

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 4, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, April 4, 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 7 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Sohlden to accept the meeting minutes of the March 7, 2016 monthly meeting, as well as the March 7, 2016 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

- None at this time

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) Brad Barnett, WUPPDR, would like to insert a 2016 energy survey with summer tax bills. Objective is to collect data from residents and businesses regarding energy costs, bills, source, etc. Treasurer Immonen stated cannot put more than a couple sheets of paper into the tax envelopes without affecting postage cost. Trustee Mattila asked who would be responsible for the cost of folding and stuffing into envelopes. Also questioned was if the survey was going only to owners, and not renters. Supervisor Heikkinen will contact Mr. Barnette for more information.
- 2.) RD year-end required reporting is due. Treasurer Immonen stated she will work with Heather Platzke to gather numbers and get it submitted.
- 3.) Question from Jessica Vojtasek regarding the possibility of living in a trailer during the summer months while building on property recently purchased between South Range and Trimountain by sledding hill. No water or sewer available, she will be responsible for the cost of running lines. Suggested she rent a port-a-potty for interim use.

FINANCIAL REPORT: MOTION made by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the March financial report as presented. Roll Call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported 12 medical calls and 2 fire calls. Pancake breakfast held in March was a success.

Clerk Pindral stated the MI Township Participating Plan Representative, Tom Lindeman has requested notification of status of Township efforts in reducing existing/potential liability exposure by complying with underwriting requirement of ongoing driving record review of all volunteer fire fighters, EMT personnel, as well as Township employees who drive township-owned vehicles. After discussion, Clerk Pindral was instructed to contact Hannula Agency for input and bring recommendation to next meeting.

ASSESSOR REPORT: March report reviewed. Approximately 9 people came before the March BOR.

CEMETERY: Supervisor Heikkinen stated Frank Kennedy has been inquiring when he can return to work at his seasonal cemetery job. Both cemeteries as well as lagoon areas are still covered with snow. Supervisor Heikkinen will inform Mr. Kennedy he will be given the OK to start when cemeteries can be accessed without hindrance.

UPDATE BUSINESS:

- Correspondence from Village of South Range resident, Susan Beck regarding wind turbines was discussed. She has requested the Township put a moratorium on any wind farm plans, or failing this, will request a petition to have the decision placed on ballot. Lawyer Kevin Mackey asked to address

this issue. Permission granted by Board. Mr. Mackey stated federal laws and several laws favor green energy. Adams Township is an unzoned community and by law cannot block Mr. Hoken's wind turbine farm plans. He stated the Township has a comprehensive, legal ordinance in place for wind turbines placement with the full intent to ensure this ordinance is followed. He also reiterated the reason Huron County can place a moratorium on wind turbines is Huron County is a zoned community. Unless laws are changed, there is nothing the Township can do that it hasn't already done. Supervisor Heikkinen stated in the latest conversation with Mr. Hoken, he still has a lot of work to do, and there is no possibility of the wind turbine being started until 2018/19 at the earliest.

- Water Improvement Project Update: Chris Holmes stated retail water has no right of way map. Map has to be drawn up and certified by a lawyer, then submitted to rural development and their legal counsel. Easements on right of way are needed, and this will slow up the project going to bid. MDOT and DEQ permits are in place as well as budgets. Specs will spell out timeline must make Atlantic Mine a priority.
- Supervisor Heikkinen consulted with Township Auditor regarding S&L Invoices due. Auditor suggested loan from wholesale water or general fund to pay. Second option would be to pay from retail water at a rate of \$6000/month for a 12 month pay-off. An extension of time might be an option if necessary. MOTION by Trustee Sohlden with support from Treasurer Immonen to approve a loan from wholesale water or general fund to pay invoices with retail water to repay over 12month period with extension if necessary (but not recommended). Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The furnace in the post office in Atlantic Mine has been malfunctioning. Wilmers Heating was able to get it running but it needs to be replaced. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to get three bids for a new furnace to present at next meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Health Platzke will make the calls tomorrow.
- The water heater in the Township hall was leaking and not able to be repaired. Employees replaced it at a cost of approximately \$400.00.

MOTION to adjourn at 6:50PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned. Next regular monthly meeting is Monday, May 2, 2016 at 6:00PM.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
APRIL 4, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, April 4, 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. Water Superintendent Bob Hudson, and Office Manager, Heather Platzke were also present.

- Water Superintendent Bob Hudson reported he is plugging along. Bacteria sampling plan has been submitted. He stated due to the lead water crisis in Flint, lead/copper sampling next year will be more involved, including more paperwork. Adams Township water numbers are good. Doug Pascoe from DEQ visits occasionally. He stated he told Duane Snell that once he gets his license and being a 'rookie' he will probably see the DEQ more often.
- Duane Snell will undergo three levels of licensure:
 - Treatment
 - Distribution
 - WastewaterHe will be taking classes in Ishpeming on April 7/8 in preparation for April 26th exam.
- Heather Platzke stated the water billing is going good. No extra spending.
- Justin Hayrynen is requesting family leave to take 5 days off of work time, returning April 14th or 15th. Request granted.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to go into executive session at 7PM to discuss personnel issues. All ayes, motion carried.

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

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Clerk Pindral to return to wholesale water meeting at 7:56PM. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to set special meeting for April 11, 2016 at 5PM to discuss personnel issues and any other business that may come before the Board. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Pindral will post meeting notice.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:57PM by Trustee Sohlden with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 11, 2016**

A special meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, April 11, 2016 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM. The Board members were introduced and responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Sohlden, and Clerk Pindral. Robert Hudson and Duane Snell were in attendance.

Supervisor Heikkinen thanked Bob and Duane for attending the meeting.

First Item presented to the Board were the bids received to replace the furnace in the Atlantic Mine Post Office building. After a review of proposed bids, the lowest bid was from Wilmers Heating. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Sohlden to accept the bid by Wilmers Heating in the amount of \$1,150.00. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Second Item presented was request for census update of government units. Treasurer Immonen will complete the form online.

Clerk Pindral reported Hannula Insurance Agency strongly recommends participation in the Risk Control free enrollment program to obtain continuous driving record check of personnel driving township vehicles or their own vehicles on behalf of the Township. Participation enables insurance company to negotiate lower insurance rates for the Township. MOTION by Clerk Pindral with Support from Treasurer Immonen to participate in the program. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Trustee Mattila stated he would get the list of volunteer firemen and a copy of current driver's license.

MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila at 5:10PM to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues as well as daily operations and expectations. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen at 7:00PM to leave executive session and return to special meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Sohlden to purchase a time clock whereby expecting employees to clock in at 7:00AM, out at 3:00/3:30PM (designated work hours) Mon-Fri with no exceptions. Roll Call, all ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor Heikkinen and Treasurer will bring information to the May meeting.

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