December. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he plans to work the Atlantic Mine fire hall roof and addition costs into the upcoming budget.

ASSESSOR REPORT: December report reviewed. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the corrective action requested from the AMAR survey have been submitted. AMAR is a new survey done at the State level, and every township/city had corrective action needed. BOR members will be attending class on Feb. 9th from 11:30AM to 3PM in Houghton. BOR organizational meeting will be held March 8th with March BOR of review being held on March 14th from 3-9PM and March 15th from 9AM-3PM.

UPDATE BUSINESS:

- Chris Holmes stated UPEA engineers have finished the surveying process for the 2016 water project. Weather permitting, they will look into manholes to get an idea of depth. Drawing have been drafted. Will have recommendations for April meeting, but every project is dependent on spring road restrictions. Each house in Atlantic Mine will have independent curb stop. New plans will place on property line. Project will improve pressure and water flow. Supervisor Heikkinen requested the information for residents to request monetary assistance if needed to upgrade the lines to the house. Chris Holmes stated he would email the information. Treasurer Immonen asked if there would be zones set up to avoid the need to shut the water off for all of Atlantic Mine when repairs are done. Chris Holmes replied it

would be dependent on where the valves are placed. Water Superintendent Bob Hudson reported Atlantic Mine is already divided.

- Wind Farm Energy update: Energy tax credit has been renewed. Owner is now working to obtain a partner to utilize the tax credits. Owner stated the environmental study will be done this summer and submitted to US Fish & Wildlife for compliance.
- Lawyer Kevin Mackey stated he had requested a RFP from both OHM and UPEA regarding review of wind turbine requirements such as verifying placement, sound pressure, vibrations, etc. He presented the Board with copies of the RFP (Request for Proposal) as well as copy of the Application for Wind Turbine Generator Permit. Discussion regarding the application fee. Lawyer Mackey advised the application fee to be used to fund all costs associated with verifying the wind turbine meet requirements as stipulated by the ordinance with any funds not utilized to be refunded after those expenses are covered. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to adopt Resolution 2016-01-01 to set the Wind Turbine Generator Permit Fee at \$15,000.00 per wind tower with refund of any funds not utilized in cost of verifying the wind turbine meets requirements stipulated by ordinance. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Sohlden to accept the Application for Wind Turbine Generator Permit as presented by Lawyer Mackey. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- 2008 GMC truck has been purchased to replace the green dodge. The van used by retail water is broke down and will be scrapped in the spring. An Adams Township Water Department vinyl logo has been done up by Heather Platzke with a 5 year warranty. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Sohlden to purchase the logo and have placed on the truck for a fee of \$175.00 installed. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Eventually all Township vehicles will have this logo. Anticipate the new Ford next month.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reports the auditor requested the Board review the equipment list and determine tax asset detail.
- Office manager, Heather Platzke, stated the township now has a functioning website: **ADAMSTOWNSHIP.WEBS.COM** and will have rink hours, meeting minutes, ordinances, etc. posted. Will also keep the Facebook site updated.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:12PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned. Next regular monthly meeting is Monday, February 1, 2016 at 6:00PM.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
JANUARY 4, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, January 4, 2016 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 Sohlden, Clerk Pindral, and Water Superintendent Bob Hudson. Kevin Mackey, Township Lawyer, and Chris Holmes, UPEA also present, as was Office Manager, Heather Platzke.

- Supervisor Heikkinen reported Duane Snell did not pass the D2 exam. May 2016 is the next possible date for taking the exam. Doug Pascoe, DEQ, called with the results, and reported he will be here tomorrow to speak with Gerry, Duane and Bob. He plans to have a one on one discussion with Duane on what it takes to run a water system and pointers on passing the exam. Supervisor Heikkinen instructed Bob to be available at 4PM to meet with Mr. Pascoe and himself to discuss options regarding Duane, as well as Bob's retirement options. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he hopes to have more answers to township concerns after meeting tomorrow.
- Chris Holmes asked Heather if she was able to find original ordinances, not just resolutions. As far as he can determine, debt is a fixed item but O&M is not. He stated he would like to continue to look for the original ordinance before making an official call on payment of O&M charges on lots not connected to water service.
- MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to go into executive session at 7:35PM to discuss personnel issues. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to open executive session at 7:36PM to discuss personnel issues. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Clerk Pindral to exit executive session at 8:20PM. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Sohlden to re-adjourn Wholesale Water meeting at 8:20PM. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to call a special meeting before January 15, 2016 to discuss personnel issues pending outcome of meeting with Doug Pascoe, DEQ. Roll Call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:21PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

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