

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
December 14, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held instituting mandated teleconferencing/social distancing guidelines on Monday, December 14, 2020 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 Eister, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 5 guests participating. Welcome to new Board members, Paul Eister and Tracy Immonen.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2020 Monthly meeting, and November 9, 2020 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were no public comments at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Supervisor Heikkinen read letter from Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital to remind people of the serious threat regarding Covid-19. Sending unified message to encourage use of masks, social distancing and to stay home if at all possible. Due to expected surge, caution is urged to protect hospital bed numbers.
- Supervisor Heikkinen discussed upcoming changes to the WUPHD Health EH code. Reiterated the need to check with the health dept before making any changes to make sure it is not affected under the Code.
- Correspondence from the CCISD requesting Adams Township to collect ISD taxes on annual basis. MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister for the Adams Township Treasurer to continue to collect taxes in Adams Township for CCISD. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of financial reports for November 2020. MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the November 2020 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: David Mattila reported in the last month there were 12 medical calls and 1 fire call. Fire Chief Coponen stated he is working with C. Holmes, UPEA Engineer on grant application for approximately 80-100,000 dollars to obtain a fire truck. Instructed to get bids on fire truck specifications.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report was reviewed. December BOR will be virtual.

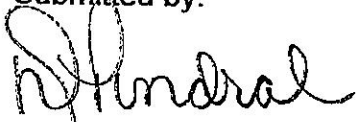
BUSINESS – OLD/UNFINISHED/NEW:

- Chris Holmes stated the Water Improvement project is projected to cost 3.75 Million to replace the aging waterline from the pumping station in Painesdale to the highway in South Range replacing all the plastic line. The project does not include replacing the pumps. Supervisor Heikkinen met with Chris Holmes and Auditor Deb Bradford to discuss financials. Wholesale Water loan with Huntington Bank cannot be paid off until June 2023. Chris Holmes explained that depending on the year the water improvement job finishes, there might not be a payment needed until 2022-2023. With the numbers analyzed, the application is ready to be signed and submitted.

- Chris stated he is working with Don Cline to get grant monies for the Asset Management project.
- No updates on wind turbines from Circle Power. Public observation yields site work being done with MISS DIG involved. Rumored project to start end of 2021/early 2022. No permit application received yet.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated he was notified by Sean Kennedy that the Solar Farm will be utilizing other properties to put the Solar unit. No property is needed from Township.
- Clerk Pindral presented a resolution to authorize Heather Platzke, office manager, to be a named signatory on Adams Township bank accounts as deemed necessary. MOTION by clerk Pindral with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Resolution 2020-12-01 authorizing Heather Platzke as a named signatory on Adams Township bank accounts. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- MOTION by Clerk Pindral with support of Trustee Keranen to continue past practice to give the water dept. employees Wal-Mart Gift cards (\$100 for FT and \$50 for PT) for Christmas. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Pindral will purchase the gift cards.
- Supervisor Heikkinen extended the Board's condolences to the family of Robert Hudson, who passed away recently. Bob had been a Township employee for 35-40 years.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:50PM 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
December 14, 2020

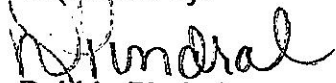
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, December 14, 2020 via mandated social distancing guidelines/teleconferencing at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:51PM. 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 stated with the death of Robert Hudson the Township no longer has a D2 operator license. He has contacted the State and was told with the upcoming Holidays, the Township can wait until January to get covered. Don stated he has a couple of D2 operators he can contact, and thru MRWA there may be another operator who might be available. Tom Flaminio, from EGLE, will help in the process. Don stated he took the D4 exam and should get his results the week of Dec. 21st. Depending on his hire date, he might be able to take the D2 exam in July.
- Currently waiting on the garage door to come in for the pole building at pumping station.
- Don reported the water dept crew repaired a 6" water main in Painesdale; it was cast iron line with ¾" hole in from rubbing on rock.
- The dropbox was installed in the cement wall in the office. This can be used to drop-off payments and tax payments as well as absentee ballots. Lighting will be installed to make it even more secure. Heather is working on signage.
- Don reported Charter Spectrum has visited the pumping station and will work up an estimate to connect the pumping station to internet and phone. UP.Net was also contacted but they have no phone availability. This would enable the D2 operator to have access to Adams Township reporting on a daily basis.
- Don stated for future budgets, he would like a data logger for reporting versus paper charts. He also reported the chlorine actuator needs to be updated as it is also original equipment and getting worn out.
- Lagoons have been discharged without problem. State is still asking for "hard Covid samples" (at High school, Painesdale and Atlantic Lagoons) but no results are reported to Township.
- Don stated that changes in EH code may benefit the water dept by allowing employee access into homes for required samples, that may have been blocked previously by homeowner.

With no other business before the board, a MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 7:08P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:


Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk