

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
November 6, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, November 6, 2023 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 9 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2023 Monthly Minutes, and October 9, 2023 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- T. Parolini inquired about the gate by the tank and who owned it. D. Cline state DNR wants the gate locked, but to check with personnel higher up.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Supervisor Heikkinen read information sent by Keweenaw Petroleum regarding propane safety.
2. Contract received for Employee Assistance Program/Behavioral Health Services for renewal. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to approve one year renewal through Great Lakes Recovery Center for the Employee Assistance Program/Behavioral Health Services. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Pindral will submit.
3. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the property deed for the land for the new fire hall has been recorded and received.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Supervisor Heikkinen stated he has reviewed all accounts per budget and everything appears on track. He inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the October 2023 Financial Reports, and if none asked for a motion to approve. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the October 2023 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

There were 17 medical calls and 1 fire service call. It was requested that a sign be placed on the new fire hall property announcing it as the "Site of New Fire Hall - Coming Soon". No drainage study performed yet for MDOT permit on hold. Discussion on use of lower part of property as well as natural gas line.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Assessor Report for October reviewed. Assessor Hayrynen provided proof of Worker's Liability Insurance on technicians and assistants used in assisting her with fieldwork. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he received a letter regarding Designated Assessor from Houghton County Dept. of Equalization. Designated Assessor would be utilized in the event the Township failed the AMAR twice. In the event of noncompliance fieldwork report, the County would take over tax roll. Cost of designating unclear, Clerk Pindral will contact for more information before decision is made.

CEMETERY: Burials will be done as weather permits. Gate will be closed to vehicles for the winter.

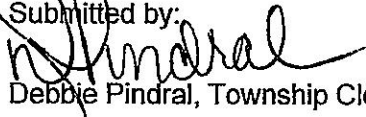
BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:

- C. Holmes stated a new Notice of Intent must be posted in local newspaper. A public hearing will be held before regular monthly on December 4, 2023 to discuss both applications for funding from the USDA Rural Development: 1) to make improvements to the wholesale water system, and 2) funds to construct a new fire hall. RD will then be sent the applications and then waiting begins.

- The date for completed DSMI study has been moved up to October 2024 from January 2025 by EGLE.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the leak in the Ice Rink roof has been repaired. J. Wisniewski has been cleaning up inside the ice rink building and starting to paint. He also plans to work on the boards, mats, etc.
- No update from the Planning Commission. The 5 yr plan has been submitted to DNR.
- About 50 of the new meters have arrived at cost of approximately \$10,500 (ARPA Funds). Employees will need access to basement to do installation. Will inspect and document for cross connections while in basements as well as education. Waiting for nodes to arrive to start.
- Still waiting for examples of procurement policies to base Township Policy on.
- Hannula Insurance has been notified on damage done to overhead garage door on Retail Water Building from vehicle pushing it in.
- A flyer received from Copper Country Recycling Initiative asking if a mailing could be done to Township residents. They will provide folded flyers that will be included with tax bills due to go out in December. Flyer will also be posted on Township Website and Facebook page.
- Complaint received about debris at the old Toivola Gas Station/Restaurant. Trustee Eister will contact owner asking if the debris could be pushed back into building, away from State Highway.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:50PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
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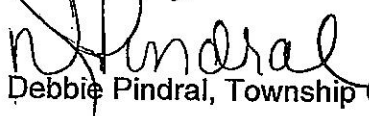
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, November 6, 2023 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:55PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Don Cline, Water Superintendent was also in attendance.

- Don C. stated Portage Lake Construction has completed on the paving patches on the Township roads. Concrete will be poured for the three lift station generators at the end of the week. Keweenaw Petroleum will do the gas hook-up. Bay Electric will then do the electrical portion.
- Lighting has been installed so the Payment/ballot drop box is well lighted. As well as the office entrance.
- A larger culvert has been installed and driveway extended by the M-26 Atlantic Mine Lift Station. Driveway will be shared by Rajala business next door versus another drive entrance onto busy highway.
- Trustee Keranen commented on the stop lights in Atlantic Mine. D. Cline stated the county is replacing manholes and paving.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reiterated the ice rink repairs will vastly improve the building for public to utilize.
- Don C. stated employees cleaned up behind the buildings, lots of scrap sent out. Will do some landscaping to divert water from the hall.
- Terry W. took the D-4 water test last week. Should get results in about 45 days.

With no other business or comments before the board, a MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 7:15P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:


Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk