

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
May 6, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, May 6, 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 12 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2019 Monthly meeting and April 1, 2019 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Ho. Co. Commissioner Glenn Anderson gave an update on Camp Kitwen. It has been listed for sale, as is with no minimum bid. Bids are due June 6th. He will be among the committee representatives invited to tour Camp Kitwen on May 8th and will make their recommendation to the Task Force by late summer.
- Sullivan Brock requested \$400 reimbursement for water pipes that froze under the Road, stating they were Township lines. Request approved.
- Arne Karkkainen questioned the practice of lagoon dumping of sewage into Coles Creek, notably the smell. UPEA engineer, Chris Holmes stated due to the amount of snowfall received as well as the amount of rainfall, many lagoons in the area are experiencing high levels and early discharge, and explained the lagoon discharge permit process. Water Superintendent, Tom Pietila explained the biological process and reported MDEQ is aware of the lagoon discharge and has given approval. Supervisor Heikkinen requested that Chris and Tom meet with Mr. Karkkainen following tonight's meeting to discuss further concerns.
- Matt Torreano, DNR gave a presentation on 2018 Flood Mitigation as part of FEMA grant to facilitate transparency with communities. Locally the Bill Nichols trail is open but the Freda Trail is still closed. The trail is slated for repair with monies from FEMA. He stated the DNR is committed to restoring all trails affected by the floods.
- REMC contract for IT support is due for renewal. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to renew REMC SupportNet Consortium Agreement. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Paul Ollila has accepted assignment to represent Adams Township on the Ho. Co. Jail Task Force. Torey Kostamo will be the alternate. Both names have been submitted to Eric Forsberg.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial reports for April reviewed. MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the April financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported for the last month there were 8 medical calls and 2 fire calls.

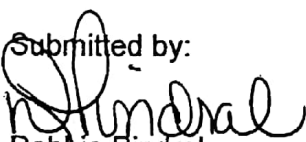
ASSESSOR REPORT: The Assessor report for April reviewed and approved. Supervisor Heikkinen reported field work as required by AMAR should start this month.

CEMETERY: The gate to Mountain View is now open. Robert Kukkonen and James Malila will start on cemetery maintenance soon. Jerry Wisniewski will oversee them as necessary. Clerk Pindral stated Shirley Kahler from Crosswell Michigan has requested the Township buy back two cemetery lots in South Range. Board agreed to purchase at the original purchase price.

BUSINESS:

- There is a new hire, Jarod Snider, who will work maintenance and water department. He has experience with some heavy equipment operation.
- Chris Holmes stated wholesale water project paperwork and application should be done by July. Cost estimation on pumps, 3 miles of water main, and possible lagoon addition are primary targets. Will get pump estimates ASAP. Lawyer Mackey is onboard as legal counsel.
- No update available regarding Circle Power and wind turbine project.
- The NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) application has been submitted, and co-approved. Waiting for final approval on purchasing flood insurance. Flood insurance will not be mandatory in Adams Township, only optional.
- Feedback on the Township Newsletter was positive. Will plan to do at least yearly.
- As reported last month the Township gave approval to acquire a 2wheel drive truck for cemetery/grounds maintenance utilization. A Dodge was given a test drive today and will be purchased.
- David Fox stated that Academy Road to the South Range Cemetery is full of potholes and in need of repair. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Township does not have control of road repair, but stated Houghton County Road Commission will be doing dust control in June. Academy Road is slated for dust control treatment. Contract will be signed for the two sites in Adams Township.
- Kevin Mackey distributed copy of resolution for Ordinance #9 that defines Township access to water meters and equipment on customer's property. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to approve Resolution 2019-05-01: Rule 1 to allow access for maintenance purposes for water meter or related components and equipment located on Water Customer's property. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reminded everyone to vote May 7th on the Cemetery Special Assessment.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6.57PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

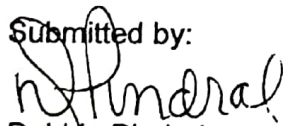
ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
May 6, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. 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, and Water Dept Employee Justin Hayrynen were also present.

- Tom Pietila stated the D2 water exam was taken. He reviewed and re-reviewed questions. He felt he would pass this exam. He stated Ryan Advent was visiting the pump station weekly and signing off reports.
- Tom stated the fencing around the lagoons in Painesdale and Atlantic Mine needed repairs and/or replacing. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to authorize purchase of materials needed to make repairs. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Justin reported 40-50 new meters have been installed. The waterline replacement in Painesdale will be done within the next few weeks. Five new fire hydrants need to be replaced: 2 in Painesdale, 1 in Trimountain and 2 in Atlantic Mine.
- Tom Pietila stated there is lots of water infiltration into lagoons and requested purchase of camera to run the lines. Instructed to get price and model #, and possibly a demonstration.
- Two lagoon valves purchased. Siler Cont. Will install following discharge at end of June.
- Discharge numbers are good pre-discharge, with evaporation occurring. Plan is to discharge Painesdale lagoon in two weeks.
- Jarod was training at the Painesdale Lagoon, and while wrenching on a valve the pipe fell and got wedged into valve box in Painesdale lagoon. Must be dug up and removed when conditions permit.
- Pump on Trimountain lift station pulled, only running at 50%. Bay electric will check.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated all lift stations should be visually inspected weekly. Check gauges, RPM, etc. Install clipboards in each lift station with check-off list to be signed and dated.
- Supervisor Heikkinen and Engineer Holmes to meet and talk Wednesday regarding Wholesale Water project.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to adjourn the meeting at 7:15P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk