

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06PM. Pledge of allegiance was recited followed by roll call. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Keranen, Trustee Mattila, Treasurer Immonen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 8 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the minutes of the August 7, 2017 monthly meeting, and August 7th Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS:

- Terry Parolini stated the wind odometer on top of Whealkate is acting like a lightning rod and causing electrical problems at the Village of South Range water tank. She stated the village will add more ground to the village system but wondered if the Township could contact the tower owner. It was suggested that the Village check with their insurance carrier.
- Melissa Davis, HEET Team Coordinator, stated she wanted to make the Board and public aware of the HEET New Power Tour. The HEET website has been updated with new information/services ([newpowertour.com/energy](http://newpowertour.com/energy)) and she would be willing to do a 20 minute presentation at a later date. She wants to make the public aware of a program to update old electric water heaters to newer, more efficient heaters at no charge. The homeowner would be vetted and would receive a home power audit as well. Contact number for more information is 906-281-5986.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Resolution in the amount of \$150,913.79 received from UPEA for payment draw on the USDA water project. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to approve Resolution 2014-09-02 in the amount of \$150,913.79 to be submitted to USDA for payment. Roll call, all ayes, Motion carried.
- Jeff LaChapelle contacted Supervisor Heikkinen regarding M-26 water leak by Northern Hardwoods. The main line was lowered by Moyle Construction when the highway was fixed. Township was not responsible for work performed by Moyle. Supervisor Heikkinen will contact Mr. LaChapelle and proceed from there. Question regarding whether or not the water meter at Northern Hardwoods has been changed and operable. Terry Parolini stated she believed the Village of South Range did not install their new meter, just repaired the old meter and put back. The Water Dept. employees will check into the status of both meters.
- Invoice from HD Supply for \$3,300.00 for Subsurface Locator received for payment. After trial, employees state it works well. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to approve payment of HD invoice in the amount of \$3,300.00 splitting the cost between Wholesale Water and Retail Water accounts. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Supervisor Heikkinen stated the financial reports show all accounts had a net profit in August. MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the August financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported August had 13 medical calls and 1 fire call. Requested the Board approve an additional \$100 in damage cost to the EMT vehicle damaged earlier this year. Board approved request. Dan Coponen, Fire Chief, stated the fire dept. has the opportunity to purchase a mini pumper truck for \$25,000.00. It was purchased by another person at a govt. auction but does not suit their needs. The 2003 mini-pumper is in great condition and has a 300 water tank and 60 gal foam tank which could hook up to fire trucks onsite. It could also be used at accident scenes and pull rescue sleds if necessary. It would also be more fuel efficient. Fire dept. budget was reviewed. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen to purchase 2003 Mini-pumper truck for

\$25,000.00. Roll call, all Ayes. Motion carried. Chief Coponen will pursue further. Trustee Mattila also stated the fire dept will park the rescue sled/trailer in the water dept yard for the winter. Reports if there are enough First Responders signing up, there might be a class held.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor monthly report reviewed. Possible splits in lot 32 in the Village of South Range. Terry Parolini inquired on how to report a street name change. She was told to call Deputy Kevin Cappo at Houghton County Sheriff's Office.

CEMETERY: Supervisor Heikkinen stated due to the cemetery millage funds being drawn down, Jim M. has been laid off at the Atlantic Mine Cemetery, and Jerry W. will only be working 2days/wk until the middle to end of October. He will be called in for grass cutting at lagoons or buildings and grounds on as needed basis. Both were given praise for their hard work this summer.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Chris Holmes stated the water improvement project may be a little behind due to unknown variables popping up, such as daisy chains, etc. Had a progress meeting the contractor this AM. Approximately 50 hook-ups changed. The contractor is doing the major traffic areas first due to the black-top plant schedule. Board asked that the contractor keep the public informed as project is making a major impact of school bus schedules, detours, etc. Trustee Mattila emphasized the contractor must fill in cuts/patches before leaving current site. Township has received complaints. Chris stated to let UPEA know, and they will work to fix problems. October 31<sup>st</sup> is deadline date unless amended by Board. Dependent on circumstances, any leaks in Atlantic Mine over the winter months, Siler Contracting is to be called to fix and hopefully it will be covered under contract. UPEA has manpower monitoring situation and reporting. Plan is to meet with contractor every other week, and it would be beneficial to have the Township represented.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reported he has checked with Auditor Bradford and the financial numbers in the general fund support purchase of a dump truck. Suggested billing other accounts monthly or quarterly for truck use and put into a sinking fund for future repair/replacement. Previous estimates for Ford F5500 diesel dump truck were in \$55,000.00 range. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with second by Trustee Mattila to approve purchase of dump truck. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved. Copper Country Ford and Big Valley Ford will be asked to submit bids.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the current lease on the Atlantic Mine post office has a September 2019 expiration date.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Heikkinen inquired if pursuing a DNR grant to replace the roof on the ice rink is plausible. Chris Holmes stated the Township Recreation Plan would need to be updated. A Passport grant would be a 75/25 match. Will check if improvements could be also made at the ballfield in Toivola.
- Chris Holmes was asked if financial information was available to update the lagoons. He stated more land would be needed to expand in Atlantic Mine. Possibilities include doing a feasibility study, or possibly work with the Village of South Range on regional lagoon. Having less let-runs in Atlantic Mine will also help. Bob Hudson has suggested contacting the Houghton County Road Commission about ditch improvements in Atlantic Mine. This would also result in less water in the lagoons. Chris will attempt to have numbers for October meeting.
- MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Financial Audit for FY ended March 31, 2017 that was presented to Board in August. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:30PM by Supervisor Heikkinen with support from Trustee Mattila. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral  
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
Wholesale Water Board  
September 11, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Also in attendance was Office Manager, Heather Platzke and Milton Pyykkonen. Water Superintendent Bob Hudson arrived at 7:40PM.

- Milton Pyykkonen attended meeting in Bob Hudson's absence. Supervisor Heikkinen instructed Milton to pursue official quotes on purchasing a Ford dump truck. Get quotes from Copper Country Ford and Big Valley. Trustee Mattila stated white trucks are cheaper.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated there were 5 bids received on the 2002 Chevy Truck with plow. Mike Immonen was the highest bid at \$1,682.20 and awarded the bid.
- Discussion regarding the water leak on Highway M26 near Northern Hardwoods. Supervisor Heikkinen stated it is Township responsibility to fix. MDOT is checking into and will get back to Supervisor Heikkinen. Bob Hudson stated it was his belief that it has an 8" middle with 45 on ends with probable leakage from 45's to adapters. Will check with Siler Contracting about doing repair as the equipment is close-by.
- Water Project in Atlantic Mine update was given during Township monthly meeting earlier. Bob reiterated that Houghton County Road Commission is in charge of maintaining ditches and culverts and getting them opened up would go a long way in drying up areas in Atlantic Mine.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen at 7:50PM to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila at 8:15PM to exit executive session and return to Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen at 8:15PM to re-adjourn Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, MOTION to adjourn at 8:16PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,  
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

The special meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45PM. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss and take public comment regarding amendment to Ordinance 9. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Keranen, Trustee Mattila, Treasurer Immonen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 5 guests in attendance.

COMMENTS:

- Chris Holmes, UPEA Engineer, suggested not setting a specific dollar amount in section referred to as monthly water base rate as this would require additional amendments to the ordinance in the future in the event the current \$25 base rate goes up. After discussion, it was decided to change wording to "current monthly water base rate". Current base rate is specific to amount charged for the first 2000 gallons of water used.
- MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Resolution 2017-09-01 defining when base rate is referred to it is specific to amount charged for the first 2,000 gallons of water. Roll Call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- There were no other specific comments brought forth.

MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Amendment to Ordinance 9 as follows:

**PART E, Water Shut Off and Turn On**

- (1) No charge for routine temporary shut off request for maintenance purposes on premises.
- (2) Residents who wish to turn water off for absences over three days, will be required to pay current monthly water base rate plus any applicable sewer debt charges for those premises physically connected to the Adams Township Water System regardless of whether or not water from said system is used upon the connected premises.
- (3) There will be a \$50.00 charge to turn water service back on, and the operation/maintenance (O&M) sewer charges will be reinstated.

This amendment shall take immediate effect. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Amendment shall be published in local newspaper.

MOTION to adjourn at 6:05PM by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral  
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

The special meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03PM. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss personnel issues. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Mattila, Treasurer Immonen, and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Keranen was absent. There was no public present.

At 5:04PM a MOTION made by Supervisor Heikkinen with support from Treasurer Immonen to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Roll call, All ayes. Motion carried.

At 5:55PM MOTION by Clerk Pindral with support from Trustee Mattila to exit executive session and return to Special meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved.

MOTION by Supervisor Heikkinen with support from Treasurer Immonen to re-adjourn Special Meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

- Supervisor Heikkinen stated he and Clerk Pindral will meet with Water Superintendent Bob Hudson on September 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss job performance and goals. The importance of properly training the next person for water and lagoon licensure will be emphasized.
- Milton Pyykkonen has successfully completed probation period, and in lieu of J. Hayrynen abrupt departure, will be fulltime with \$1/hr pay increase effective September 25, 2017. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila to approve \$1/hr pay increase for Milton Pyykkonen effective September 25, 2017. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Decision to delay hiring replacement until early spring. Jerry W. will be asked to work extra hours (up to 40 hours) as deemed necessary by Bob Hudson and Milton Pyykkonen.

MOTION to adjourn at 5:58PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral  
Township Clerk