

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING

July 1, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, July 1, 2019 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, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 8 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the minutes of the June 3, 2019 Monthly meeting and June 3, 2019 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:

- R. Hunter stated she would like to obtain a "Hidden Driveway" sign installed in Baltic. She had also written a letter to the Township regarding this matter. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Township does not put up road signs, to contact the Ho. Co. Road Commission. Board vote on approval of Hidden Driveway sign obtained by homeowner from County with aye vote. Office Manager Heather will convey approval to Houghton County Road Commission. Ms. Hunter also stated the 25MPH sign is covered with brush. She was told she would need to contact the road commission.
- Portage Health Foundation invoice for UPSET pledge due. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen authorizing payment of \$2000 pledge. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Invoice will be paid.
- Information packet from UPPCO regarding Smart Energy meters being installed in Township in mid-August to November. Residents will be able to opt out of the Smart Energy program by enrolling in standard opt-out program at approx. cost of: \$62 for meter and \$14.26 monthly meter read fee.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial reports for June reviewed. Supervisor Heikkinen stated that he reviewed all accounts and everything appears to be on budget. MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the May financial reports. Roll call, all ayes with Trustee Mattila abstaining from voting on Superior Sand & Gravel invoice. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported for the last month there were 4 medical calls and no fire calls.

ASSESSOR REPORT: The Assessor report for June reviewed and approved. Assessor is currently on vacation, July 1-12th. Board of Review is scheduled for July 16th from 1-2PM. Trustee Mattila inquired if Camp Kitwen will be reassessed if it gets sold.

BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Heikkinen and Chris Holmes met and discussed options for the Wholesale Water Improvements. A spreadsheet outlining three options for project provided. 1) 3.1 miles of main and all pumps placed; 2) 3.1 miles of main with partial pump replacement and; 3) 3.1 miles of main with no pumps replaced. Line by line discussion of options and cost. It would be a May/June 2020 start if all progresses well. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Clerk Pindral to approve 3.1 Miles of water main replacement with all pumps replaced for approximate cost of 3.78 million. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Chris Holmes will immediately start application paperwork for Rural Development.
- Chris Holmes stated An Agreement for the Provision of Limited Professional Services would need to be signed between the Township and UPEA. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support

from Trustee Keranen to approve signing Agreement for the Provision of Limited Professional Services with UPEA for Adams Township Wholesale Water Improvements. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Agreement signed.

- Trustee Mattila inquired when Siler Contracting would go back and fix where grass needs to be redone in Atlantic Mine. Also asked when 'speed bumps' would be fixed. All warranty work needs to be approved and completed before October. Chris Holmes stated he will contact them.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated there has been no updates from Circle Power on wind turbines.
- Water leak in Atlantic Mine. Property owner claims Township has caused it. Township disputes claim. Letter will be sent giving them 21 days to repair or water will be shut off.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reviewed invoices received from Portage Lake Construction for water leak repairs too complex for Township repair. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to approve payment of invoices to Portage Lake Construction. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- An application for mobile home installation by Peter Rautiola for property on Third Ave in Atlantic Mine reviewed and approved.
- Invoice in the amount of \$372.15 received from Painesdale Mine & Shift for electricity in hoist building during winter storage of Township bobcat. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to pay PM&S invoice of \$372.15. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:05PM 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
July 1, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, July 1, 2019 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. UPEA Chris Holmes, Water Superintendent Thomas Pietila, Water Dept Employee Justin Hayrynen, and Office Manager Heather Platzke were also present.

- Supervisor Heikkinen stated it was a priority to respond to the DEQ correspondence regarding Asset Management Plan (AMP) August deadline. Chris Holmes stated he will ask DEQ for extension, and work with Tom Pietila on getting inventory done.
- Justin Hayrynen stated the fence repair at lagoons has not been done due to water leaks and grass mowing. Will start next week.
- Tom Pietila stated he has ordered a new radiator for lift station in Baltic. The Ferrellgas has pumped out and removed their propane tank at pumping station. Keweenaw Petroleum will be installing a 1000gal propane tank.
- Supervisor Heikkinen asked Tom Pietila if he passed the D2 exam and he stated he did not.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to leave Wholesale Water meeting and go into executive session at 7:25PM to discuss personnel issues. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to exit executive session at 8:05PM and return to Wholesale Water meeting Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Board discussed official personnel business with no immediate action taken.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to adjourn the meeting at 8:06P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Special Meeting
July 29, 2019

A Special meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, July 29, 2019 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were no public guests present.

MOTION by Supervisor Heikkinen with support from Treasurer Immonen at 3:01PM to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues and a major water leak. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to exit executive session at 3:30PM and return to Special meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Board discussed official contract with Robert Hudson to be Operator in Charge effective August 1 on contractual basis. Also discussed was procedure on water leak on M-26 by South Range.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to adjourn the meeting at 3:31P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk