

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING

January 8, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, January 8, 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, and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse. There were 10 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the minutes of the December 4, 2023 Monthly Minutes, and December 4, 2023 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Larry H. stated he is looking at purchasing property in Adams Township between Painesdale and Trimountain. It is adjoining property owned by P. Kangas. He met with Paul to determine approximately where the old dump was situated. Health Department and State depts. had no available records related to site. He inquired if the Township had any idea. After discussion, approximate area agreed upon.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Supervisor Heikkinen read correspondence from Houghton County informing their 5 Yr. Recreation Master Plan is on county website for public review and comment.
2. Request to place an ad in the Houghton/Keweenaw County plat book at same price as done previously. Board voted to approve.
3. Copy of Resolution from Adams Township School for Township Treasurer to collect taxes. Board approved request.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Supervisor Heikkinen reported he has reviewed budgets for all accounts, and the Fire Dept will be over projected budget due to land purchase and engineering fees related to new Fire Hall. Fees should be reimbursed once paperwork is signed with Rural Development. The \$10,000 grant expenditure also plays into higher expense but anticipate grant monies received before end of fiscal year. Retail Water budget will be tight with the asphalt repairs done through Road Commission. Supervisor Heikkinen inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the December 2023 Financial Reports, and if none, asked for a motion to approve. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the December 2023 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Trustee Keranen absent with excuse. Motion approved.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

There were 15 medical calls and 3 fire service call. D. Coponen stated he met with MDOT Ishpeming office regarding the highway permit. No action yet. New fire masks ordered with the grant monies have arrived. They enhance the firefighter's ability to see through smoke-filled areas. After discussion regarding if groundwork for utilities can begin for new building, C. Holmes and D, Coponen will check with RD and Water Superintendent Don. Cline. Chris Holmes stated Homestead Graphics is getting price for 4x8 sign with posts for construction site.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:**

Assessor Report for December reviewed. Supervisor Heikkinen stated December BOR went well. New members on BOR: Helen Schutz and Cheryl Counley join Kathy DeForge. He publicly thanked Jean Stevens and Torey Kostamo for their years of service.

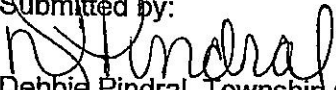
**CEMETERY:** Gate is closed.

**BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:**

- C. Holmes stated he is finishing up requests from Rural Development. Needs to meet with Don Cline. DSMI grant for lead "verifications" but not sure Township qualifies.
- Sample policies from other Townships were gathered to aid in development of a formal purchasing policy. Lawyer Mackey will develop draft for January meeting. Supervisor will be the main purchasing official with Treasurer secondary.
- Trustee Eister gave the Planning Commission update in the absence of Commission Chairperson. Volunteers have worked at ice rink, cleaning and painting. Copy of the 2023 Annual Report will be posted on Township website.
- Trustee Eister reported he has narrowed the drop box camera to two choices. Should be ordered soon.
- Fire Chief Dan Coponen reported David Kantola has been a member of fire department for "50 years". Fire Department presented him with a plaque. Board extended their congratulations to Dave. Although a small token, Supervisor Heikkinen stated a celebratory cake will be at the Fire Department meeting in February to honor Dave.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:58PM by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

  
Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk

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Wholesale Water Board  
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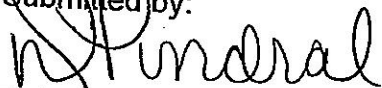
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:58PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse.

- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the employees continue to work on DSMI. Digging to figure out the unknowns to be able to present plan to EGLE by January 2025. Mapping is close to complete with the GPS.
- Don Cline was on a water testing run to Amasa and couldn't make the meeting.
- Sewer/water lines dependent on Rural Development and Millage. If in application, it will be a contractor job.
- There will be additional hookups on the lines going to the new fire hall, thus the reason for easements obtained.
- Heather reported there were some unpaid water bills that went on taxes, not a high percentage.
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With no other business or comments before the board, a MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 7:06P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk

# NOTICE

## Adams Township Election Committee Meeting January 8, 2024 Immediately following the regularly scheduled 6:00PM Township Meeting/Wholesale Water Meeting

Posted 1/3/2024  
D Pindral, Clerk

A meeting of the Adams Township Election Committee was held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, and Clerk Pindral.

Clerk Pindral nominated the following as election inspectors for the February 27, 2024 Presidential Primary election:

Torey Dugdale, Election Chairperson (D)

Kathy DeForge, Back-up Chairperson (D)

Margaret Burkman (R)

Jean Stevens (D) – Receiving Board

Marti Rashleigh (R) – Receiving Board

Nancy Tinsley (I) – on the main floor

Deborah Paavola – on the main floor

Helen Schutz – on the main floor

Tonya Hicks – on the main floor

Absentee Voter Counting Board – Not Activated

MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Supervisor Heikkinen to support and approve the above election inspector nominations. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Public accuracy test is tentatively scheduled for February 12, 2024 at 1PM.

Early Voting will be handled through the County with voting at the City Centre in Houghton.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Clerk Pindral with support from Treasurer Immonen to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:  
Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk