

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
August 3, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held instituting mandated teleconferencing/social distancing guidelines on Monday, August 3, 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, Trustee Keranen and Clerk Pindral. There were 4 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the minutes of the July 6, 2020 Public Hearing, July 6, 2020 Monthly meeting, and July 6, 2020 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ruth Glecker, representing CC Citizens Recycling Initiative, updated the Board on what resources are available locally for recycling. She asked if the recycling information could be posted on the Township media sites for public information. She stated there will be a zoom meeting on August 12 with Eagle Waste & Recycling and invited all to participate.
- Vince Kanthak, representing Painesdale Mine & Shaft, stated the group is working to improve access at the shaft-house site. Excess vegetation has been removed. Inquired if the township would allow PM&S to include the white octagon-shaped water tank to the interpretative trail being developed. After discussion regarding safety concerns, No Trespassing Signs will be posted and PM&S was given permission to include the site.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- State of Michigan Municipal Fire Protection report received. Clerk Pindral will complete and return. This is done annually.
- Treasurer Immonen has received requests about cleaning up blight in the Baltic Brooklyn location. Township has no zoning therefore no action can be taken by the Board. Suggested to check with the County under their junk ordinances.
- Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce payment of annual dues request. Board approved payment.
- Residential Emergency Water Assistance Relief Program through CAA will offer some assistance to customers who have experienced hardship and have water bills in arrears as of March 1, 2020 due COVID-19. Applicants must be receiving food assistance to take part in the program. Supervisor Heikkinen has completed the survey to enroll the Township.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of financial reports for July 2020. MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the July 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 July there were 16 medical calls and 1 fire call.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report was reviewed. Supervisor stated any deficiencies shown in the AMAR review results will be known after September 1st. The field staff are about 85% complete on updating property cards. BOR was held on July 21, mostly PRE.

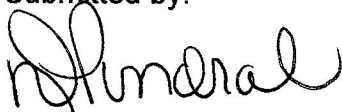
CEMETERY REPORT: Cemeteries are looking good. About \$10,800 of the cemetery special assessment \$13,000 funding has been expended. Grass cutting will be reduced after Labor Day.

BUSINESS – OLD/UNFINISHED/NEW:

- Chris Holmes stated he has talked with Siler about the complaints on Erickson Drive. Siler stated he will inspect and call Chris back.
- Chris Holmes reported he is working with the Village of South Range clerk on volume of residential versus commercial water usage for the water project application. He received a report, but needs the numbers fine-tuned. He stated the application will be submitted by end of August. The DNR is still voicing concern on water infrastructure on ATV trail. Insisting on old pipe being removed. Don Cline stated the Township currently does 2x/wk inspections and maintains any sinkholes. EGLE is recommending ductile iron claiming better support factors.
- Forms need to be signed by Township Board to release funds for the Loader. Information on excavator purchase has not been received yet.
- The Adams Township Water Supply Evaluation has received 2 deficiencies. Waiting for valve information on AMP. Storage tanks did not have 24 Mesh screen on. Parts were specially made but did not fit, and are being redone at which time a picture will be taken and submitted to EGLE.
- No updates from Circle Power.
- Treasurer Immonen stated the Atlantic Mine PO entryway is leaking. Don Cline will check into on 8/4/20 as he has to take water samples.
- Don Cline stated he did check the vacant property in Trimountain that was suggested to be used for a park project. He stated there does appear to be foundation ruins. No action taken.
- Trustee Mattila asked that an email be sent to the Houghton County Road Commission regarding road damage being incurred in Atlantic Mine with increased traffic due to the detour created for flood closure repairs.
- Don Cline stated Ray Saatio looked at manholes in Atlantic Mine. County snow removal took off at least 7 manholes. Trustee Mattila stated the Township wanted them 2" lower when installed but the County refused. Cannot pave over as the Township doesn't know what is in there, i.e. debris, etc.
- The installed screens are helping pumps with wipes problem in system. After recent storm the generators started but had to be reset due to power outage.
- Reminder to vote in Tuesday's Primary Election.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:55PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
August 3, 2020

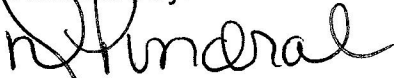
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, August 3, 2020 via mandated social distancing guidelines/teleconferencing at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:56PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen and Clerk Pindral. Also present were Don Cline and Chris Holmes.

- Don Cline stated they have repaired 4 water leaks in the past month. There have been seven leaks in Baltic and a new one in Trimountain due to hydrants opened. On positive note, have resolved quite a few "daisy chain" connections. Goal is to have separate valve on each household.
- Due to the volume of Township water wasted, the water dept. assisted the current owner in locating a water leak under the deck near the foundation at the old Verran house across the street from the office. Told the owner to think about replacing line.
- Found the correct map and was able to find valve and shut off main for under Elsie Road. Installed drain tile and re-dug ditch to fix the water leak.
- New scale installed at pumping station for chlorine. Very accurate. Did find some loose fittings that were fixed so there should be a definite decrease in chlorine.
- Excavator has arrived. Don has done some clearing around the pumping station. Did find a stash of sand that can be utilized in the future.
- Don stated he spoke with Tom Flamenio at EGLE about his upcoming D4 water exam. Tom encouraged him to also take the D2 exam at the same time.
- EGLE visited the lagoon last week, no problems noted. Don state Gerry W. has been helping with water leak repairs therefore the mowing is behind schedule. Will be working on replacing water hydrants once leaks are repaired.
- Watersmeet wants to buy a water hydrant. They will be told to replace with same hydrant.

With no other business before the board, a MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 7:16P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk