

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
April 5, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held instituting mandated teleconferencing/social distancing guidelines on Monday, April 5, 2021 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 10 guests participating.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the March 1, 2021 Monthly Hearing, March 24, 2021 Budget Hearing, and March 1, 2021 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting dates for upcoming fiscal year reviewed. Dates will be posted for public to view.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ho. Co. Commissioner, Glenn Anderson introduced himself. He updated the Board on the American Rescue Plan Act federal aid. Payment is to be made 60 days from Presidential signature, which was March 11, 2021. It is estimated/calculated per capita \$99 or approx.. \$100,000 for Township and \$70,000 for the Village of South Range, made in two equal distributions. It can be spent on investments in water/sewer infrastructure, broadband infrastructure, or Covid-19 negative economic impact. Reporting will be due in 2024. He also reported that 70% of Covid-19 vaccine have been given with 33% of population over 60.
- Patrick Nettel requested the storm drain in front of Jeffers High School be lowered due to drainage issues. Don Cline reported this would be done.
- Chris DeForge inquired on status of oiling the street in Baltic. Supervisor Heikkinen stated there was extra funds put into new budget but waiting on projected cost from Ho. Co. Road Commission.
- Janet Kokko had questions on wind turbine project. This will be discussed further on agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- SBA Communications Corp. is requesting information regarding four parcels located in Adams Township. No zoning in effect.
- REMC 1 Annual Support Net Agreement sent for signature, along with misc. reports on services provided throughout the past year. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to renew the REMC 1 Support Net Agreement. Roll Call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Spicer Group has submitted a letter stating they can perform the required, wastewater dam/lagoon engineering inspection and submit to State. Chris Holmes stated UPEA is familiar with the lagoons, and can do the inspection. He will check with the State on exactly what has to be done.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated CAT Financial Leasing Corporation sent the Township a thank you letter and enclosed \$1 bill. Discussion on investment options of said \$1, with no decision made.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of financial reports for March 2021. MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the March 2021 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: There were 13 medical calls and 3 fire calls in last month. The newer fire truck has arrived and needs some radio work done. Lease with Mattila Rock and Dock has been signed.

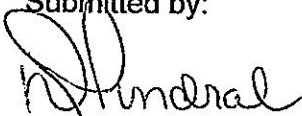
ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report for month of March was reviewed. March BOR went well. Three people actually came with the rest mailing in the paperwork.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:

- Wholesale Water improvement process is in the works, replacing main line for Painesdale to Trimountain/South Range hill for a distance of 3.1 miles at approximate cost of \$3.7 Million. Formal application was served today per Chris Holmes. There is no “immediate plan” to raise wholesale/retail rates for this project. Repair and Replacement account will need to be established as requirement of Rural Development. UPEA has started design work, utilizing the aerial survey data. Chris stated he will need Supervisor Heikkinen to meet with him soon to work on RD Apply.
- “Guesstimate of September” to hear regarding the application for the Fire Department Emergency Vehicle grant.
- Chris Moore of Circle Power reported when the wind and bird surveys have been finalized, then they will host a meeting for the public on wind turbine project. A Townhall meeting had been planned, but then Covid-19 hit. He stated he is willing to meet and address questions and concerns with people. Just call him: 612-749-4236 or email: chris@circlepowerco.com Heather also has contact information in water dept. office.
- There are two sealed bids received for the pumphouse heating and dehumidification system. Three companies were contacted but only two responded. Patrick’s Plumbing bid \$153,000 and Wilmer’s bid \$78,000. No breakdowns listed. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to use/contact Wilmer’s for system. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Phosphate feed and storage system needs updating per State. Need to eliminate chemical exposure and change to pound measurement system versus scale. It would be more accurate and have 24hr monitoring. Also more cost effective for corrosion protection of water line. Hawkins, Chemical Supplier, has stated the new system would cost approximately \$6,329.00. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to upgrade the Phosphate system at pumping station based on the Hawkins estimate. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Don Cline will contact Hawkins and order system upgrade. This could be funded by the American Rescue Plan as it is considered utility infrastructure.
- Heather Platzke stated the company that hosts the Township website has been bought out by Vista and will now charge \$5/month. Motion by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to authorize the monthly \$5 charge for website. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Don Cline reported that even with the baskets installed in lift stations in Atlantic Mine, grinder pumps are still struggling and burning up due to residents using nondegradable ‘flushable’ wipes. He is requesting a purchase of a vac-truck to clean the debris. The Township has 8 lift stations and 60-70 manholes that could be cleaned on regular basis with vac-truck eliminating emergency situations, equipment repair, overtime wages, etc. He has spoke to some dealers but the trucks are quickly bought up. He is asking for authority to act when the call for available truck comes in. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to authorize Don Cline \$105,000 to hold/purchase vac-truck. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. This will be paid from general fund with payments from all accounts. This could also be funded by the American Rescue Plan as it is considered utility infrastructure.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:30PM by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
April 4, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, April 4, 2021 via mandated social distancing guidelines/teleconferencing at the Township Hall, 17104 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 Eister, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Also participating was Chris Holmes, Don Cline, and Heather Platzke.

- Don Cline reminded the Board they need to replace 10 water hydrants to complete hydrant project. Currently have 4 on hand and need 6 to finish. Each hydrant costs about \$4,500 each.
- OSHA has mandated airpacks when in manhole and at waterplant. Two air packs have been ordered.
- The pole barn will need concrete floor poured this summer at about \$5,000 cost. Rebar has already been purchased. Will insulate interior walls afterwards as afforded.
- Drop ceiling is being installed by employees at pumping station. Will paint outside when weather permits. Three replacement pumps have been ordered and will be replaced at low flow times, most likely at night.
- New generators are needed: two in Baltic and one in Painesdale. Cost unknown at this time. Don suggests replacing on rotating basis and refurbishing as able.
- Inflow meter will be installed in Painesdale this spring/summer. May need to build a small support structure.
- Fencing around sewer ponds fixed.
- New riding mower purchased for cemetery and will be used for other grounds as needed. It has a 54" cut so will be time saver.
- Have been busy fixing water lines.
- Inquiry if shut-offs are allowed and when. Heather will check on.
- Heather will call Health Dept. to schedule needed vaccinations for employees, i.e. tetanus, etc.

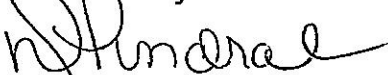
MOTION by Trustee Eister at 7:45PM to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Supported by Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

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

With Wholesale Water Board meeting back in session, Clerk Pindral stated the Board discussed a personnel issue and a potential new hire for water department.

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 8:26P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk