

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
August 2, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, August 2, 2021 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Meeting started with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 30 guests participating via in-person & zoom

Clerk Pindral stated the time on July Wholesale Water meeting were incorrectly recorded and should be 8:12 to 8:21 with Election Committee being 8:21-8:25PM. MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Monthly Hearing, and July 12, 2021 Wholesale Water meeting with correction. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Supervisor Heikkinen spoke to guests and board reading correspondence sent to public government representatives inviting them to attend tonight's meeting regarding the wind turbine. No one in attendance at meeting but two responded via email. Chris Moore reported a setback as EGLE denied wetland permit due to US Wildlife concerns. He reiterated only 12 wind turbines planned in total. Lawyer Kevin Mackey offered legal advice on moratorium being 6 month versus 9 month. After considerable community input, Supervisor Heikkinen closed public comment stating the Board needed time to research the moratorium or zoning options and a special meeting would be called if required.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Current issue of Water World magazine has excellent article regarding municipal sewer cleaning, aka "Vactruck". Supervisor stated the recent vactruck purchase by the Township has found lots of foreign object in the sewers and most quantitatively, *wipes!* A letter to residents to not flush wipes was included in tax bills sent out.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of financial reports for July 2021. MOTION made by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the July 2021 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: There were 15 medical calls and 0 fire calls. The ad for bids on fire truck will be in Gazette with bid opening on August 25th. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Eister to grant Supervisor Heikkinen power of approval on bid for pumper truck. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report for month of July reviewed. BOR is done, mostly PRE's in veteran exemptions as well as clerical errors. Supervisor Heikkinen clarified that tax bills can be paid with a check at the water department.

CEMETERY REPORT: Supervisor Heikkinen reported the cemetery workers are now working a 32-hour work week paid with the special cemetery assessment funding.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:

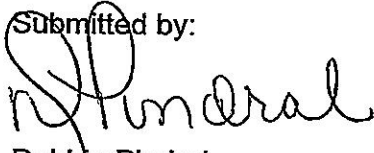
- Chris Holmes stated no word on easements for the upcoming 6–7-mile water project.
- No update on the application for the (Covid) American Rescue Relief funding. Application is received and under review per Treasurer Immonen. As a condition the Township must have a Conflict of Interest Policy on file. Copies of Resolution 2021-08-01 Adams Township Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy whose purpose is to establish conflicts of interest guidelines were reviewed. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to adopt Resolution 2021-08-01:

Adams Township Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried and Resolution adopted.

- Treasurer Immonen reported the auditor was in the office on Wed and the audit has been started.
- Retired teacher, Lisa Horsh, commented that Michigan is 44th in wind capacity and spoke in opposition to wind turbine location in Adams Township.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:43PM by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
August 2, 2021

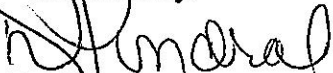
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, August 2, 2021 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:51PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, Clerk Pindral, Chris Holmes, Water Supervisor, Don Cline, and Office Manager, Heather Platzke.

- Don Cline stated that he took the D2 exam with not enough time left to attempt the D3 exam. Travis took the S4 exam. Anticipates the results in approximately 45 days.
- Chris Holmes reported easements were reviewed but no final decision received. Application for the 3.7 million dollar water project loan reviewed. Anticipate interest rate to be 1.375%.
- Don Cline reports crew will be installing another new water hydrant on Friday. Trying to install one per week. Only 9 left then all hydrants will be modernized. A backflow prevention device is a must. Charge a security deposit and put a backflow prevention device on hydrants that are asked to be utilized by contractors. Don will request an estimate to purchase.
- Employees are using the rider mower on lagoons. Still waiting for a return call on holder repair. Canadian border is still closed and the repair company is in Canada.
- Employees are cleaning the lift stations on regular basis. Baltic station was loaded with grease. It appears someone is dumping oil into system creating lift station issues. Having a camera to use in lines would be beneficial. The basket is being changed in Atlantic Mine every two weeks and debris of all sorts is still being found.
- Heating/dehumidification system at pumping station is working well.
- Vactruck can be winterized and utilized all year round.
- Supervisor Heikkinen again praised the employees including Heather for their conscientious and hard work. Stated the crew works well as a team.

With no other business or comments before the board, a MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 8:14P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
August 18, 2021**

A special meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board members were introduced and responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 18 guests present.

Supervisor Heikkinen thanked all for attending. He stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss a 6-month moratorium on wind turbine power generation and solar power generation. Supervisor Heikkinen and Lawyer Mackey worked on a 6-month moratorium ordinance. Copies of the ordinance were distributed to Board. Supervisor Heikkinen read the ordinance to the public. Ordinance will be published as soon as possible in local newspaper and will take effect 30 days after publication.

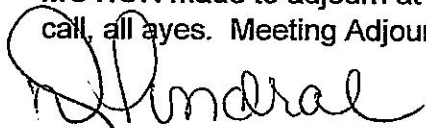
Questions from the public:

- 1) If Adams Township would consider a 9-month moratorium as Stanton Township adopted;
- 2) How the Board will educate themselves as well as the public on issue; and
- 3) If Adams Township plans to have a planning commission for zoning.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated the moratorium would stand as 6-month, and the next two issues will be addressed as soon as the Township lawyer, Kevin Mackey has had opportunity to research previous planning commission as well as current ruling/regulations.

MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to adopt Ordinance 2021-08-01 Moratorium on Wind Turbine Power Generation and Solar Power Generation. Roll call, all ayes. Ordinance adopted. Clerk Pindral will see to publication ASAP.

With no further questions or comments, Supervisor Heikkinen called for a motion to adjourn. A MOTION made to adjourn at 6:15PM by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting Adjourned.



Submitted by:
Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk