

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
December 5, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, December 5, 2022 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 9 guests participating.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2022 Monthly Meeting and November 14, 2022 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- (See Planning Commission update)

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. \$12,600 invoice received from ETNA Supply for the new meters and nodes. Anticipate a partial order of about 85 meters week of December 18th. ARPA remaining monies have been allocated to pay from Retail Water account. New meters will allow remote reading as well as streamline the billing process.
2. Travis Cline has taken and passed the D2 water licensing exam. Terry Wiitala took the S4 exam and passed. Congratulations to both employees!! Both will receive hourly incentive increase when their certificates are received.
3. Resolution received from CCISD to impose property tax with the Township collecting school taxes. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with Support from Trustee Keranen to approve and accept the CCISD resolution. Roll call, all ayes, Motion carried.
4. EGLE U.P. Water/Wastewater Survey is due 12/30/22. Heather and Don are gathering requested information.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Supervisor Heikkinen inquired if there were any questions/concerns regarding the November 2022 Financial reports, and if none asked for a motion to approve. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the November 2022 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

There were 7 medical calls and 2 fire service calls since last report. Chief Coponen stated he met with UPEA and talked with County Building Dept. regarding guidelines for the new fire hall. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to authorize UPEA to move forward on Rural Development application and design. Roll call, all ayes, Motion carried. Supervisor Heikkinen instructed Dan Coponen, Chris Holmes, and Kevin Mackey to work together to move forward. Target: Spring Groundbreaking.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Board reviewed assessor report for November. Reminder the December 13th BOR is for corrections.

CEMETERY/BUILDINGS REPORT: Cemeteries are closed. A grub problem will be addressed in the spring.

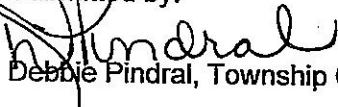
BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:

- Chris Holmes stated he contacted Rural Development and they are still working thru the list. Reports easement exhibits have been submitted and the DNR should have everything needed to approve. The Bill Nicholls Trail has been reopened. DNR needs to discuss hydraulics on culverts for FEMA funding. SAM registration is complete and finally renewed for another year. Chris and Don will need to meet with City of Hancock due to connecting into their water main.

- Don Cline stated mPower GPS software update threw off all the mapped curb-stations, etc. that employees entered into system. Need to invest in a GPS locating tool to get information onto the maps. The GPS system could also be used by the assessor, as well as enable the public to see property information. Cemeteries could also be plotted. Don stated the tool would help with the DMSI report due in 2025. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to approve up to \$8000.00 for GPS locating device. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Ice rink does not have ice yet. Looking for lead volunteer and volunteers to run operation. Building did have a large water leak but has been repaired.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated three generators are needed immediately. Cost approximately \$26,000 each with Township doing the prep work. Anticipate one year delivery time. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to get the three generators ordered. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Budgets will be combed for emergency funds.
- M. Dugdale stated the Planning Commission recreational survey is ready to print. Thanked Heather for her assistance. Will be sent to addresses on tax roll, sorted by zip code. Lawyer Mackey will assist the Planning Commission to get Recreational Plan to DNR requirements. An organizational meeting of the Zoning Appeals Board will be attempted in January.
- Inquiry will be reviewed by Township lawyer on best option for renewing the Atlantic Mine Post Office lease for 5 yrs. (9/1/24-8/31/29). To be factored in is the size of approximately 350 sq. ft with Township responsible for upkeep.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:08PM 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
December 5, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, December 5, 2022 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:18PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Keranen, Trustee Eister, and Clerk Pindral. Also in attendance were Office Manager Heather Platzke, and Water Superintendent Don Cline.

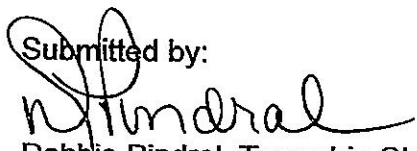
- Supervisor Heikkinen reported it was great news that Travis Cline (D2) and Terry Wiitala (S4) passed their certification exams! The Township now has two D2 licensed water operators.
- Don Cline reported the Painesdale Tank on Adams Street lost RF radio communication and overflowed. Due to safety concerns, all three employees were called in. Don stressed normal operational procedure is two employees answer call at all times.
- Travis and Terry are doing all the plowing. Do not plan to have a plow mounted on the new truck.
- Pole barn at pumping station has all interior metal installed. Next step is to do electrical work which will need a professional due to code.
- Plan to hold off on any let run action until middle of December/January to help the lagoons avoid overflow. Atlantic Mine will not have any let run allowed. Credit will only be given for set amount and then client must pay for extra water let run to prevent faucets fully open.

Supervisor Heikkinen requested a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to go into executive session at 8:05PM. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to leave executive session at 8:25PM and return to Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated personnel issues were discussed during Executive Session.

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 8:30P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk