

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
February 1, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held instituting mandated teleconferencing/social distancing guidelines on Monday, February 1, 2021 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10PM. Pledge of allegiance was recited. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 8 guests participating.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2021 Monthly meeting, and January 4, 2021 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were no public comments at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- All Board members received an email with the Solar Farm Ordinance drafted by Lawyer Mackey. Purpose of the Ordinance is to protect property owners. After considerable discussion and with public input, Items D,E and F will be set as follows:

D. Height of panels will be restricted to 35 feet which considers locality snow loads;

E. Solar panels and support structures within the perimeter of such facilities will be a minimum of 100ft from side or rear property line and a minimum of 100ft from road or right of way;

F. A 10ft security fence shall be required.

MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to adopt Ordinance 2021-02-01 Photovoltaic Solar Farms. Roll call, All ayes. Ordinance will be in effect 30 days after publication.

- Correspondence from EGLE regarding the wastewater lagoons (dams) requiring a professional engineering study done by 12/31/21. D. Cline will speak with Randy @ EGLE before any action is taken. Information will be forthcoming.
- An invoice in the amount of \$12,820 was received from Portage Township for half the cost of repairs to line break on Green Acres Road. MOTION by Clerk Pindral with support from Treasurer Immonen for Lawyer Mackey to draft response letter declining responsibility.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of financial reports for January 2021. MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the January 2021 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: David Mattila reported in the last month there were 10 medical calls and 1 fire call. Work progressing on obtaining fire truck.

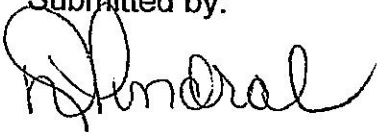
ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report was reviewed. March BOR scheduled for March 8 from 3-9PM and March 9 from 9AM-3PM. Dependent on MDHHS mandates, BOR may switch to virtual in some format. Organizational BOR meeting scheduled for March 2nd. Training for the BOR members will be held by MTA via Zoom.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:

- Chris Holmes reported the Water Improvement project application is signed but has not yet been submitted to Rural Development. Working to incorporate Lidar survey data into maps.
- DSMI grant proposal submitted.
- UPEA has invoiced the Township.
- Circle Power reports being 6-9 months behind schedule. Anticipate submitting applications for wind turbines in the 3rd qtr. 2021. Working on geotechnical testing and boring. There are 12 towers planned: 4 in Adams Township and 8 in Stanton Township. Will provide a map with permits. Requesting an email be sent with the list of Township meeting dates.
- Ice Rink does not have ice yet. Very slim chance of it happening this season.
- Information shared on 2021 Bridgefest, currently scheduled for June 17-20th, dependent on Covid circumstances. No contribution authorized by Board.
- April 1 is start of new fiscal year, Budget requests need to be finalized and projections made.
- Copper Country Waste Reduction Recycling Initiative is asking the Township to post information on website and Facebook accounts. Information will be given to Heather to post.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:30PM by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
February 1, 2021

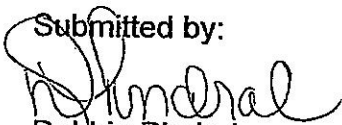
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, February 1, 2021 via mandated social distancing guidelines/teleconferencing at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Also participating were Don Cline and Chris Holmes.

- Don Cline reported that a grinder pump in Atlantic Mine near a residential home started causing issues. There was a spare grinder pump on hand to use. Chris Holmes suggested having a few on hand as part of repair and replacement. Don suggested going by age and size of household to start replacement of old grinder pumps before bigger failures and problems occur.
- Painting at water plant is progressing. Should have pumps done by end of winter. Will have to do a night repair due daytime water use. Emphasized the importance of moving the valves to keep them in working order. Pumps will need to be replaced soon. Estimate last fall was approx. \$20,000 if Township employees did the work. Will check if estimate is still valid.
- The current heating system at water plant will ruin paint. He is gathering information on switching to a hot water boiler system. A good dehumidification system will also eliminate gathering of any black mold.
- The Chlorine/Phosphate system also needs to be considered for upgrade. New systems do not require handling of barrels or tanks, just pump the tanks full.
- Don stated a goal he has set is to install frost tubes next year.
- Lagoons are doing okay right now. Will do creative ditching to divert rain water runoff to lagoon system, especially in Atlantic Mine.
- Supervisor Heikkinen commended Don and his crew for the phenomenal work being performed. No contractors were utilized in 2020. Don, Travis and Jerry managed to fix the leaks, etc.

With no other business before the board, a MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 8:15P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:


Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk