

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
October 9, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, October 9, 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, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 8 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2023 Monthly Minutes, and September 11, 2023 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- M. Dugdale stated the Planning Commission passed a resolution to retain local control on wind/solar utilities, rentals, as well as mining and sent with cover letter to Governor Whitmer, as well as Rep Markkanen. She also presented to the local county board. Suggested the Township Board also send a letter declaring opposition to this legislation, stating it is scheduled to go for vote this week in Lansing. Martha also inquired if there was any work at the ice rink for volunteers to do. Questionnaire responses indicated strong interest in volunteering. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he will get a shortlist to her.
- P. Nettell stated the street by the school has not yet been repaired. Supervisor Heikkinen stated weather permitting the work will be done this week.
- T. Parolini asked if the Township picked up and disposed of the couch on the trail. Supervisor Heikkinen stated a private citizen did. She also inquired if the volunteer fire dept members receive a stipend, either monthly or hourly. Supervisor Heikkinen stated a bonus was given from ARPA funds.
- J. Sleeman stated she supported M. Dugdale's request for the Board to send resolution opposing the State plan to control wind/solar utilities. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to adopt Resolution 2023-10-02 In Favor of Maintaining Local control, and submit to State Representatives. Roll Call, All Ayes. Motion carried.
- D. Fox addressed the Board regarding the need for a constable. Board will investigate options to restate a constable. He also presented the Board with the "Eleventh Ave" street sign that has been on the ground. Supervisor Heikkinen stated water dept. employees will make sure it gets put back up ASAP.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Supervisor Heikkinen read resolution establishing Houghton County Vote Center as the early voting site for Adams Township. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to adopt Resolution 2023-10-01 To Establish the Houghton County Vote Center as An Early Voting Site For all Mandated Federal and State Elections Held Within Adam's Township Jurisdiction. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
2. Letter from Ontonagon REA regarding replacement of metering system which requires placement of poles for collectors. FYI only.
3. Letter from Evening Telegram Company requesting a Zoning Compliance and Verification letter for WBKP and WHBS Towers. Supervisor Heikkinen signed letter stating the Towers were grandfathered into zoning and sale will not result in any change.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Supervisor Heikkinen stated he has gone over all accounts per budget and the only adjustment was the land purchase for the new fire hall. He inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the September 2023 Financial Reports, and if none asked for a motion to approve. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the September 2023 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

There were 14 medical calls and 2 fire service calls. Reported all paperwork for expenditures under DNR grant have been submitted. MDOT permit on hold for a drainage study. Verbal agreement received from Andy Turned for utility easement through his property. C. Holmes stated he will contact.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** Assessor Report for September reviewed. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he received a letter of employment inquiry from an assessor in Niagara WI. FYI only. Have received two letters of interest for BOR which will fill the vacancies at end of December.

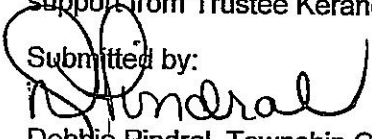
**CEMETERY:** Still open for burials. Sexton reports utilizing leaf blower around headstones is a timesaver.

**BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:**

- C. Holmes stated RD has looked at application, has question if Notice of Intent can be posted electronically. Need to get updated Wholesale Water budget. SHPO letter came back with no historical findings. EGLE will release who gets monies next week, but Township did not score high, probably due to no lead lines. DNR was turned down on grant from FEMA but will update and resubmit. Crew is working on valves and data for the DSMI report. SAM # has been renewed. He will work with Don on renewal of NPPS permits for lagoons.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the utility company working in Baltic has hit some water lines and the natural gas line. Bored to repair and now the Township can run utility lines under the road. No blacktop cut.
- The audit is done MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the Financial Audit for FY ended March 31, 2023. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Anticipate a letter from the State regarding the Uniform Chart of Accounts deficiency.
- The three generators have arrived and have been paid for. To be installed on new cement slabs. Bay Electric will do the final hook-up.

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

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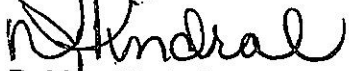
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, October 9, 2023 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

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.

- Supervisor Heikkinen reported he has spoken with D. Cline about the easements for the new fire hall. Drain permit needed.
- Problems with chlorinator at the water plant today but crew was close to resolution.
- Don has spoken with Scott Lampinen, Portage Lake Construction, regarding the road patches which will be done soon. Trimountain will be done first as it is the biggest job.

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.

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