

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
May 3, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held instituting mandated teleconferencing/social distancing guidelines on Monday, May 3, 2021 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Immonen, and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse. There were 15 guests participating.

MOTION made by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2021 Monthly Hearing, and April 5, 2021 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Bill and Maddie M. inquired how to stop the wind turbine project? Expressed concerns such as danger to birds/wildlife, there is no benefit to locals, and decreased property values. Supervisor Heikkinen stated Adams Township is unzoned. The Board worked with Township legal counsel to write an ordinance with terms, such as a 3000ft setback and other conditions, to protect Township. Chris Moore spoke on behalf of Circle Power stating an agreement is in place with UPPCO to purchase wind energy and has no control on price of energy public pays. He also reiterated the company is working with the State/DNR on wildlife concerns. On positive note he reported local jobs are being created. He stated he is willing to meet anyone one on one to discuss their concerns. Public asked that Circle Power hold a Townhall meeting for the public to ask questions. It has not been scheduled yet due to current Covid-19 concerns. Other persons declared interest in Town meeting ASAP.
- To answer questions regarding the oiling of roads, Supervisor Heikkinen stated he is scheduling a meeting with Fred Saatio from the County Road Commission to discuss what it takes/costs to get done. Oiling is tentatively scheduled for June 14th.
- Chris D. asked to be permitted into the ice rink to paint the lines/courts for pickleball. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the rink is shut down until the State reopens with Covid guidelines. The Township has no available staff to monitor that guidelines are being followed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The company that previously requested to use Township land to install Solar Power Panels is no longer interested. They are looking to place panels on property of the old UPPCO power plant. Savion Co. is another company looking for information on placing solar panels in the U.P. Supervisor Heikkinen informed the public that the Township does have an ordinance regarding Solar Energy.
- Contractor use of fire hydrants as water supply was requested. As a result, legal counsel was consulted and a resolution was drawn for temporary water connections from the fire hydrants. There will be a \$100 Connect/Disconnect fee paid at application. The connect/disconnect will be done by Township employee. With the inclusion of "Whereas, Supervisor has the right to modify rates and usage requirements as necessary", **MOTION** by Trustee Eister and support from Treasurer Immonen to adopt Resolution 2021-05-01 Resolution to Institute Charges for Water Usage for Contractor/Construction Usage With No Sewer Connection or Usage. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Heikkinen informed the Board, the Village of South Range will be annexing a small piece of land between Mountain View Mortuary and Range Auto Body. The Village will be providing water and sewer utilities as well as fire protection to the Dollar General store that is planned for that location. The Township will still collect a share of property taxes.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of financial reports for April 2021. **MOTION** made by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the April 2021 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes.

Motion carried. Treasurer Immonen reported a CD matured at Huntington Bank. Current interest rate is .01%. Will put into General Fund and look for better rates.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: There were 11 medical calls and 1 fire call. The first lease payment has been made on the new fire truck. New truck is in service.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report for month of April was reviewed.

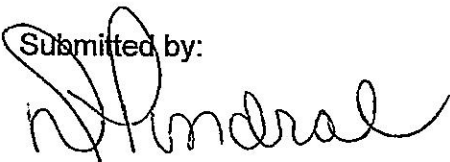
CEMETERY REPORT: Cemetery opened today. Workers will start Monday, May 10th. Supervisor Heikkinen will meet with them before.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:

- Wholesale Water improvement application has been submitted to RD apply. Questions at federal level as steel prices have skyrocketed.
- There was a huge break in main water transmission line last week. A boil notice was put into effect. Kudos to Don Cline and crew for repairing the break themselves with no contractors needed. This has been the goal with the recent equipment acquisitions.
- Circle Power representative, Chris Moore, reiterated his willingness to meet with anyone to discuss the wind turbine project. Call him: 612-749-4236 or email: chris@circlepowerco.com
- Pumphouse heating and dehumidification project is underway. Goal is to get Semco to install natural gas line when main line is being replaced.
- The Vac truck purchase has been finalized and is in service. It is being used to clean lift stations of paper wipes, hydrants, and will be used to drain pooled water on water breaks.
- Academy road/cemetery road is on schedule for oiling, as well as Brooklyn. Cost will be determining factor to more roads in Baltic.
- Copies of the Personnel Manual were distributed for the Board to review and update. Bring suggestions/ideas to June meeting or place in the clerk's mailbox.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:15PM by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
May 3, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, May 3, 2021 via mandated social distancing guidelines 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, and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse. Also participating was Don Cline and Heather Platzke.

- Don Cline stated the VAC truck is in service. Can also be used on the water main breaks to keep hole dry. The major water main break was called in at 10:30PM, located at 11PM, and back online by 10AM next morning. A boil notice was issued. Don met with Hancock Water crew to discuss future leaks.
- Crew are working on an old plastic service line in Atlantic Mine on Thursday. There is another leak on Brooklyn location in Baltic that will be worked on next week.
- Lagoons are ready for discharge starting Wednesday. No update on facility/lagoon dam inspection requirement. Don will follow-up with EGLE.
- Boiler is in at pumping station, working on other rooms currently.
- Trying to build up inventory, such as 16" main, core, parts, etc.
- T. Flamenio from EGLE is working to get a waiver for Don to take D2 exam in July. He is planning to take the D3. Travis is working on S exam in July with lagoon in November. New hire Terry Wiitala is working out well.
- Reminder the EGLE requirement of DSMI inventory **must be completed by 1/1/25**.
- Phosphate is in, waiting for scale. Due to be delivered within two weeks. This upgrade will greatly limit employee liability.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated a road has been put in next to Atlantic Mine Lift Station on M-26. When land division was done, property owner was told Township entrance could not be used. Lawyer Mackey is aware and will take next legal step when instructed.
- Heather reminded Board of the memorial service being held on May 29th for Bob Hudson at Mountain View Cemetery.

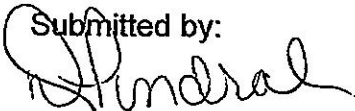
MOTION by Trustee Eister at 7:45PM to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Supported by Clerk Pindral. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Eister at 8:10PM with support from Treasurer Immonen to leave executive session and return to the Wholesale Water Board meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

With Wholesale Water Board meeting back in session, Clerk Pindral stated the Board discussed updating the Personnel Manual and a personnel issue.

With no other business or comments before the board, a MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Eister to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 8:11P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk