

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
September 12, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, September 12, 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 11 guests participating.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2022 Monthly Meeting and August 1, 2022 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Supervisor Heikkinen stated he would not be available for the scheduled meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and inquired if the Board would like to reschedule to October 10<sup>th</sup> or have another member chair the meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Board agreed to reschedule the meeting to October 10<sup>th</sup>. Notice will be made on media sites as well as in office window.
- M. Dugdale asked if the Board would consider hiring an outside firm to write up a 5yr recreation plan for the Township in order to qualify for DNR grants. Clerk Pindral stated the Township had previously adopted a Recreation Plan and inquired if it could be updated. Lawyer Mackey stated readoption of the old plan would suffice for time-being, and to post a notice of public hearing. Clerk Pindral will get a copy to the Planning Committee and will post the hearing notice for October 10 at 5:45PM.
- T Parolini stated possibly the Village and Township could do a joint venture in recreational plans and funding.
- B. Paavola stated he has purchased a half house in Baltic and is seeking direction on any tax liens or unpaid utility bills on the other side of house and the land it sits on. Township lawyer suggested checking the property assessment with the Township Assessor and proceed from there.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Information received from Michigan Water Association regarding PFA'S Cost Recovery Program. Information packet given to Township lawyer to review for October meeting.
2. DNR is to send language to approve new easement agreement for Township to review for the trail from South Range to Painesdale water plant. This evolved after meeting by all involved to resolve issues get the wholesale water project started, and get the Bill Nichols trail repaired.
3. Invoice received from Portage Health Foundation for annual pledge to support UPSET.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

There were 13 medical calls and 0 fire service calls since last report. Promotion of the Fire Department Millage Proposal discussed. Plan to have an open house at Atlantic Fire Hall, and will have promo yard signs printed. B. Paavola stated if someone drops off information at VFW, they will display for pasty sale on the 20th. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to approve \$2000 for Fire Dept to promote millage request. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Board reviewed assessor report for August. Assessor will be in office on Monday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> instead of the 21<sup>st</sup> due to CEU class.

CEMETERY/BUILDINGS REPORT: J. Wisniewski is working on repairing the storage garage at South Range Cemetery. Supervisor Heikkinen thanked Robert and Jim for their hard work at both cemeteries this summer.

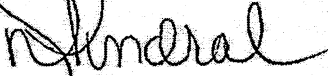
**BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:**

- 16" ductile iron has been delivered and will be reimbursed thru the Wholesale Water Improvement project.
- Chris Holmes stated no new updates on water project application.
- No updates from Circle Power.

- Planning Commission will be meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Draft of the Township Audit has been received. No deficiencies or corrective actions. Supervisor Heikkinen, Clerk Pindral, and Treasurer Immonen will be meeting with auditor to get audit finalized. Anticipate Board approval at October meeting.
- The Mini-excavator has been delivered and is already in use.
- The land purchase from Village of South Range for water tank is near finalization. Lawyers are drawing up legal papers. The Township will acquire 13 acres for the water tank for \$26,000 and will provide 150 manhours to assist the Village in brushing trail. Water Tank is priority and anticipate hook up in Spring 2023.
- The Township has received many calls regarding speeding thru Baltic due to the detour. Supervisor Heikkinen stated to call the Houghton County Road Commission regarding signage. Or Houghton County Sheriff's department about speeding.
- H. Platzke stated the online payment system is now live. Can be used to pay water bills, property taxes. Must go thru the Township website to create an account. The software company does charge a small fee to customer for using the service.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:05PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral  
Township Clerk

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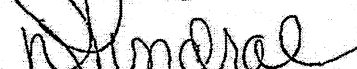
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, September 12, 2022 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen., and Clerk Pindral, Heather Platzke and Water Dept Supervisor Don Cline.

- Don Cline reported a 4" main by highway in Painesdale is causing issues. Dirty sediment in water in household. Working to find where sediment is originating in old 1906 waterline. Looking for a solution.
- Don stated he is working with the DNR on preconstruction meeting for trail repair to team up and get the trail fixed. Funding is major. Getting the trail repaired is mutual consideration. Tom Flamenio, EGLE, plans to draft a letter to send to higher up officials as well as elected politicians and State Officials.
- The employees ran a new water service line to the pole barn at water plant to initiate the new mini-excavator.
- Reported it is the time of the year to get blacktop patching done. Will need to contract with the County as Siler Contracting is not available.

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 7:25P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:

  
Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk