

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
April 4, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, April 4, 2022 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 15 guests participating via in-person/zoom.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2022 Monthly Meeting, March 24, 2022 Budget Hearing, March 24, 2022 Special Meeting, and March 7, 2022 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- T. Parolini asked the Board for a donation by the Township for the South Range Fourth of July celebrations. Board stated the legality of such would need to be checked on.
- Chris D. reported water bubbling in her 12th St. yard in Baltic. States the spot is wet all year round. Don Cline stated he will have it checked out. Chris also stated she would be interested in donating a plot of land in Baltic for a playground.
- Jennifer S. stated she was curious regarding items on Township website: moratorium still listed, need updated application fees for wind farm permit, and the ordinances need updating.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) reporting is due by 04/30/2022. To date approximately \$37,325 of the monies has been spent on GIS software for utility lines, new gloves for the Fire Department, Bonus pay for employees and volunteer fire/emt personnel. Upcoming expenses to be considered for ARPA monies includes emergency equipment, Cat Mini-excavator, camera for sewer systems, and additional expense on the Geographical Information Software (GIS) that will assist in State-Mandated DSM Inventory regarding lead lines. Treasurer Immonen will get the auditor involved to assist with correct reporting.
2. ETNA proposal to update/replace the rest of the Township with approx. 540 new water meters that could be remotely read was received. Estimate of \$145,000. Query if Township and Village of South Range could coordinate efforts for a better deal.
3. Mainline camera purchase to check sewer lines (freezing, infiltration) quoted at approximately \$36,000 with a 13 week wait time. This would be the last of major expenditures which will result in efficiency and considerable savings. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to commit to the Mainline Camera Purchase in the amount of approximately \$36,000. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Don Cline will contact the supplier and commit to purchase.
4. Supervisor Heikkinen stated due to the 2020 census which showed a population decrease for Adams Township, State Revenue Sharing income will be adjusted with a \$9,000.00 payback for funds received. This census decrease might also impact the next anticipated ARPA funds. The Governor has signed a bill to eliminate, but no final ruling yet.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Supervisor Heikkinen inquired if there were any questions or issues regarding the financial reports for March. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the March 2022 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

There were 14 medical calls and 4 fire calls since last report. Fire Chief Coponen interpreted the engineer's drawing of the proposed fire hall: 4 drive thru doors, conference room, chief's office, lockers/showers. A second design option suggested incorporating a new fire hall and Township offices in one building on land currently owned by Township. Questions regarding higher insurance costs to residents if not central in Atlantic Mine. Supervisor Heikkinen stated there are currently grant monies thru RD and a possible millage on the ballet in August or November. UPEA engineer will get RD information.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

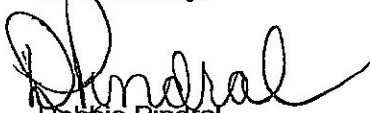
Supervisor Heikkinen stated current assessor, L. Karrio, did not renew her contract. Board welcomed LuAnn Hayrynen as Adams Township Assessor effective 4/1/22. There will be one day/week of office time availability to the public.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:

- Chris Holmes stated that the DNR has stated the application for easement would be issued at no charge with new qualifications: Remove the two old water lines; Route must sustain heavy equipment traffic; and Township must provide for trail reroute during construction. Chris H. stated the old 1906 water line will be removed but the current line will remain as back-up to the new line to safely allow shut-off without boil advisories. Lawyer Mackey stated he has heard no update to his response earlier and questions the legality of forcing the Township to do the above. UPEA Engineer Holmes will consult with EGLE. Stated RD is not holding anything up in the water project. Anticipates bidding in the fall to give contractors lead time of materials to start in Spring 2023.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated there has been no updates from Circle Power since Feb/March.
- Planning Commission update: Minutes are published on Township website. The Committee went over the land use map and added M-26 as commercial. Will be meeting next week to finalize and approve the map. Notice will be published for a public hearing on May 2 at 5:45PM. Comment/questions regarding Ruotsala's Corner in Atlantic Mine (site of old D&D Market) being commercial and were assured it was grandfathered in. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Planning Commission has a budget of \$1,500 for coming FY. Two zoning applications received and approved by zoning administrator.
- Supervisor Heikkinen there was a general fund oversight with added CFR income and a liability adjustment in retirement cost. MOTION made by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accent the amended budget or FY 21-22 with Total Income of \$557,096.00 and Expenses of \$495,812.00. Roll call, all ayes. General Fund Amended Budget for FY 21-22 accepted.
- Correspondence read from the Houghton County Road Commission stating Township ARPA funds can be used on roads, suggesting Township donate funds to be matched by Road Commission to fix the roads.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:14PM by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindra
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
April 4, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, April 4, 2022 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral, Chris Holmes, UPEA, Water Dept Supervisor Don Cline, and Office Manager Heather Platzke.

- Don Cline stated replacement line and clamps came in, enough for 3 future repairs.
- Stated the GIS is progressing. Maps are being populated. Hydrants, curbstops, and manholes to be drawn in with added notes.
- Ogima Street in Painesdale sewer line froze. Crew had concerns with unknown gas lines. Vactor truck nozzle removed 25' ice from 8" sewer line. Grease was noted. Mainline camera would have been asset in this scenario.
- Discussion regarding ETNA meters. There is continual need to replace meters throughout. Discussion utilizing ARPA monies for meters. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to approve purchase of 540 meters IF quoted estimate includes everything needed. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Don Cline will contact ETNA with concerns before placing order.
- Tracy and Heather are still working to get an electronic payment platform that will work with BSA software. Most platforms will charge customer a 3 percent fee.
- Don stated the new water plant pump motors are working great. Supervisor Heikkinen commended Don and crew for installing the pumps, saving the Township thousands of dollars.
- Don reported the mini-trak excavator has been delivered.

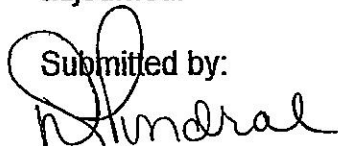
MOTION by Supervisor Heikkinen with support from Treasurer Immonen to leave wholesale water meeting and enter into executive session at 7:45PM to discuss personnel issues. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to leave executive session at 8:00PM and return to wholesale water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Wholesale water meeting readjourned at 8:00PM. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Board discussed appointing Jerry Wisniewski as cemetery sexton, with wage to be discussed.

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 8:01P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:


Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk