

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
November 9, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held instituting mandated teleconferencing/social distancing guidelines on Monday, November 9, 2020 at the Township Hall, 17118 First street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Pledge of allegiance was recited. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Mattila, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 11 guests participating.

MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2020 Monthly meeting, and October 5, 2020 Wholesale Water Meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Chris D. asked that the Board find out the cost and place oiling of roads in Baltic into the budget for fiscal year 2021.
- Sean K. stated he is interested in leasing some of the cemetery property in South Range for a utility scale solar project. The company has partnered with Northern Hardwoods and UPPCO to place solar panels. It would be located in the area of the now defunct UPPCO plant. With multiple questions unable to be answered, the topic was tabled by Board.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Hannula Agency Bond Renewal is recommending increasing the limits on the Township Treasurer and Clerk to \$50,000 with premium increase of \$250.00. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to approve the increase in Bond to \$50,000. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved. Clerk Pindral will notify Hannula Agency.
- City of Houghton Planning Commission notified the Township of Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Zoom Meeting to discuss concerting PACT 425 zone on Houghton Canal from R1 Family to R2 Community Business with conditions. Township was notified due to involvement in Pact 425.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of October 2020 financial reports. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept October 2020 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes with Trustee Mattila abstaining from the vote on invoices from Mattila Rock & Dock/Superior Sand & Gravel. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported there were 11 EMT calls and 1 fire call in the last month. Fire Chief Dan Coponen stated the Fire Dept. is looking at replacing a pumper at a cost of \$75,000-\$100,000. Supervisor Heikkinen instructed UPEA engineer, Chris Holmes to check into obtaining a grant through the emergency equipment grant. Chief Coponen stated they will have to move fast once equipment is located due to demand.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Report for October reviewed with no action needed.

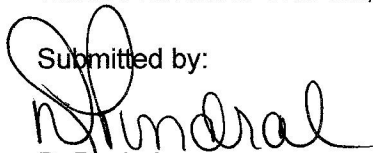
**BUSINESS – OLD/UNFINISHED/NEW:**

- Supervisor Heikkinen thanked Trustee Mattila and Treasurer Immonen for their service to the residents of Adams Township. Trustee Mattila was presented with a plaque for his 24 years of service. Nancy will continue on in the role of Deputy Treasurer. Pizza and cake celebration will follow the meeting. New Boards members elected are Tracy Immonen as Treasurer and Paul Eister as Trustee.
- Chris Holmes presented the Board with Conflict-of-Interest Policy to be adopted by the Board, and required by Rural Development. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to adopt the Resolution 2020-11-01 Conflict of Interest Policy as presented. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

- Chris Holmes stated he will need to meet with Supervisor Heikkinen to set up "RD Apply" online program for Rural Development. He has called three banks for loan rates as required by Rural Development before obtaining RD Loan. Current rate is 1.25 for 40years, which may change slightly due to financial fluctuations.
- DSMI may have eligible grants available through EGLE for Lead/Copper. Asset information will be submitted in December ahead of 1/1/21 deadline. Chris is working closely with Don Cline. New lead rule may require check for lead all the way to the meter or 18" from house. Employees will look at lines when replacing meters, and have pictures for file.
- Trustee Mattila inquired on repair to Erickson Drive by Siler Contracting. Chris Holmes stated he has spoken with Siler and there is no way to force issue. Trustee Mattila encouraged the Township on future projects to NOT SIGN OFF on payment for projects until everything is completed, hold partial payment if need requires it. Chris Holmes stated UPEA is looking into adding warranty bonds to projects to atone for this.
- No updates from Circle Power.
- The Township has received approximately \$3,231.73 payment towards payment of delinquent water bills due to Covid Pandemic. Some debt will continue to be added to tax bills if needed.
- Kubota Mini-excavator was damaged in accident. No employee injured. Insurance claim was submitted and approved with the machine currently under repair. Emphasis on employee and safety instructions.
- Trustee Mattila addressed the Board stating in his term as trustee he has worked with 3 engineers, 3 supervisors, 3 clerks, 2 treasurers, 5 trustees, 2 office managers, and numerous employees. He looks forward to participating as part of the audience.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:20PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



D. Pindral  
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
Wholesale Water Board  
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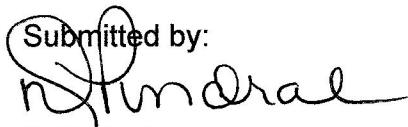
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, November 9, 2020 via mandated social distancing guidelines/teleconferencing at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen and Clerk Pindral. Also present Chris Holmes and Heather Platzke. Water Superintendent Don Cline was absent with excuse.

In Don Cline's absence, Supervisor Heikkinen gave this report per Don:

- Don Cline is taking the first "D" license tomorrow.
- The pole barn in Painesdale has walls up and roof to be started tomorrow.
- All hydrants are in the ground for this season.
- Employees were instructed to wear their hard hats, be safe. No shortcuts!
- Chris Holmes will be meeting with Don Cline on the asset management, and it will be filed before the 1/1/21 deadline.
- Lagoons are being tested for Covid, frequency is unknown. Materials provided by WUPHD>

With no other business before the board, a MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 7:28P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:  
  
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Township Clerk