

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, August 1, 2016 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

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

MOTION made by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Sohlden to accept the meeting minutes of the July 11, 2016 monthly meeting, July 25, 2016 special meeting and July 11, 2016 wholesale water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) There will be a public hearing at Houghton County Courthouse on September 16, 2016 at 2PM regarding commercial forest application by Greenleaf Timber Holdings. The public meeting will be held first, and then a meeting to decide whether the application will be granted or not.
- 2.) Jeff Radcliffe, Exec. Director Community Alliance, stated he is working with Houghton County Treasurer, Kathy Beattie with the land bank on the Painesdale Machine Shop/Keweenaw Scrap Metal site. He stated a grant has been received from DEQ to clean up the tires, and work will begin. Currently waiting for haul dates from the hauler. Environmental site assessment has been done. Anticipates applying for EPA grant funding for clean-up once final report is received. They stated the buildings on site are sound and definitely worth preserving. Asked for public volunteers and equipment to form work crews to assist in stabilizing site. Then the process of deciding whether to classify the site as industrial or residential will begin. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the update.
- 3.) Update from J. Wourenmaa at WUPPDR regarding grant monies for blight structures. The Township was advised to get an inventory of blighted structures, even privately owned, in preparation for grant application by Houghton County.
- 4.) There has been some question regarding whether or not the Township uses the Fire Department to fill private swimming pools. Trustee Mattila stated in the past the dept. has filled a few pools for a donation that covers the costs. Contact Fire Chief Dan Coponen with requests or concerns.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Clerk Pindral stated the Retail Water account has made first payment to Wholesale water, but is not reflected in the expenses paid column. It is reflected in the due to column. Township auditor was consulted on transaction. MOTION made by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Sohlden to accept the July financial report as presented. Roll call, all ayes with Trustee Mattila abstaining from vote on Rock and Dock as well as Portage Lake Construction invoices. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported 10 medical calls and 3 fire calls. He stated the fire dept. acquired a used ATV from the DNR for rescue calls in the bush. Will be converting the current rescue truck into brush truck to pull rescue trailer.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report reviewed. BOR went well. No report on AMAR review that was recently conducted. County Treasurer recommended bill of sale to be based on value.

CEMETERY REPORT: Mountain View Cemetery had 6 burials/cremations in July.

BUSINESS:

- Portage Lake Construction (formerly S&L Construction) has submitted in five weeks four invoices with a total of \$7,345.91. Work has been mostly in Atlantic Mine but one was for a water main fix in Trimountain. Water Superintendent Bob Hudson stated he was aware of all repairs and did look at work order/invoices.
- Water Improvement Project Update: Chris Holmes reported plans and specs were done and ready to be submitted to Rural Development. Did include 45 water meters that have 20 year warranties. Stated UPEA did speak with Lisa Karrio to obtain addresses and forwarded information to Lawyer Mechlin to prepare Right of Way easement paperwork for signatures.
- NCUMMINS update: The planned maintenance quote from NCummins was decreased to \$5,040.46 after Heather talked with the company. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Clerk Pindral to approve the repairs in the amount of \$5,040.46. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Due to the Township receiving federal assistance monies through Rural Development, adoption of USDA Limited English Proficiency Plan is mandatory. Due to required deadline, the requested paperwork has been signed by Supervisor Heikkinen and submitted. Chris Holmes stated Kristal at USDA is in the process of condensing the paperwork to five pages. He will email a copy to the Township when available.
- Continuing Disclosure filing and fees through Bendzinski is a mandatory annual event to complete L4020 for township until Bond is paid in approximately 2050.
- Supervisor Heikkinen addressed the complaints received regarding the monthly water meter readings. He stated with the upcoming water improvement project, it is imperative to make sure all water meters are functioning properly for proper cost containment. Billing system has been updated which has increased efficiency. Meters are being read monthly through December to test meter efficiency. Supervisor Heikkinen state his time and the Board had previously been focused on wind turbine issues, employee issues, and is now dealing with water issues with the goal of increasing accuracy and efficiency. The public was informed if they experienced any problems or had any questions about their meter reading, not to complain on social media, but to bring it to the Board's attention. It is not the intention to "rip-off" the public. Meters can be retested and adjustments made if warranted. If the monthly reading of water meters goes well, it may continue past the December 31, 2016 deadline. Citizen Fox addressed the Board, stating he was happy with the process as long as the meters were read properly and everyone is paying their fair amount.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:05PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Sohlden. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
August 1, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, August 1, 2016 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Sohlden, Clerk Pindral, and Water Superintendent Bob Hudson. Office Manager, Heather Platzke was also present.

- Water Superintendent Hudson reported problems with the phosphate pump would take four weeks to get parts. He priced a new replacement pump that is the same year and model as the current pump at approximately \$920.00. The old pump would then be rebuilt and tested. This would ensure a pump would be available with same fittings at an affordable cost. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Sohlden to order the new phosphate pump. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Bob requested that Justin Hayrynen take the D4 and S4 exam in November. Application must be submitted by September 1, 2016. Study book will be ordered. He also requested that Justin attend the fall meeting with him and be introduced to the vendors. Board agreed. Justin will train with Bob as much as possible.
- Bob also requested that Frank Kennedy be kept on the lawn mowing equipment at the lagoons.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Sohlden to go into executive session at 7:25PM to discuss personnel issues. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Sohlden with support from Treasurer Immonen at 7:55PM to exit executive session. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen at 7:55PM to return to Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, MOTION to adjourn at 7:56PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Sohlden. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk