

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
September 14, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held instituting mandated teleconferencing/social distancing guidelines on Monday, September 14, 2020 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Pledge of allegiance was recited. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Mattila, Treasurer Immonen, and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse. There were 4 guests present.

MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the minutes of the August 3, 2020 Monthly meeting, and August 3, 2020 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were no public comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- State of Michigan AMAR audit results received and the Township passed. Field staff has completed updating property cards without much change throughout Township. Supervisor Heikkinen went on record thanking the six girls who did the field work, especially Maggie and Grace who did the majority of the work.
- Annual contract and statement received from Great Lakes Recovery Center. This is an annual renewal at current cost of \$85.00, and required due to grants and loans.
- The Water Assistance Program is in force through the State. It is a 25 million dollar program through EGLE/DHS to ensure vulnerable families have access to water in these critical times. There is no cost to the Township. Through a contract with CAA, water utilities in arrear from March thru December are given assistance in paying water utilities. Families who receive assistance, such as reduced lunch, Medicaid, etc. are eligible.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of financial reports for August 2020. MOTION made by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the August 2020 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes with Trustee Mattila abstaining from vote on invoices from Mattila Rock and Dock/Superior Sand and Gravel. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported in the last month there were 14 medical calls and 3 fire calls.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report was reviewed with no action needed.

CEMETERY REPORT: The two hired help for the cemeteries were laid off for the season on September 11. The cemetery special assessment monies are spent. Thank you given to the guys for their hard work keeping the cemeteries looking good this summer. Jerry W. will continue working with the DPW crew as needed.

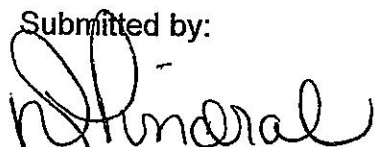
BUSINESS – OLD/UNFINISHED/NEW:

- Chris Holmes reported he received information needed from the Village of South Range clerk on volume of residential versus commercial water usage for the water project application. He needs an updated and current budget, then will send a paper copy of application to Brenda at RD to be reviewed before submitting final application. The Township Supervisor and Treasurer will need to be re-authenticated in the RDA process.

- DMSI spreadsheets were submitted to Tom Flamenio at EGLE.
- The grant application for excavator has been submitted. It will be processed as quickly as possible.
- Township has received \$50,000 grant for loader but it must be paid in full before grant is paid out. Will need proof it is paid-off to send to RD.
- Siler Contracting has stated the road in Atlantic Mine is not any worse than others. Chris will continue to pursue. Township may institute "warranty" in future contracts, withholding full payment until expectations are met.
- No updates from Circle Power regarding wind turbines.
- Supervisor Heikkinen remarked on numerous emails received from Bendinski & Company on information needed to complete paperwork needed for bond. Clerk Pindral and Treasurer Immonen stated everything has been sent except for audit, which is not complete yet. Auditor will send when complete.
- The parcel in Trimountain currently held by the Houghton County Land Bank is currently posted for sale.
- Correspondence from Town Web Design LLC based in Madison Wisconsin regarding Township website discussed. Office Manager Heather Platzke does a great job with current website, no change needed.
- Supervisor Heikkinen report Justin Hayrynen has terminated employment. He was thanked for his 5 years of service to Adams Township.
- Treasurer Immonen updated the Board on a "hard life case" in which she reimbursed client \$300 for cemetery lots in Atlantic Mine. She stated the lots will quickly resell. She requested reimbursement. Due to nature of circumstances, MOTION made by Clerk Pindral with support from Trustee Mattila to reimburse for the \$300 cemetery lot, but not to make usual practice. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Treasurer Immonen stated M. Larue wishes to be reimbursed \$15 for cemetery lot purchased in past, and not exchange for different parcel. Board directed Clerk Pindral to send M. Larue the \$15.
- Cara W. via Zoom inquired why 14th Avenue was not dust-treated this summer. Supervisor stated due to the cost being more than was budgeted for, only part of the cemetery road and Brooklyn location in Baltic was done. Cara stated 14th Avenue was highly travelled this summer and very dusty. She asked if it can be added to the budget next year, or if necessary, oil only in front of residences.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:40PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

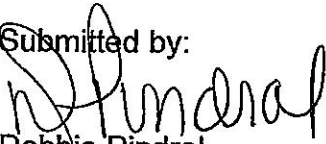
ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
September 14, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, September 14, 2020 via mandated social distancing guidelines/teleconferencing at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:41PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, and Clerk Pindral. Also present were Don Cline and Chris Holmes. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse.

- Don Cline stated they have replaced 9 hydrants (with isolation valve) and have 8 more to go. When they pump them out, they are inspected and repaired if needed. Currently have 4 new hydrants left. The DPW did some services replacement in some areas as the water was already turned off. Located lots of main valves and made sure they are in working order. Landscaping will start on Tuesday. He stated the DPW crew is working well together.
- Plan to do some water main looping next summer and will need permits.
- Don stated he has spoke to Siler Contracting regarding blacktop patching, and will speak with Portage Lake Construction before the blacktop plant is shut down for the season. Stated if the Township invested in a small roller, the DPW could make their own blacktop repairs.
- Storage building at the Painesdale Pumping Station is next project.
- Sewer basket installed in Atlantic is working well.
- Semco marked a manhole on Ontonagon St. The County pushed a manhole while plowing and the cover was off causing it to fill with snow and debris then freeze. It was filled with dirt, restricting flow. Crew was able to unplug. Plan to drop a hose to flush the manholes when doing flush of hydrants.
- There is a problem in Trimountain on forced main with release valve leaking. Will be checking into. There are three hydrants to do in Trimountain.
- Don stated he was informed by Tom Flamenio at EGLE that he will not be able to take the D2 exam until he has worked for the water department for two years. Don stated he is registered to take the D4 in November and will take the D3 in the Spring of 2021.

With no other business before the board, a MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 7:10P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk