

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
June 6, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, June 6, 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 15 guests participating.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the May 2, 2022 Monthly Meeting, and May 2, 2022 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Troy Povich, co-owner of Krupps and 1902 Tap and Grill, inquired on the status of the trail closure between South Range and Painesdale, and if a detour was being planned. He stated businesses were being negatively impacted due to the closure. Supervisor Heikkinen reported it is not Township but State issues. Don Cline, water superintendent, stated the State only allowed the Township to stabilize the waterline in the area, as DNR is concerned regarding the culvert replacement. Various public comments suggest contacting DNR and state elected officials for speedy repair or designate a detour.
- T. Parolini asked the Board on status of donation to July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration in South Range. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to authorize \$200 donation to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Roll call, All ayes. Motion carried.
- J. Sleeman stated it appeared the ordinances gave Township the authority to remove abandoned towers. Lawyer Mackey stated there were no permits issued and the property is private.
- J Kerttu stated mail for his house in South Range is being directed to Houghton and asked if that can be corrected. He also inquired about an agreement made about 30 yrs ago between the Road Commission, Township regarding a 20% reduction in water and sewage usage due to water drainage issues. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Board has no knowledge of agreement.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Resolution needed for acceptance of payment by financial transaction device before further training proceeds. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen to adopt Resolution 2022-06-01 Acceptance of Payments by Financial Device. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Treasurer Immonen reiterated the financial company will impose a small fee to customer. With approximately 5 weeks of training, anticipate full automation by end of September.
2. Resolution 2022-06-02 Photovoltaic Solar Farms is a modification of previous ordinance to promote safety/access as well as prominent ID location of lithium batteries. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to adopt Resolution 2022-06-02 Photovoltaic Solar Farms ordinance. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Resolution effective immediately and supercedes old.
3. Wind Turbine Ordinance #2022-06-01 introduced. Changes from old ordinance include property setback change from 3000ft to 5000ft, sound pressure levels from 55dB(a) to 40 measured in 10 minute intervals without noise of wind turbines versus previous "average". MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to adopt Ordinance #2022-06-01 Wind Power Generation. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Ordinance will be effective 30 days after publication. Special Hearing will be held on July 11, 2022 at 5:45PM.
4. Letter from State of Michigan regarding easement application on old railroad line for waterline replacement. Board granted authority to Lawyer Mackey to respond.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Supervisor Heikkinen inquired if there were any questions or issues regarding the financial reports for May. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the May 2022 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

There were several medical calls and 2 fire calls since last report. Resolution and ballot wording on new fire hall will need to be adopted at July meeting to meet timeline to get on November ballot.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** Board reviewed assessor report for May.

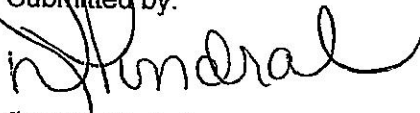
CEMETERY REPORT: Cemeteries are open. Lots of May burials.

**BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:**

- Chris Holmes stated no new updates on water project application. Did meet with Northern Hardwoods regarding tank, but not a viable option. Working with South Range and Lake Superior Timber on land to place tank. Tank project is high priority per EGLE. May need to shuffle waterline project funding if State has any discretionary funds.
- Houghton County Road Commission service agreement for dust control on Academy road in the amount of \$1,199.25 was submitted. Should be done mid-July.
- Great Lakes Recovery Center Employee Assistance agreement will be going up in October. FYI only.
- Reminder L-4029 is due by September 30, 2022. Report on millage.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated there has been no updates from Circle Power.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:25PM 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  
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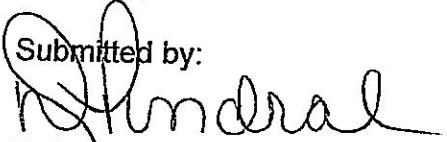
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, June 6, 2022 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen., and Clerk Pindral, Chris Holmes, UPEA, and Water Dept Supervisor Don Cline.

- Don Cline stated the meters have been ordered and should be in by end of July. Kubota has been ordered, no delivery date given. Camera for lines should be in sometime in July. No word on manhole cutters.
- Don stated he has voiced opinions up the State chain of command on getting trail fixed, stressing how the waterline is in jeopardy. Reported the trail is extremely rough, putting stress on the waterlines. Questioned cost of the Township grading to protect lines as the replacement of lines is at least one year out.
- Failure of 2" line on Adams Street which feeds five houses. Still looking for main.
- Continued work as able on GPS mapping, adding laterals, etc.

With no other business or comments before the board, a MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 7:50P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:

  
Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk