ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
April 13, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, April 13, 2026 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 Nettell, 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 March 9, 2026 Public Hearing/Monthly Meeting, March 9, 2026 Wholesale Water meeting, March 25, 2026 Annual Meeting of Electors, March 26, 2026 Budget Hearing, and March 25, 2026 Special Meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Annette B. stated there are scams circulating. If there is a structure fire, do not give out information, direct them to Fire Dept. All fire reports are filed with the State.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Township has received a copy of a Metro Act permit agreement from Highland, a fiber optic internet company, for placement of fiber lines in Adams Township. Road work plans have already been approved by County Road Commission. Application fee has been sent. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Highland's Metro Act permit application. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Permit application signed by Supervisor and Clerk.
- FYI: Wickware Consultants out of Iron River submitted information on what their firm can do for water and sewer in Adams for a nominal fee.
- Supervisor Heikkinen presented a resolution from UPEA for Authorizing Issuance of 2026 Unlimited General Obligation Bond (Fire Station Project) for Board approval. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to approve 2026-04-01 Resolution Authorizing Issuance of 2026 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bond for Fire Station Project. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:
Supervisor Heikkinen asked if there were any other questions or concerns regarding the March 2026 Financial Reports, and if none, asked for a motion to approve. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the March 2026 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Treasurer Nettell reported effective May 12 the online point payment program for bills and taxes will change to BSA payment system. This will save the Township monthly fees. Treasurer Nettell asked for Board approval to close the Citizens Bank Certificate of Deposit and reopen at a better rate. MOTION made by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to close the Citizens Bank CD and reopen at a better rate. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:
Fire Chief Dan Coponen reported 1 Fire and 11 EMT calls for the month. He stated the truck in Painesdale had a flat tire and Fine Line Tire was called to repair. The service tech checked all tires on the truck and reported all were outdated, placing the truck at risk. Cost to replace 6 tires is $3,142. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to replace all six outdated tires on fire truck at cost of $3,142,00. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Annette reported the newer truck is to be delivered Tuesday. Two sets of spreadsheets (4/1/26-12/31/26) for First Responders and for FD Volunteers were done up with calculations incorporated. Will bring to January meeting for payment. Stipend Request are not to exceed $599 annually. Discussion will continue regarding gas cards for the 8 EMT.

Chris Holmes stated MDOT approved and issued permit for new fire station driveway. Contract from Moyle wanted waive of liquated damages. Not signed as such. Chris stated a compliance review thru rural development was done to make sure of ADA compliance.
MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Nettell to approve the appointment of Dan Coponen as Fire Chief from their February meeting Roll call, 3 ayes, 2 abstain. Motion carried.

CEMETERY: Supervisor Heikkinen reported that he and Trustee Eister reviewed applications, and interviewed Nathan Turcotte and hired him for the cemetery sexton position. Trustee Eister reported the gates for the cemetery are ready to go for powder coating. Clerk Pindral stated the cemetery millage will expire at end of 2026. Millage language and resolution will be brought to the May meeting to meet the deadline to be put on August ballot. Public hearing will be scheduled for May 11 at 6PM to take comments.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor Report for March reviewed. BOR went fine. The assessor's new computer has been ordered along with the new computer used by Clerk/Treasurer/Supervisor. Both are very outdated.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED:
- Engineer Holmes stated two land easements for water project are out for paperwork by Lawyer Mackey. Will be talking with the third land owner tomorrow. Do not anticipate issues. Waiting on EGLE permit, then everything will be submitted to Rural Development. Anticipate starting in early May (best case scenario).
- Planning Commission Report: Meeting held in March. Planning Commission appointments need to be reinstated by Board. Will talk with one member who has missed multiple meetings about intent. Asked Supervisor to put on agenda for May Board meeting. Inquired if the new hire for cemetery sexton will help with ice rink? Would like to see the ice rink building utilized year-round and get dedicated people to promote. Waiting for second estimate on ice rink concession stand roof. Obligations for man hours to South Range for water tank property have been met. Waiting for answer from school for wetlands boardwalk project on land donated by the Ruohonens. Planning Commission has received several concerns about the possibility of a data center being constructed. Lawyer Mackey stated UPPCO has inferred their infrastructure will not handle the demand for power. Stated the committee needs to identify data centers as only permitted in industrial zone in zoning. Martha stated the next meeting for the planning committee is May 20th.
- The 4th of July committee has inquired if the Township will donate. Will check on donation amount for 2025 and discuss at May meeting.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated there is still too much snow to assess the Huron St in Atlantic Mine. Will meet with road commission in May.
- Annual representation agreement with Lawyer Mackey discussed. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen authorize Supervisor Heikkinen to sign representation agreement as presented. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Clerk Pindral and Treasurer Nettell stated the check to Blueline Construction for balance due has been sent.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Wellhead Protection Plan is on-hold for now. He asked the planning commission to investigate zoning by wellhead.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:12PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

DPindral

Debra Pindral, Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
April 13, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Nettell, Trustee Keranen, Clerk Pindral and Water Superintendent, Don Cline.

Don Cline reported on the crew getting called out at Atlantic mine. Lots of restriction and concrete chunks in manhole.

Ditch is low in Brooklyn with lots of melt over. Will ask the Road Commission to look at.

May need overflow pumps to Atlantic lagoon from Baltic. Goal is to prevent flooding in lagoons. Slow thaw would help. Will start discharge in one month if all goes well.

Strongly advised ditching around So Huron when meet with Road Commission. Spring is a season of chasing water around!

Reported Tom Flaminio from EGLE is very happy the water tank is being built. He strongly suggests researching a possible secondary water source (wells) in future.

MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to leave Wholesale Water meeting to go into executive session at 7:30PM to discuss personnel issues. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to leave executive session and return to Wholesale Water meeting at 7:40PM. Roll call, all ayes. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated minimum wage increase, new hire, and cemetery millage were discussed.

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 7:41P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:

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Debra Pindral, Township Clerk