

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 3, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, April 3, 2017 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 Keranen, Trustee Mattila, and Clerk Pindral. There were 5 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the meeting minutes of the March 6, 2017 monthly meeting, and Wholesale water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you note was received from KEDA for the membership renewal.
- Letter from USDA with audit requirements for end of year reporting, Treasurer Immonen to complete.
- US Census request for information regarding Public Employment and Payroll, Clerk Pindral will complete.

FINANCIAL REPORT: MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the March financial report. Roll call, all ayes with Trustee Mattila abstaining from vote on any Portage Lake Construction invoices. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported 8 medical calls and 1 fire calls. Quiet month.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor monthly report reviewed. Board of Review went well with approximately 25-30 petitions.

CEMETERY REPORT: Clerk Pindral stated the annual letter to funeral home directors is being sent with directives on who/when to call with burial questions. Clarification of cemetery gate hours needed. Discussion resulting in leaving gates open unless deemed necessary to lock, i.e. destruction/vandalism. Justin Hayrynen will contact Mr. Kennedy regarding returning for the summer. Township may need to hire additional summer help for cemeteries. Hiring additional cemetery worker tabled until May meeting. Mike Immonen has agreed to assist with burials at Mountain View Cemetery.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Chris Holmes, UPEA, stated he anticipates the three remaining easements to be signed by Thursday. He will then get them recorded at the courthouse, and sent to Rural Development who will then forward to OGC. The next step is to advertise for bids (3wk period), and then 3-4 weeks to closing. Best case scenario is digging to begin July 1st with Atlantic Mine to be priority. Retail water budget reflects the project must get started.
- Tax Asset report from auditor for insurance agent needs to be reviewed. The listing of Township assets was given to Justin, Heather and Bob to cross off equipment no longer owned and to add equipment acquired. Keeping the asset list current will have an impact on Township Insurance.
- Supervisor Heikkinen met with the BCBS representative to discuss health insurance options for employee one-person health care. There are three plans available (Gold/Silver/Bronze) with two different deductible options. Clerk Pindral inquired if there was a cap ruling on how much government agencies are allowed by law to contribute. Lawyer Mackey will check into. Insurance issues tabled until May meeting to obtain more information.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Heikkinen reported the budgets for 2017/18 were approved at the annual meeting. The \$2 monthly increase on retail water bills is crucial to making the yearly \$85,000 loan payment on the upcoming water project.

- There is a request to purchase a 3250 watt gas powered generator to assist in working in the ditches running the pumps. Estimate of approximately \$440 received from True Value. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to approve the purchase of 3250 watt gas powered generator from True Value. All ayes. Motion carried. Justin Hayrynen instructed to make the purchase this week.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the white GMC pick-up doors are badly rusted. Old quote from Matt's Auto was about \$1,500.00. Action tabled until May meeting with Justin instructed to obtain current estimates.
- Clerk Pindral stated she and Heather have submitted their applications for Notary Public.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

- J. Kokko inquired if there was a new map available for the wind turbines. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the only map available is the one originally presented.
- K. Mackey stated downstate townships are expanding wind turbine farms tremendously, but not without concerns.
- T. Parolini asked if the Township has considered a recycling program. Trustee Mattila stated due to major snafus when scrap metal recycling was offered, most likely not.

MOTION to adjourn at 6:51PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
April 3, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, April 3, 2017 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:55PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, Clerk Pindral, and Water Superintendent Bob Hudson. Also in attendance was Justin Hayrynen, Chris Holmes, Heather Platzke and Dan Coponen.

- With decreased manpower, a lift gate was requested for the Ford, to assist in hauling heavier equipment such as the generator and pumps. Estimate from Lawrence Company was \$2275 including installation. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila to purchase lift gate for Ford Pickup. All ayes, motion carried.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated he was contacted by local group about the feasibility of the Township providing water and lagoon hook-up to Camp Kitwen. Bob Hudson stated it would involve approximately 1.5 miles of pipeline. Sewage would have to be a forced main pump. Recommend the group contact Chris Holmes, UPEA engineer, for further information.
- Chris Holmes, UPEA, re-iterated once the easements are done, recorded and sent into the RD, project should be advertised for bids by May 1st for a duration of four weeks, with loan closing 3-4 wks after. Contractor will start ordering materials upon receiving the bid. Shut-offs will be installed at each house curb stop at right-of-way at the property line. Trustee Mattila requested the number of “daisy-chains” in Atlantic Mine for the May meeting.
- Bob Hudson stated the last week of April and through May, he and Justin will be busy with lagoons.
- Bob stated the generator in Painesdale and in Baltic will be looked at tomorrow. Per contract Cummins will perform inspection on all generators this summer.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated there hasn't been much feedback on the wholesale water rate hike. He inquired on the meter repair at Northern Hardwoods, stating it must be fixed. Bob Hudson stated it may be possible to take the service top off and repair it. The Village of South Range plans to have their meter operational in May.
- Trustee Mattila stated he had an inquiry from the court system regarding a delinquent water bill asking to have \$900 bill reduced. The Board stands by the policy on record, therefore the bill will not be reduced.
- No update on grinder to be installed on Jukkala property.

With no further business to discuss, MOTION to adjourn at 7:20PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk