

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
December 6, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, December 6, 2021 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Meeting started with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral participating via Zoom. There were 14 guests participating via in-person/zoom.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the minutes of the November 1, 2021 Monthly Meeting, and November 1, 2021 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Supervisor Heikkinen addressed the public regarding the Windfarm. Stated the Keweenaw Group did a good job on their mailing. Have received emails opposing wind turbines. Work in progress in regards to contacting senators, reps, help from the State. Jennifer S stated the Township is the only one that can protect Adams Township. Lawyer Kevin Mackey discussed court time and lawsuits.
- American Rescue Act Funds can be used for GIS as it is considered infrastructure. Discussion regarding what the mPower GIS will do for the Township.
- Correspondence from American Transmission Company detailing the 2022-25 vegetation removal and pole replacement on power lines from Atlantic Mine to Winona.
- Minutes from the last Planning Committee meetings were read. Looking to updating actual zoning ordinance.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of financial reports for November 2021. Supervisor Heikkinen reviewed the accounts and made no transfers. He stated the Dodge Dakota pickup used at the cemetery needed \$1700 in repairs. **MOTION** by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the November 2021 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: There were 11 medical calls and 2 fire calls since last meeting. Supervisor Heikkinen reported a preliminary look at building a new fire hall could cost 600K to over one million due to increased cost due to pandemic. Continue to look into obtaining grant monies.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report for November reviewed. BOR is scheduled for 12/14/21 @ 1PM to fix and make corrections.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:

- Current engineering paid invoices for wholesale water project are over \$100,000. Air survey invoices added \$20,000 toward project cost. Monies will be reimbursed when project has secured the 3.7 million funding. Interest rates are low, below 2%. Will be started spring 2022. Checking into compatibility of the aerial surveillance information with the GIS system.
- Archival update: About 360 documents have been scanned and uploaded to cloud storage. Email from Vince Kanthak has cloud website address.
- Circle Power Update – Chris Moore reports information will be available on Dec 17th on sites and pictures of intended turbines. FAA approved the original four sites.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated no new State Covid mandates are issued, therefore the ice rink will be available. Temporary roof repairs are done. Greg Harkonen is willing to help with facility flooding and maintenance of ice. Heather also has additional information on another volunteer.
- Don Cline talked with Copper Country Ford. The timeline to replace existing Ford pickup has been moved up due to availability issues. **MOTION** by Trustee Keranen to order new Ford pickup immediately. Seconded by Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Letter from CCISD to levy ISD taxes on Township Tax bills. Motion to accept by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:51PM by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Trustee Eister/Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debbie Pindral", written over the printed name and title.

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
December 6, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, December 6, 2021 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:54PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral (via Zoom).

- New pole barn has floor and door installed. All equipment stored under one roof.
- Discussion regarding purchase of new Ford pickup. Timeline ramped up due to availability issues.
- Payout for Township essential employee personal cell phone use will be made this month, \$25 per month with maximum being \$300 yearly.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated there will be an increase in wholesale water with amount TBD in 2022.

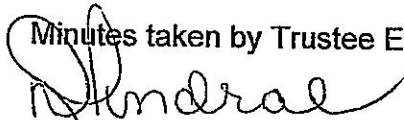
MOTION by Supervisor Heikkinen with support from Trustee Eister to leave wholesale water meeting and enter into executive session at 7:00PM to discuss personnel issues. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to leave executive session at 7:11PM and return to wholesale water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Wholesale water meeting readjourned at 7:12PM. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Board authorized payment of bonus for regular Township employees. \$250 fulltime employee and \$125 part-time employee.

With no other business or comments before the board, a MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 7:13P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Trustee Eister/Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk