

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
November 4, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Adam Township Board was held on Monday, November 4, 2019 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, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Treasurer Immonen was absent with excuse. There were 12 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the minutes of the October 7, 2019 Monthly meeting, and October 7, 2019 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:

- T. Parolini inquired on wind turbine updates. C. Moore, associated with Circle Power, was in audience and responded saying Circle Power is ready to meet with the Township to finalize the details for scheduling the public hearing and finalize paperwork. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he would like to include the Township Attorney at the meeting. Mr. Moore will email suggested dates and times. He also informed the public that the wind tower will be going back up.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reported receipt of invoice and signed contract from Great Lakes Recovery Center for provision of employee assist program. AEP services are a requirement of some RD loans and grants. MOTION by Clerk Pindral with support from Trustee Mattila to pay the \$75.00 invoice from Great Lakes Recovery. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Correspondence from Auto Value stating the business will now become Auto Wares, with a better line of merchandise and better availability.
- Letter from US EPA regarding questionnaire about safe water, about water system, nutrients, etc. B. Hudson stated he already has all that information, and it is taken care of.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of financial reports for October 2019. Clerk Pindral stated this report reflects the division of BCBSM costs between all accounts. MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the October financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported for the last month there were 9 medical calls and 0 fire calls. Supervisor Heikkinen reminded Fire Chief D. Coponen of the need to submit the monthly Incident Reports to the Bureau of Fire Service even if no activity experienced.

ASSESSOR REPORT: The Assessor report for October reviewed. The Board will discuss further in executive session with Assessor present.

CEMETERY REPORT: Mountain View Cemetery is closed to drive-in traffic, but still open to foot traffic.

BUSINESS – OLD/NEW:

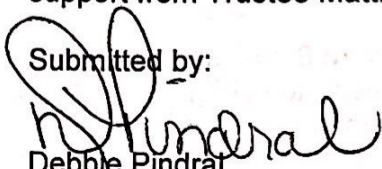
- Chris Holmes reported he is crunching the numbers on the upcoming water project, and will meet with the auditor and Supervisor Heikkinen to review next week. Project consists of replacing 3.1 miles of fatigued water main, and as well as obsolete water pumps. He reported he is working with addresses provided by water department to create spreadsheets for the DMSI inventory system mandated by State.
- Discussion regarding recreational marijuana in the Township. The 11/6/18 election results reported as 417 yes and 527 no votes. Lawyer Mackey gave a brief synopsis of regulations

presented by State, approx. 113 pages of regulations. MI State Police will provide enforcement of those regulations. Biggest rule is no marijuana sales allowed within 1000ft radius of K-12 schools. Due to Adams Township not being zoned, it will be hard for Township to control. Trustee Keranen made a MOTION for Adams Township to opt-out of recreational marijuana sales. Supervisor Heikkinen read an ordinance that could be utilized. Motion tabled due to lack of second. Clerk Pindral suggested that all Board members be given a copy of the ordinance to study and suggested board members read the State Marijuana regulations to make decision at December 2nd meeting.

- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the computer used for water billing needs to be upgraded to Windows 10. UP & Running has submitted quote for \$1,068.00 with REMC specifications to run the BSA software. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to purchase a new computer for \$1,068.00. Roll call, All ayes. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated a storage building for pumphouse in Painesdale has been budgeted. Currently the Bobcat is stored in the hoist building with the Township reimbursing Painesdale Mine & Shaft for electricity for winter months. A 40ft pole barn is estimated to cost around \$40,000. A bid has been received for two storage containers for approx. \$6,400.00 but the containers will have to be placed before snow. Plan is to place one container on each end and build a roof over the two to create a garage in the middle. The cost is estimated to be about \$12,000 including the containers. MOTION to approve the purchase of two containers made by Clerk Pindral with second by Trustee Keranen. Roll call, All ayes. Motion carried.
- MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the results of the financial audit completed by Auditor D. Bradford for FY ending 3/31/19. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Treasurer's proposal to accept summer 2020 school tax at the rate of \$2.50 per parcel. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Trustee Mattila asked Commissioner Anderson if there was any truth to the question of the County selling of the Transfer station, especially when it is profitable to the County. Commissioner Anderson stated the County is in early stages of investigating getting involved in recycling.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:58PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:


Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
November 4, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, November 4, 2019 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Treasurer Immonen and Don Cline were absent with excuse. UPEA Chris Holmes, Water Operator Robert Hudson, Heather Platzke and Justin Hayrynen were also present.

- Supervisor Heikkinen reminded Bob, Justin and Don to work with Chris Holmes on the AMP/DMSI reporting.
- Issues have come up regarding homes that have their own well but utilize Township sewer system paying only a flat rate. Supervisor Heikkinen will send a letter to those residences stating they are required to install a compatible meter to read water utilized in household so appropriate sewer usage rate will be charged or other action may need to be taken.
- Chris Holmes stated Siler Co. has not finished patches in Atlantic Mine. Discussion regarding having the areas milled by the County (if able). Chris will talk with Bill Siler on Tuesday with restudy in Spring.
- Clerk Pindral inquired about the patch needed on First Street in Painesdale after the waterline replacement. Justin stated it would not be repaved, just patched when weather permits.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to exit the Wholesale Water Meeting to go into executive session at 7:14PM to discuss personnel issues. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to leave executive session at 8:00PM, and resume Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Board talked with Township Assessor regarding AMAR 20% review, and a plan was decided. With no other business before the board. MOTION by Supervisor Heikkinen with support from Trustee Keranen to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 8:01P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:


Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk