

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
December 2, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Adam Township Board was held on Monday, December 2, 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, Trustee Keranen, Treasurer Immonen and Clerk Pindral. There were 11 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the minutes of the November 4, 2019 Monthly meeting, and November 4, 2019 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No comments from public.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Contract request from Wagner Consulting representing Baraga Telephone for franchise agreement with Adams Township for cable service in portions of Township. After discussion, MOTION by Clerk Pindral with support from Trustee Mattila to agree on 3%franchise/1% PEG as with Charter Agreement. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- FYI item only. Copy of Charter Township Master Plan shared with Board. There is a 63day comment period.
- Houghton County Treasurer's office inquiry as to Township interest in property #20 on 4th St. in South Range. Board voted to reject any/all parcels left from foreclosure sale. Treasurer Immonen will submit documentation to the Treasurer's office.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of financial reports for November 2019. MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the November financial reports. Roll call, all ayes with Trustee Mattila abstaining from vote on Superior Sand Invoices. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported last month there were 10 medical calls and 2 fire calls. Reports Santa will be visiting the Fire Hall in Atlantic Mine in December.

ASSESSOR REPORT: The monthly Assessor report reviewed. December BOR is scheduled for Dec 10 from 1-2PM. This is for corrections/errors only.

CEMETERY REPORT: Only open to foot traffic until Spring.

BUSINESS – OLD:

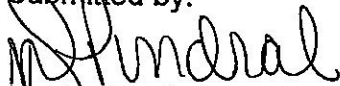
- Chris Holmes reported he sent some DSMI information to Tom at EGLE; will be putting the maps, hydrant locations in a CAD program which will be very useful in the future. There are NO lead waterlines to report, all copper. He stated he is still working on the loan application. Still needs to meet with Supervisor Heikkinen and Auditor Bradford to discuss financial aspect of loan.
- No update from Circle Power regarding wind turbines or date for Town Hall meeting.
- Vote requested the Ordinance regarding prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen to opt out and adopt Ordinance #2019-12-01 Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments. Roll call: 4 Aye, 1 Nay. Motion carried. Clerk Pindral will submit for publication in local newspaper.

BUSINESS – NEW:

- Supervisor Heikkinen stated eight bids were received on Township Truck. Bids opened, and awarded to high bidder: Paul Hunter in the amount of \$2,711.00.
- Two storage containers have been delivered to Pumping Station. PM&S will be contacted to inform them electricity in the building will not be used this winter. There are still tools inside of Hoist building to be retrieved in the Spring as well as fuel to be pumped out.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reported end of year payout for on-call personal cell phone use has been paid out at \$25/month. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen for employee Christmas Gift Certificates in the same amount as last year: \$100 FT employee and \$50 PT Employee. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:31PM 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
December 2, 2019

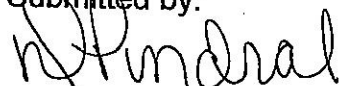
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, December 2, 2019 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:58PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. UPEA Chris Holmes, Water Operator Robert Hudson, Don Cline, Heather Platzke and Justin Hayrynen were also present.

- Don Cline stated he should have the results from his S3 exam by Dec. 21st. Next exam will be in May 2020.
- Issues have come up regarding a home in Baltic/Brooklyn location with two half homes on one connection that resulted in frozen water line and shut-off. There are multiple residences that have this one connection shut-off. Cannot shut just one off, have to shut off both. Need to purchase a tool that will allow shut-off to tap into main, and then install separate curb-stops. Will inform resident owners of upgrade and it is their responsibility to hook-up and plumb. Trustee Mattila requested a list of the number of houses and who owns them.
- Baltic is approved for let-run this winter due to the shallow water lines.
- Justin is marking hydrants and valves for DSMI, but snow is making it difficult. Atlantic Mine is basically done due to the water project recently completed.
- BlueBook is running a test on a solar panel they hope to install at the Painesdale lagoons, and will have quote soon.
- Question regarding policy and new property owners not responsible to pay water bill due at that property. Property owner was always responsible in the past. Also, loss on delinquent tax sale. Assessor should be aware of all sales due to recording of deeds. Mortgage Holder/Bank should be paying until sale resolved.
- Don Cline stated the Bobcat Skidsteer is not moving snow efficiently. A bigger snow removal machine is needed at Pumping Station. A new Excavator would move snow and dirt and has a price tag of \$155,000. Supervisor Heikkinen granted permission to put out feelers on obtaining some type of machine.
- Jerry Wisniewski has been laid off for winter months.
- Supervisor Heikkinen again thanked Bob Hudson for his willingness to contract for assistance with water distribution for the Township.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 6:59P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk