

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 10, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Pledge of allegiance was recited followed by roll call. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Keranen, Trustee Mattila, Treasurer Immonen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 5 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the meeting minutes of the June 5, 2017 monthly meeting, July 13th and 16th Special Meetings and June 5th Wholesale water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS:

- Jim Pintar, South Range VFW, reported the flags and markers have been received. He stated the funding for the Atlantic Mine honor roll is approximately \$1000 short of amount needed to make the repairs. Treasurer Immonen stated she would make a personal donation. MOTION by Clerk Pindral with support from Trustee Keranen to approve a \$500 donation for repairs and update of the Atlantic Mine honor roll. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Inquiry from audience if Township was member of Michigan Waste Water Association (MWWA), to which the answer was yes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Michigan DEQ report of water supply evaluation visit by Doug Pascoe with Water Superintendent Bob Hudson show no deficiencies/satisfactory rating. Kudos for good report.
- Estimate received from Portage Lake Construction for brick work on Atlantic Mine Fire Hall. Justin H. was instructed to get a couple more estimates before final decision is made.
- Supervisor Heikkinen asked the Board to make a decision regarding the UPSET WEST pledge received last month. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila to pledge \$2000 per year for three Years. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the June financial report. Roll call, all ayes with Trustee Mattila abstaining from vote on any Mattila Rock and Dock invoices. Motion carried. Question regarding Mechlin/UPEA expenses. Both are reimbursable expenses under the water loan.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported 9 medical calls and 1 fire calls.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor monthly report reviewed. Board of Review is scheduled for July 18th from noon to 1PM for corrections.

CEMETERY: Supervisor Heikkinen stated both Mountain View and Atlantic Mine cemeteries are looking good. A thank you card was read to the Board from citizen for the excellent grooming of the cemeteries. Clerk Pindral stated she was contacted by Ruth Chopp and asked to relay a thank you to the cemetery worker for a job done well. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the words of gratitude will be relayed to the two gentlemen grooming the cemeteries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Water improvement loan paperwork with Rural Development was finalized today. Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, and Clerk Pindral traveled to Ishpeming to meet with UPEA, Rural Development, and Miller Canfield. Anticipate a pre-construction meeting the Contractor Siler, UPEA, and Township on Thursday in the UPEA offices in Hancock with time TBA.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Homeowners will be encouraged to upgrade their water lines at time of replacement of their service lines. They would be responsible to get their own contractor. Rural Development Single Family Home Repair loans and grants are available. The loans are income driven with special loan rates, as well as grants available for eligible seniors. The program contact person would be willing to meet applicants in Baltic if there is interest. Information regarding this program will be available in the water department office.
- Estimates for a dump truck were read. A Ford dump truck 3-3 ½ yards would run \$44,000; Chevy truck would be \$45,500. A Ford with a 4 ½ to 5 yard truck approximately \$52,000; a Chevy would run \$9,000 more. Trustee Mattila suggested obtaining a bigger dump/trailer that would also be capable of hauling equipment. Justin and Bob were instructed to check into dump trailers for next meeting.
- Superintendent Hudson stated he ordered new cutters for the mower at the lagoons. He stated Asplundh comes and poisons the weeds every other year at the lagoons. Justin inquired about the possibility of obtaining a mower 8' arm 42' cut attachment for the skid steer to allow cutting close to the water in the lagoons. This would cut weed whacking time and help ease concerns about hepatitis. Bob will contact Miller-Bradford about getting a trial and estimate.
- Clerk Pindral requested approval from Election Committee that for the August 8th election the election inspectors will be: Denise Maki, Kathy DeForge, Margaret Burkman, June Verran, Patsy Pakkala, Marti Rashleigh, and Torey Kostamo. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Supervisor Heikkinen to approve the requested election inspectors. Roll call, all ayes. Motion Carried. Clerk Pindral will contact the workers as to their availability.
- MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Resolution 2017-07-01 Federal Poverty Guidelines for Poverty Exemption for Houghton County. Roll call, all ayes. Resolution carried. Treasurer Immonen will deliver signed resolution to Houghton County Courthouse.

MOTION to adjourn at 6:40PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
July 10, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, Clerk Pindral, and Water Superintendent Bob Hudson. Also in attendance was Justin Hayrynen and Heather Platzke.

- Water Superintendent Bob Hudson reported he will work with Chris Holmes to put together the DEQ Water System Asset Plan that is due January 18th under the Michigan Safe Water Act.
- Concerns regarding Tetanus/Diphtheria vaccinations for employees responsible for cutting grass at the lagoons discussed. It is a series of three vaccinations. Office Manager Platzke was instructed to contact the Health Department for more information.
- Bob reported Asplundh will be at the lagoons to apply poison to clear the rocky portions. Cost is expected to be approximately \$1,730. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Clerk Pindral to approve Asplundh foliage control at lagoons at cost of \$1,730.00. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Bob stated UPEA engineer, Chris Holmes, reported it would be approximately one million dollars to expand the lagoon in Atlantic Mine, and more land may need to be acquired. Atlantic Mine residents would see approximately a \$16/month increase on the sewer bills. Atlantic Mine /Baltic together would be a \$12.50/month increase. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he would go over the information with the engineer.
- Village of South Range is now transmitting water meter readings from new meter.
- Reminder of preconstruction meeting Thursday with UPEA, Contractor Siler, and Township on Thursday. Both Bob and Justin were instructed to attend. Time to be announced later.

With no further business to discuss, MOTION to adjourn at 6:53PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk