

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
OCTOBER 3, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, October 3, 2016 at the Township Hall, 17104 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, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Sohlden, and Clerk Pindral. There were 15 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the meeting minutes of the September 12, 2016 monthly meeting, and September 12, 2016 wholesale water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

- D. Archambeau stated he feels his household is being overcharged by thousands of gallons on his water bill. He states the meter readings are running between 4500 and 5000 gallons as a result of monthly readings. Supervisor Heikkinen will have the office manager run a report of billing and they will investigate the issue and get back to him. A test of the meter at his home on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue will also be done.
- H. Heikkinen inquired on the letter and booklet regarding the Atlantic Mine cemetery that he sent to the Board. He is questioning the purchase price of cemetery lots and burial rates, especially for veterans at the Atlantic Mine cemetery. He also commented on sunken graves. Clerk Pindral stated the rates for Atlantic Mine cemetery and Mountain View cemetery are identical. Veterans are not charged for a lot in veterans plot but there is a burial charge. The veterans/spouse plot has a \$150 lot charge for spouse but no plot charge for veteran. There is either a cremation burial or a full burial charge for both veteran and spouse. Supervisor Heikkinen thanked Mr. Heikkinen for the care he has given the cemetery, and told Mr. Heikkinen to call the office if he notices any graves that appear to be sinking, and the Township will take care of it.
- K. Bellin Sloat addressed the Board regarding the lack of signs in Baltic. She presented a picture that shows that technically only one sign is within Baltic. She gave examples of children at narrowed bus stops along the road, as well as the volume and speed of logging trucks traveling through. She stated cars do not slow down, and it is worse since the Road Commission removed the signs. Lawyer Mackey stated the Township has no authority on County or State Roads. D. Fox stated it was the responsibility of the Board. He asked Trustee Mattila to contact the Road Commission to get the signs put up properly, doing whatever the Board has to do to get them up. Trustee Mattila stated the Board did take safety serious, and he would contact Houghton County Road Commission to see how this could be resolved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1.) Houghton County Brownfield Authority list of 5 properties up for redevelopment. Funds are available. Supervisor Heikkinen will have more information for the Board before the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 2.) A template to complete setting up a Limited English Proficiency plan for the Township has been received. It is a requirement due to the Township receiving federal monies in the form of grants and loans. The purpose of the requirement is to prevent discrimination. Supervisor Heikkinen will work with office manager to complete plan.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** MOTION made by Trustee Sohlden with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the September financial report as presented. Roll call, all ayes with Trustee Mattila abstaining from vote on Rock and Dock as well as Portage Lake Construction invoices. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Trustee Mattila reported 9 medical calls and 1 fire call. The fire department did fire prevention education at the South Range Elementary School in conjunction with the Toivola Fire Department.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report given. The assessor is waiting for response to corrected action on the AMAR review.

CEMETERY REPORT: There were 3 cremain burials at Mountain View in September.

BUSINESS:

- Chris Holmes, UPEA, stated there are still right of way easements to be signed. He will contact the people who have not sent them back. Final Specs/plans are done and waiting to be submitted. Good news in that the interest rates have dropped to 1.38 percent, the lowest they have been in decades.
- Portage Lake Construction invoices for two repairs in Atlantic Mine and one in Baltic were received, totaling \$6,460.29. Another leak discovered today. Supervisor Heikkinen stated it is imperative the water improvement project continue to move forward.
- A new riding lawnmower has been purchased for approximately \$2,300.00. Cost will be taken from all accounts.
- The annual audit has been completed and a copy submitted to Rural Development. Duane Reid at Rural Development, is encouraging the Township to apply extra funds as principal payment on sewer loans in an effort to save the Township significant interest. Supervisor Heikkinen and Treasurer Immonen met with Auditor Bradford. Detailed worksheet outlines auditor recommendations. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Sohlden to make suggested budget changes (copy on file with minutes) and submit approximately \$400,000 for Rural Development loans. Roll call, all ayes. Motion passed. Treasurer Immonen and Clerk Pindral will work together. The payments submitted will be in addition to scheduled payments, and should result in less paid in interest at the end of the loans.
- Clerk Pindral MOTIONED to Election Committee to appoint precinct workers to be the same workers in the same positions as August election. Motion supported by Supervisor Heikkinen and Treasurer Immonen. Public accuracy test is set for October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1PM.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated there is no update to report on the wind turbine project.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:15PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Sohlden. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral  
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
Wholesale Water Board  
October 3, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, October 3, 2016 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:18P.M. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Sohlden, Clerk Pindral, Water Superintendent Bob Hudson, and Office Manager, Heather Platzke.

- Water Superintendent Hudson stated the panel interface has been ordered should be here in a week or two.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated Mrs. Jukkala has accepted and signed the agreement letter. B. Hudson stated he is working with the engineer from UPEA on specifications for the grinder elevation. The grinder will then be ordered and installed before winter sets in.
- B. Hudson stated he would like J. Hayrynen to attend the October 18<sup>th</sup> lagoon meeting to meet the vendors. They will also attend the Fall Water meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Justin needs the training and Bob stated he needs to renew his licensing.
- Supervisor Heikkinen requested the Archambeau meter history be reviewed to the present. He will need the information before the next meeting.
- H. Platzke stated Computer Mechanics has looked at the office computer. It needs to have more power, a 64 bit versus 32 bit to be compatible with software. They will pick up the computer sometime Thursday or Friday AM and return on Tuesday. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to approve the upgrade. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, MOTION to adjourn at 7:25PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Sohlden. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,  
Township Clerk