

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
September 9, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, September 9, 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, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 10 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the minutes of the August 5, 2019 Monthly meeting, and August 5, 2019 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:

- C. Snell addressed the Board regarding neighborhood parking in Baltic on Sunday and Wednesday nights. He stated it starts about 10PM going thru 6AM and is very disruptive to family sleeping. He has posted no parking signs which were pushed into the bushes. He has called law enforcement, who states nothing can be done if cars are on road-right-of-way. He was instructed to continue to call and report to law enforcement when this occurs. Lawyer Mackey stated he will check into situation legalities.
- C. Wrightman addressed the Board in support of Mr. Snell, stating there are multiple cars crowded and hazardously parked which makes traffic dangerous. She also inquired on the process of getting 14th Street brined for dust control. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Township contracts with Houghton County Road Commission for dust control on some streets. Will look into the cost of adding 14th Street to the list for 2020.
- WUPPDR will be holding the annual conference on Sept. 16th at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. Cost is \$20 per person for those interested in attending.
- UPPCO has sent notice that they will be installing smart meters shortly. They will also be doing tree pruning along electric lines in Adams Township, Portage Township, and Chassell.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial reports for August reviewed. Supervisor Heikkinen reported the monies generated by the cemetery millage has been spent. He thanked R. Kukkonen and J. Malila for their hard work at the cemeteries. MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the August financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported for the last month there were 17 medical calls and 1 fire call.

ASSESSOR REPORT: The Assessor report for August reviewed. Lots of land divisions, nothing out of ordinary.

CEMETERY REPORT: Gates are still open.

BUSINESS:

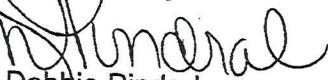
- Chris Holmes reported he will be meeting with DNR "Top Brass" on Thursday regarding concerns about the grade of proposed waterline replacement and "what-if" wash-out scenario. They will drive the whole route. An alternative route might be suggested but there are concerns about getting easements in timely manner. DNR is suggesting the addition of four 18" culverts.
- C. Moore, representative for Circle Power, reported the wind turbine project is still being planned, but with some changes. There will be only four turbines, and they will be less visible to the public. Additional studies regarding bird impact and engineering are in end stages, with more

studies in the works, such as noise, etc. A public meeting is anticipated in the next 45-60 days. A larger venue than the Township Hall was requested.

- Supervisor Heikkinen publicly thanked Jared Snider for his workmanship and ethics while employed at the Township. Jared left to pursue his college degree. A new employee, Donald Cline will be starting Township employment on Sept. 16th.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated approximately \$26,000 will be paid to Portage Lake for repair of water lines, as well as the search by M-26 for water-main leak.
- The Township annual audit was started in June should be complete at the end of Sept.
- Treasurer Immonen inquired when the water hydrant in Atlantic Mine on Atlantic Ave would be repaired. Supervisor Heikkinen deferred question to J. Hayrynen, who stated it is being worked on.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:40PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
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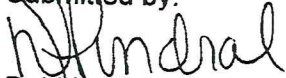
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, September 9, 2019 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. UPEA Chris Holmes, Water Superintendent Thomas Pietila, and Water Dept Employees Heather Platzke and Justin Hayrynen were also present.

- Tom Pietila reported approximately 2/3 of meters are in.
- Metal doors were repaired at pumping station to stop rust.
- Need for cabinet for storage at pumphouse. Supervisor Heikkinen instructed Tom to purchase.
- New employee, Don Cline, has been at pumphouse on Thursdays when Bob Hudson is present.
- Bob Hudson has signed off on State training. Tom and Don will attend Math training in Marquette on Sept 19th and 20th at Days Inn.
- Multiple issues with lift stations, especially with tissue wipes. Suggested distribution of letter regarding "Do Not Use Wipes in Septic System" when meters are read. Trustee Mattila suggested topic be highlighted in newsletter. Three pumps have burned out due to disposal of wipes into septic system.
- Two lagoons in Atlantic Mine are isolated and will probably only need two discharges. Painesdale lagoon will need one discharge before winter.
- EGLE meeting Thursday with result of mandate for flow meter to be installed at Painesdale lagoons. Will need to have electricity run to lagoons or use solar option.
- Daily readings need to be done at every lift station and inspection recorded.
- Storage tanks inspected and good.
- Supervisor Heikkinen discussed who is on call, and to get Don Cline in the loop. Problem over weekend resulted in no one answering call, and he had to answer call with no knowledge of how to fix problems.
- Bay Electric has suggested changing the lift stations to radio call versus AT&T for a possible fee of \$1500 versus monthly phone bill. Supervisor Heikkinen instructed Justin to get written quotes ASAP! AT&T is on yearly contracts due in November.
- No more issues with payment drop-box on office door.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to adjourn the meeting at 7:05P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk