

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
June 1, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Adam Township Board was held via mandated teleconferencing/social distancing guidelines on Monday, June 1, 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 Mattila, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Keranen and Clerk Pindral. There were 6 guests participating.

MOTION made by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2020 Monthly meeting, and May 11, 2020 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Correspondence from Michigan Secretary of State regarding MI Absentee Voter Applications sent to all registered voters in MI, except those already on permanent absentee list. It is recommended to absentee vote for both August and November election during COVID-19.
- Reminder to complete your Census 2020 form, it is required by law to complete.
- COVID-19 reminders from Township Focus magazine shared with public.
- Correspondence from outside agency regarding purchase of post office building in Atlantic Mine. This is FYI only as Township has no intent of selling at this time, although Fire Department would like updated building.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Review of financial reports for May 2020. MOTION made by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the May 2020 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes with Trustee Mattila abstaining from vote on invoices from Mattila Rock and Dock/Superior Sand and Gravel. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported since last meeting there were 10 medical calls and 1 fire call. The fire department has continued doing "birthday calls" thru Covid-19 Stay Home period.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor activity has been quiet with no office hours due to Cov-19. Temporary help will be hired to help update property cards in anticipation of AMAR review.

CEMETERY REPORT: Cemeteries are open. Treasurer Immonen reported a refund was requested for a lot in Atlantic Mine that was purchased when the cemetery was owned by Church. Board requested a copy of the Bill of Sale and will decide at July meeting.

BUSINESS – OLD/UNFINISHED:

- Chris Holmes stated he has questions for Don related to water improvement project. DMSI on hydrants are done. Working on valves. Building plan changes for storage shed at pumping station are coming. There is one more form to complete for the grant on the backhoe/loader and will be submitted. Paperwork for excavator is fairly similar as is the cost. Concerns expressed due to projected revenue cuts from State due to COVID 19 repercussions. Don Cline is working with companies to obtain competitive bids. Excavator rationale is offset by contractor costs. Will proceed with grant paperwork.

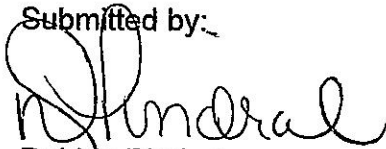
- Chris Holmes responded to email from Chris DeForge stating the Township is already utilizing grants to access funds.
- No update from Circle Power.

BUSINESS – NEW:

- Supervisor Heikkinen there will be an opening on the Township Board for a Trustee. See the Township clerk to file paperwork.
- The price for Houghton County Road Commission to oil roads almost triples if 14th St. is added. That street will not be oiled this year but looking into alternatives.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:36PM by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debbie Pindral".

Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
June 1, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, June 1, 2020 via mandated social distancing guidelines/teleconferencing 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.

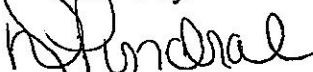
- Don Cline stated the basket installed in the Atlantic Mine lift-station is working well. They are emptied at least 1X/wk of mostly "shop style" rags. Reminder to not flush wipes will be added to monthly bills. Also add to tax bill information with reminder that ultimately the expense gets added to property owners/landlords.
- Don reported the groundwork was completed on snowmobile trail repair.
- Baltic is experiencing leaks by Elsie Road, possibly under the road. Also, complaints of a leak on Mickalich property. Will sent letter stating property owner responsibility and timeline to make repair. Trimountain has an air release valve leaking on forced main. More daisy chains discovered in Painesdale. A duplex developed a water leak in basement. Separate shut-offs to be installed.
- Lagoon discharges numbers are off likely due to sun/wind/rain, and he is working with EGLE. EGLE will make a visit on Thursday at the plant and tanks. Requested Supervisor Heikkinen be available.
- Houghton County hit a manhole plowing this winter and pushed it off. Were able to pump to another manhole Bob Hudson is planning to assist with flushing.
- Flow Meter is in. Preliminary radio testing when leaves are full (after discharge), trying to read lift stations. May need to elevate some of the lift station antennas, or tie into South Range with repeater.
- Requested including monies into the water improvement project to purchase 20-ton trailer needed to transport 308 excavator. Or rubber for track with dump truck hauling the attachments.
- Clerk Pindral requested water line in Painesdale be checking due to "humming" at times.
- Heather inquired if late fees can be added to May utility bills. Fees can be added but utilities cannot be shut-off during COVID-19.
- Heather stated there were complaints of no garbage cans in cemetery. There is only one in each cemetery placed by camera due to discovery of drug paraphernalia and alcohol bottles/cans being disposed.

At 7:05PM a MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to exit Wholesale Water meeting and enter executive session to discuss personnel issue. Roll call. Motion carried.

At 7:35PM a MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to leave executive session and return to Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 7:36P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk