

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
August 5, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, August 5, 2019 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Pledge of allegiance was recited. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Mattila, Treasurer Immonen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 8 guests in attendance. Trustee Keranen had late arrival.

MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the minutes of the July 1, 2019 Monthly meeting, July 29, 2019 Special Meeting, and July 1, 2019 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce acknowledgement of dues renewal.
- Portage Health Foundation acknowledgment of receipt of UPSET pledge with renewal pledge form for upcoming three years. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila to continue three-year pledge of \$6000 payable in annual \$2000 pledge thru 2020-2022. Roll call, All ayes. Motion carried.
- Semco Energy sent friendly reminder to call MISSDIG @ 811 at least three full days before any projects that require digging. This includes even simple backyard projects by homeowners.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial reports for July reviewed. MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the July financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported for the last month there were 13 medical calls and 3 fire calls (one call was a supper being cooked).

ASSESSOR REPORT: The Assessor report reviewed and approved. BOR had 8 petitions presented (PRE/Veteran exemptions).

CEMETERY REPORT: Lawn maintenance is going well, with compliments received.

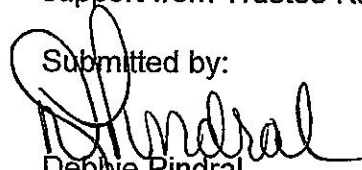
BUSINESS:

- Chris Holmes reported he has requested a deadline exemption for AMP. Does not anticipate problems. Preliminary DSI due by 1/1/20. Complete and final DSI of entire system due 2025. Supervisor asked Chris and Tom to stay on top of deadlines.
- Chris Holmes stated DNR easement process should be short. Will consider payments on Huntington loan as contributions to RD loan process with pay-off anticipated in 2023. No pump estimate received yet. Loan process will be started ASAP.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated there has been no updates from Circle Power on wind turbines.
- Water leak on residential property in Atlantic Mine is in process of being repaired by homeowner. For clarification purposes the process reviewed: Any time leak is identified/ignored on homeowner property, the property owner will receive a letter with 7 day timeline to contact Adams Township Water Dept. Property owner will then have 21 days to repair before consequences, such as water shut-off.
- There appears to be a major leak in water line by the M-26/ballfield in South Range. Township is looking into.

- REMC has recommended Township utilize off-site back-up of files. Cost would be \$50 set-up fee and \$50/yr for off-site back-up storage. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to approve REMC contract for \$50/set up fee and \$50/annual fee for off-site storage of files. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the USPS is holding a leases conference in Chicago. Contract with USPS for Atlantic Mine PO was just renegotiated.
- MDEQ/EGLE has approved Township plan for Robert Hudson to be Contract Operator in Charge of Adams Township Water Supply System. Bob will be paid \$25/hr for 2hours weekly to review and sign off on reports. A contract has been signed between Adams Township and Bob Hudson effective until Township has a licensed D2 operator or Bob Hudson/Township rescinds contract.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:30PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:


Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
August 5, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, August 5, 2019 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. UPEA Chris Holmes, Robert Hudson, Water Superintendent Thomas Pietila, and Water Dept Employee Justin Hayrynen were also present.

- Supervisor Heikkinen stated DEQ inquired on why the Township didn't have a water authority that included the Township, Village of South Range, Portage Township and City of Hancock. They stated then all would be responsible for expenses. Bob Hudson updated the Board on days when there was a Water Authority between municipalities. He stated it took too long for decisions to be made, and the Authority was dissolved. He stated he does not see any immediate benefits to the Township to consider adoption of a new Water Authority. Board agreed to not pursue.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Village of South Range has responded to the water leak by M-26 stating it is Township problem. Bob Hudson suggested it might be where the water line by Wildlife Refuge Cabins connects to PVC line. Fix before winter freeze sets in as ductile/PVI expansion differs in frost. Dig about 15-20 feet down to see if dry.
- Tom Pietila reported Asplundh Tree Service sprayed the rock berm on Painesdale lagoons 1 and 2.
- Chlorine and phosphate testing begin in July. Lead/coper certifications went well and results are good. Will need to be repeated in October.
- Tom spoke to Siler Contracting and the valve at the Atlantic lagoons is scheduled to be swapped out next week. He plans to observe the process.
- Justin Hayrynen stated lift station floats need to be cleaned.
- No update on the fence repair at lagoons given.
- Chris Holmes has talked with Siler about the speed bumps and yard cleanup in Atlantic as part of warranty work with no clear response. Trustee Mattila encouraged Chris to stay on top of Siler before warranty period runs out.

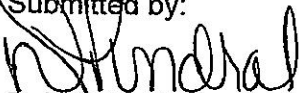
MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to leave Wholesale Water meeting and go into executive session at 6:55PM to discuss personnel issues. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to exit executive session at 7:16PM and return to Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Board discussed official personnel business with no immediate action taken.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Supervisor Heikkinen with support from Trustee Mattila to adjourn the meeting at 7:17P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk