

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
December 4, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, December 4, 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, and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse. There were 8 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the minutes of the November 6, 2023 Monthly Minutes, and November 6, 2023 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- T. Parolini inquired about current construction by U-Haul units in Atlantic Mine. More storage units per audience.
- B. Manderfield stated the Governor did sign the Green Energy Bill into law and forecasts negative consequences to the U.P.
- M. Dugdale stated not giving up on Green Energy Law, and is working along with others to find better pathways for local control. Informed the Planning Committee will be meeting on 12/21 at 6P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Supervisor Heikkinen opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 P.M. on intent to submit application to USDA RD for 1) funds to the wholesale water system, and 2) the application to seek financial assistance from USDA RD to construct a new fire hall. UPEA Engineer Chris Holmes reported the required notices have been published in local newspaper. The Wholesale Water System project is comprised of building the water tank in Trimountain and replacement of main water lines from tank to the pumping station in Painesdale. The tank will hold two days of water in event of adverse occurrence. The hope is to start construction of tank and 10" pressure line in early 2024. The Fire Hall project is 1.6 Million with work currently being done obtaining necessary easements to utilities. The drainage study has not been done yet, will check with Fire Chief D. Coponen. Ideally digging can be done during winter months due to wetness of ground. With no comments from audience, Supervisor Heikkinen closed the Public Hearing at 6:15P.M. with motion and support by Trustee Eister and Treasurer Immonen.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Supervisor Heikkinen read request by CCISD to levy school tax collection. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Eister to approve collection of CCISD tax. Roll call, all ayes. Trustee Keranen absent with excuse. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Supervisor Heikkinen reported he has reviewed budgets for all accounts and all appear solid. One major adjustment was to General Fund Fire Department to reflect purchase of property for new fire hall and the purchase made with the \$10,000 grant. Retail Water needed \$19,700 adjustment due to repairs. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Clerk Pindral to approve budget adjustments as presented. Roll call, all ayes. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse. Motion carried. Supervisor Heikkinen inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the November 2023 Financial Reports, and if none, asked for a motion to approve. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the November 2023 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Trustee Keranen absent with excuse. Motion approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

There were 8 medical calls and 1 fire service call. No action taken regarding discussion of paying fire volunteers. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the new fiscal year budget will take consideration after

checking the procedure with other fire departments. Still no signage placed on the new fire hall property announcing it as the "Site of New Fire Hall - Coming Soon". P. Nettell asked if the employees could clear fire hydrants of snow at least monthly.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Assessor Report for November reviewed. Board of Review will be held on December 13th at 1PM for corrections.

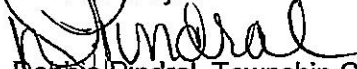
CEMETERY: Gate is closed to vehicles for the winter, but burials will be as weather permits.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:

- C. Holmes stated an email was received from Angela regarding ITA on lagoons. Recommends at least one board member and Don Cline also participate in zoom meeting to hear concerns/recommendations.
- Sample language for language to place road millage on ballot reviewed. Intent is to supplement monies for improvements, repair and maintenance of Township roads in conjunction with the Houghton County Road Commission. No action taken at this time as further details needed.
- Supervisor Heikkinen asked for feedback on Procurement Policy as written. Policy needs to be streamlined, i.e. what Supervisor can approve without Board approval, more guidelines needed. No action taken. Clerk Pindral will contact other township clerks for examples.
- Discussion of Resolution re. Collection of Payments or Refunds on Taxes Over/Under Two Dollars. Purpose of Resolution is to allow Treasurer to not need to request secondary payment/refund once primary payment is received. MOTION by Trustee Eister with Support from Treasurer Immonen to approve adoption of Resolution 2023-Dec-01 Collection of Payments or Refunds on Taxes Over/Under Two Dollars. Roll call 4 Ayes 0 Nays Trustee Keranen absent with excuse. Motion carried.
- Discussion of Resolution for Poverty Exemption Guidelines to provide guidance on principal residence taxation. After legalities discussed with Lawyer Mackey, Resolution rewritten. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to adopt Resolution #2023-Dec-02 Resolution for Poverty Exemption Guidelines, Roll call, all ayes. Trustee Keranen absent with excuse. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated he discussed the Designated Assessor Contract with the Ho. Co. Equalization Director. The contract places no obligation on Township to hire designated assessor. MOTION by Trustee Eister with second by Treasurer Immonen to accept/sign designated Assessor Contract. Roll call, all ayes. Trustee Keranen absent with excuse. Motion carried. Supervisor Heikkinen signed contract and Clerk Pindral will mail to Courthouse.
- Trustee Eister stated he is investigating which camera will work best for Township drop box.
- Supervisor Heikkinen requested Township Lawyer Mackey review ordinance received regarding federal minimum standards for flood plains. A map is necessary to review any floodplain area in Township.
- M. Dugdale reiterated the next planning Committee meeting is 12/21 at 6P.M. She will round up volunteers to help with replacement of boards in the ice Rink. Suggested buying ad space on boards as a way to raise funds.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:35PM by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
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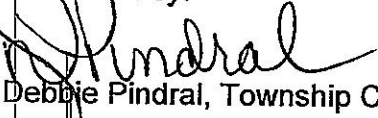
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM. 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 announced Terry Wiitala passed his first level D water exam. Board extended their congratulations to Terry.
- Agreement for easement with A. Turner underway for Fire Hall. A land description is needed. Need to get on the drainage survey while the weather holds.
- There have been no major water leaks in the last month.
- Employee holiday gift cards will be same as last year. Clerk Pindral will take care of.

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 7:45P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk