

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
April 1, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, April 1, 2024 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 10 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2024 Monthly Minutes, March 27, 2024 Special Meeting/Public Hearing, March 27, 2024 Budget Hearing, March 27, 2024 Special Meeting and March 4, 2024 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Terry P stated Citizens for Local Choice are attempting to collect 550,000 signatures by end of May in hope of amending the Clean and Renewable Energy Act regarding local control of wind and solar. Contact Terry for more information.
- Rachel G. stated payment for the streetlight on Iroquois St. is in her elderly grandparent's name, and requested the Township take over the UPPCO costs. Clerk Pindral suggested she contact UPPCO as the Township no longer pays for all streetlights.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Supervisor Heikkinen reported the Township has received correspondence from the State in regards to the EGLE Lead Grant. UPEA Engineer, Chris Holmes will respond to the State. The Grant would assist in expenses such as time to identify, take digital evidence to prove to the State there are no lead lines in the DSMI study but will not pay for materials.
2. Correspondence from UPSET West requesting financial support. Clerk Pindral stated support has already been pledged to UPSET Portage Foundation. Clerk will verify and if needed, bring to the May meeting.
3. The Michigan State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) has investigated and approved the site for the new Fire Hall build. Engineer Holmes will forward to Rural Development.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Supervisor Heikkinen inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the March 2024 Financial Reports, and if none, asked for a motion to approve. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the March 2024 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Fire Chief Dan Coponen stated there were 14EMT and 1 Fire Call for the month. For 2023 totals were 162 EMT calls and 32 Fire Calls. He expressed dismay with no engineering prints done after 14 months from voter approval of millage. Requested meeting with UPEA managers and Township Supervisor as soon as possible to discuss lack of progress, i.e., plans, MDOT permit, utilities, etc. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Board could call a special meeting if needed.

Discussion regarding paying fire/EMT volunteers a stipend by points system discussed. Possibly paid every 6 or 12 months. Treasurer Immonen will investigate further for next meeting.

Supervisor Heikkinen reminded that the fire department must turn in charge receipts to be paid to avoid further late charges.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:**

Assessor Report for March reviewed. March BOR went well, only 3 people came with concerns. Assessed values went up across the state, not just in Adams Township.


**CEMETERY:** Gate is still closed.

**BUSINESS -- UNFINISHED/NEW:**

- Supervisor Heikkinen reported the water improvement application will soon be finalized and submitted for approval.
- Possible approval for grant for the DSMI lead service investigation.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reported he did contact the Sheriff's dept. about speeders in Atlantic Mine on Chippewa Street as well as Erickson Drive. Police presence will be made.
- Planning Commission is waiting to see if Adams Township is a recipient of a Copper Shores Grant for the playground. Need to survey the play area in Atlantic Mine to know boundaries. Trustee Eister will contact a surveyor. Stated a proof of engineering is needed for plans and grants. Next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.
- Clerk Pindral stated the time frame for getting a road millage request is near. The monies generated from the millage would be used to work with the Road Commission on repair of roads at Township direction. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Resolution #2024-04-01 for the purpose of authorizing Adams Township to increase the levy of taxes by up to 1 mills (\$1 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of 20 (up to 20 years max) years (from 2024 through 2044 inclusive) for improvements, repair and maintenance of public roads in the Township? Improvements would include paving of gravel roads, rehabilitation of gravel roads, repaving of paved roads and chip sealing of paved roads. Roll Call, All Ayes. Motion Carried. Clerk Pindral will submit necessary paperwork to County Clerk for August election.
- Reminder the meeting date has been changed. The Township Monthly Meetings will now be held on the **Second Monday** of each Month effective with May.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:00PM by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

  
Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
Wholesale Water Board  
April 1, 2024

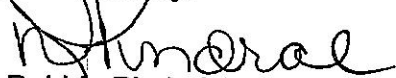
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, April 1, 2024 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Also present was Travis Cline, Asst. Water Operator.

- Travis reported the Cross Connection Control Program has been approved by EGLE, as well as the Emergency Response Plan.
- The annual Water Consumers Confidence Report has been submitted to the State and will also be published in the Gazette per protocol.
- REMC1 has given access to get access to the virtual servers.
- The Lagoons water discharge plans have also been approved by the State.
- There were no service calls recently.
- Received all original nodes and will send more meters when in stock. The company will be sending an additional 50 nodes at no charge to work with meters due to a downgrade on meters. The meters will not show water pressure but will show temperature. Crew are installing the meters as fast as they can get into homes.
- While working on the DSMI study, prep is being performed which involves quantities of sand, gravel and scored Styrofoam. Last week 5 services were done in Baltic, main to curbside with pictures. 40 is the goal.
- Lagoon and water plant roads need gravel. Employees will grade after gravel ordered. Board approved purchase of gravel. Will try to co-op with South Range on lagoons in Atlantic due to shared roads.
- Supervisor Heikkinen and Trustee Eister will meet with employees on the 15<sup>th</sup> for discussion

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 7:20P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:



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