

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
January 7, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, January 7, 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 6 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the minutes of the December 3, 2018 Monthly meeting, and December 3, 2018 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:

- D. Fox stated as a taxpayer in the Township he was inquiring if the water superintendent passed the D2 exam taken in November, and if the Board had explored any other options. Supervisor Heikkinen stated this topic was slated to be discussed by the Board in executive session but since it was brought up, the answer was no he did not pass the exam. Supervisor Heikkinen stated that the water superintendent does hold at least three other licenses required to run the lagoons and water system, and Supervisor Heikkinen is waiting for further directive from DEQ.
- Correspondence received from Greenleaf Timber regarding placing 80 acres into CFR.
- MTA will be holding BOR training in Houghton on February 5th. Torey Kostamo, Kathy DeForge and Janet Gregorich will be signed up to attend.
- The US Postal Service has agreed to \$300/month rent for Atlantic Mine Post Office effective September 2019. A five-year contract will be signed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial reports for December reviewed. MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the November financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor Heikkinen stated budgets are on track for year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported for the last month there were 6 medical calls and 2 fire calls. He reported for the past year there were 138 EMT calls and 22 fire calls.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report for December reviewed and approved. Supervisor Heikkinen reported the assessor is still working with Circle Power regarding wind turbine taxation. He stated there has been no updates from Circle Power regarding the wind turbine project.


BUSINESS:

- Chris Holmes, UPEA engineer, presented Draw #14 on Water Project in amount of \$4,687.80 for outstanding invoice. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Resolution 2019-01-02 Draw #14 approving payment of \$4,687.80 for UPEA invoice, and requesting the remaining loan funds to be ordered and applied as extra payment on loan since project is complete. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. C. Holmes stated due to the government shutdown, there will probably be a delay in receiving payment as well as receiving instructions on how to send extra loan funds back to Rural Development.
- The Chevy plow truck has now been repaired. The transfer case, water pump, thermostat and lower hose replaced. It is now in service but due to age of vehicle, the Board will need to consider the future purchase of a newer vehicle with plow.
- Supervisor Heikkinen asked Kevin Mackey, Township Attorney, about the need to adopt an ordinance to opt in/out of Marihuana establishments. Mr. Mackey stated to his understanding, LARA has one year to develop regulations, so no licenses can be issued until December 2019.

Then at that time only the currently licensed medical marihuana sites can apply. He does not foresee any commercial license applications being accepted until the end of 2020.

- Supervisor Heikkinen shared information received on Farmland Preservation Program. This involves enrollment, eligibility & benefits of Farmland Agreements, as well as transferring, splitting and releasing Farmlands from special assessments. Informational brochures will be available in the assessor's office.
- Clerk Pindral stated the cemetery special millage will need to be renewed this year. Resolution 2019-01-01 presented: "Shall Adams Township renew .3mil (\$.30cent per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for 8 years, 2019 through 2026 inclusive, for the maintenance and lawn care of the Atlantic Mine and South Range cemeteries, which .3mil will raise an estimated \$11,700.00 in each year the millage is levied?" MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Resolution 2019-01-01 Renewal Cemetery Millage. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Pindral will send paperwork to County Clerk. Election will be May or August, dependent on county.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:35PM 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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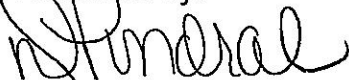
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Water Superintendent Thomas Pietila, and Water Dept Employees Heather Platzke and Justin Hayrynen were also present.

- Tom Pietila reiterated he did not pass the D2 exam. Bob Hudson gave him his books for study. Discussion regarding whereabouts of books purchased for past employees to take exam. Office Manager H. Platzke instructed to contact Pyykkonen to return books purchased by Township. Clerk Pindral stated past employee Snell had utilized online training course for studies, and could be an option if requested. Supervisor Heikkinen directed T. Pietila to contact DEQ about D2 license and let him know on Tuesday. To also check on how many times a person is permitted to take the exam.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reported he has met with officials from Northern Hardwoods regarding water rate change to retail rate effective March 2019 billing. Sewer rate will not be affected as water is evaporated in kilns versus being disposed in sewer. He has gone to Moyle facility twice as well as sent emails, but no response received from them. A letter will be sent via certified mail informing them of new retail rates effective March 1st bill. City of Hancock, Village of South Range and Portage Township were sent letters informing them of the wholesale water rate increase. Also, water bills will reflect notice to township residents of their increase. 2018 loan payment was partial, but 2019 will reflect the full loan payment as project is complete. Action necessary due to recent water improvement loan.
- T. Pietila stated he contacted Will at Bay Electric about re-doing three lift station call-outs. He has not yet heard back.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to adjourn the meeting at 6:55P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk