

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING/MONTHLY MEETING
June 8, 2026

A public hearing was held by the Adams Township Board on Monday, June 8, 2026 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic Michigan. There were 14 guests present. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment on changes to blight ordinance. Supervisor Heikkinen read the ordinance going over sections in general. Lawyer Mackey stated the changes made to ordinance were to make violation and enforcement municipal civil infractions. Under first ordinance they were a crime and not enforceable. Public comments included concerns of definition of junk, as well as enforcement realities. Suggestions included the Township provide a scrap metal dumpster or garbage dumpster, to which the Supervisor stated that would need to be in a gated and policed area to prevent vandalism and theft, and the township doesn't have the capabilities. The goal of the Blight Ordinance is to get clean-up started in the Township, with warning letters the first step in enforcement. With all public comments received, Supervisor Heikkinen closed the public hearing at 6:25PM.

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, June 8, 2026 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:25PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Nettell, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 19 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2026 Public Hearing/Monthly Meeting, May 11, 2026 Special Meeting and May 11, 2026 Wholesale Water Meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Inquiry from public if the Blight Ordinance addressed noise. Supervisor Heikkinen stated noise was addressed in a separate ordinance.
- George E. stated at one time the Township and Village had discussed sharing a part-time police officer. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he was open to getting together to discuss options.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Heikkinen presented Blight Ordinance 2026-06-01 to the Board for approval. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Blight Ordinance 2026-06-01 and repeal Ordinance 2011-06. Roll call, all ayes. Motion Carried. Clerk Pindral will submit the Ordinance for publication in the local gazette and 30 days after publication (06-11-26) the blight ordinance will be in effect. Said ordinance will also be posted on Township website.
- The closing on the loan for the Fire Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th. Treasurer Nettell was instructed to verify that the monies from first draw get deposited. There will be a form to fill out for payments.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reported working with Chris Holmes, UPEA, to project cost and annual interest/payment on the Wholesale Water project due to concerns regarding increased cost overrun. Bottom line: Decision will be made when contractor bids come in.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Supervisor Heikkinen asked if there were any other questions or concerns regarding the May 2026 Financial Reports, and if none, asked for a motion to approve. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the May 2026 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Reported 4 Fire and 15 EMT calls for the month. No Fire Dept. Member list with activities turned in for May. Will contact Annette Butina to get it emailed. Reports work has started on the new fire hall site: ditching, leveling. There will be a preconstruction meeting on Tuesday.

CEMETERY: Supervisor Heikkinen reminded everyone that the cemetery renewal millage will be on the August ballot. Emphasized it is just a renewal and needed to keep both cemeteries maintained to current standard. The posts for the gate in Atlantic Mine are set, with the gate to be installed this week. Installation of camera to prevent vandalism is next project.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor Report for May reviewed and approved.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED:

- Engineer Holmes stated all easements for the WW project have been signed and recorded. Stated the tank is needed to help maintain water pressure and eliminate a boil water advisory if pressure is interrupted. Reported that the long delay in the construction of the fire hall was unfortunate but did result in a significant drop in the loan rate.
- Planning Commission Report: Martha welcomed Gerry to the Planning Commission. Currently no major projects but finishing improvements at the Atlantic Mine playground. Working on obtaining signage. Would like to express appreciate to the JHS shop class for their construction of the pavilion. Lots of concern regarding data centers, i.e., drinking water, noise. Asked about a Moratorium Ordinance on Data Centers. Lawyer Mackey stated he spoke with officials in utilities who feel there is not enough infrastructure available in the U.P. to support a data center. He stated similar to wind turbines, a moratorium is temporary and data centers cannot be forbidden.
- Trustee Keranen reported 16 damaged/stolen street signs in the Township with some streets needing to be added. Her contact for signs is looking for information on Township account from back in the '90s. Also need to check on signs in Trimountain as to spelling street or using the number. Check with 911 services to see which is preferred.
- Supervisor Heikkinen and Chris Holmes are working on the Certification Compliance Review from Rural Development. Will be meeting next Monday to finish.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reported that he and Don Cline met with John Cima from the Road Commission regarding South Huron/Franklin Loop in Atlantic Mine. The Road Commission is working on Superior Road currently but will submit an estimate as soon as possible. The Township is responsible for material costs which will come from the road millage fund.
- The post office in Atlantic Mine has requested the flag pole be moved or the tree cut down, preferably before July 4th. Trustee Eister and employees will look into to determine best resolution.
- Trustee Eister stated the second estimate for the concession stand area roof work is over \$22,500. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the first bid of \$15,000 to insulate roof and do repair on concession stand area of rec building. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Clerk Pindral stated she was asked if the Township employees would operate the excavator for work on the Baltic Honor Roll. Don Cline will call Jim Pintar to schedule
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With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:05PM by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:
Debra Pindral, Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
June 8, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, June 8, 2026 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Nettell, Trustee Keranen, Clerk Pindral and Water Superintendent, Don Cline.

Water Superintendent, Don Cline, reported one more lagoon (Atlantic Mine) to discharge.

Crews replaced a leaky hydrant in Baltic.

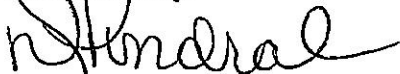
EGLE will be here tomorrow to perform water plant inspection which is done every two years. Plant needs work and crew utilize rainy days to perform.

Gate installed at lagoon road in Painesdale, and a difference in garbage and destruction is noticeable. Still need to install cement blocking.

Don stated he is working with the DNR to get gravel for the snowmobile trail by plant. No gravel by gateway which is creating a sinkhole on road. Approx. 1400ft gravel 12 inches thick would prevent waterhole and possible collapse. Logging trucks also use the road so will need to keep an eye on when the logging starts. Stated if DNR provided gravel, the Township could do the job. The water plant road also needs work and he will get pricing for gravel.

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 7:25P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:



Debra Pindral, Township Clerk