

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING/MONTHLY MEETING
August 10, 2026

A public hearing was held by the Adams Township Board on Monday, August 10, 2026 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic Michigan. There were 6 guests present. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment on Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2026-08-02. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the ordinance will give a temporary 12-month moratorium on data centers to make findings on protecting the public health, safety and welfare. This will allow the Township adequate time to study all concerns, and allow for any needed Zoning Ordinance amendments for protection of public health, safety and welfare. Protection of water well head and water levels is priority concern. With all public comments received, Supervisor Heikkinen closed the public hearing at 6:10PM.

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, August 10, 2026 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Nettell, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 6 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the July 13, Monthly Meeting, July 13, 2026 Wholesale Water Meeting and July 13, 2026 Election Committee Meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Resident inquired if the Township has a noise ordinance. Clerk Pindral stated she would check the records.
- Meetings have been held with School, the Village of South Range, and the Township related to the feasibility of hiring a law officer to enforce ordinances. Will be meeting again to discuss financials.
- After receiving resident comments, it was decided a public forum will be held on September 21 at 6PM

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

- After receiving resident comments, it was decided a public forum will be held on September 21 at 6PM to hear concerns and suggestions on the blight ordinance. Postcards notifying residents of this meeting will be sent households, posted on social media as well as posted in local post offices.
- Lawyer Mackey suggested all Board members should review the copy of the publication regarding what "Every Municipality Should know About the Open Meetings Act". Board agreed refresher is helpful.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reported correspondence shows that Hannula Insurance has now been officially taken over by Decker Insurance.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No monthly report given from Fire Dept. No Fire Dept. activity list turned in for July. Treasurer Nettell stated the dept. is working on a \$50,000 equipment grant that is due 9/30. Monies from the \$600 Crime Grant received in May will be used for student materials for Fire Week education at the South Range Elementary school.

Chris Holmes, UPEA, presented a change order from Moyle Construction that due to three attempts at boring under the road and losing the bore head, the road will need to be cut. Amount of change order is \$29,000.00. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to approve change 002 not to exceed \$29,000.00. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Third Draw Resolution 2026-08-01 presented in the amount of \$236,046.43. Disbursement as follows: UPEA \$3,345.56 and Moyle Inc, \$232,700.87. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee

Keranen to approve Resolution for Third Draw Request 2026-08-01 in the amount of \$236,046.43. Roll call, All ayes. Motion carried. Treasurer Nettell will write checks once deposit of funds verified.

CEMETERY: Supervisor Heikkinen reported he has reviewed budget for the cemeteries. R Kukkonen is now working 4 days/wk. N. Turcotte/G Wisniewski are working 5days/wk. Crew are working at the lagoons between burials and cemetery duties to help keep lagoons in regulation. Clerk Pindral asked if one of the employees could weed whack at the Veteran Memorial in Painesdale as complaints have been voiced. Concerns also voiced about the fire bldg. in Painesdale also.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor Report for July reviewed and approved.

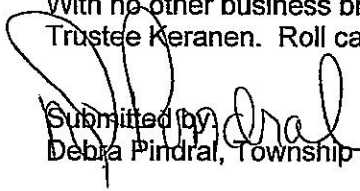
BUSINESS – UNFINISHED:

- Engineer Holmes stated he has received auditor engagement letters and will submit to RD. Lawyer Mackey was able to speak with RD regarding needed documentation. Bids should go out soon for the Wholesale Water Improvement project.
- Planning Commission Report: Martha stated the Committee will be meeting on Sept. 16 and will be working on zoning related to data centers.
- Trustee Keranen stated street signs have been delivered and ready to be put up. Will check with Terry W regarding work schedule.

BUSINESS – NEW:

- Supervisor Heikkinen stated EGLE has given insight on mutual aid between municipalities (ex. Township and Village). Ultimately Township bears responsibility due to water provision and responsibilities.
- The South Huron project should be started by next week. The Township is responsible for the cost of sand/gravel/asphalt, approx. \$55,000, funds collected through road millage on tax bills.
- MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Ordinance 2026-08-02 Zoning Ordinance Amendment. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Pindral will contact Gazette to publish and the ordinance will go into effect seven days after publication.
- Clerk Pindral reported the site for early voting in November is being moved to the County owned property on Sharon Avenue in Houghton. Registered voters will need to be notified by postcard again as well as a new early voting agreement signed. Motion by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Clerk Pindral signing the new early voting agreement to reflect the site location move to Houghton. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:15PM 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
August 10, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, August 10, 2026 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:19PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Nettell, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated the crew is working on a water main break in Atlantic Mine, having issues with the Vactor truck onsite, and not able to attend tonight's meeting.

Reports the survey by EGLE is done.

Reports the Wholesale Water Improvement Project has been ongoing for far too many years, with change and difficulties.

Cemetery workers are assisting at the lagoons with grass and tree trimming. The holderhead purchased a few years ago has failed and doesn't appear to be repaired. He authorized a bigger zero turn mower to be purchased to be used at lagoons.

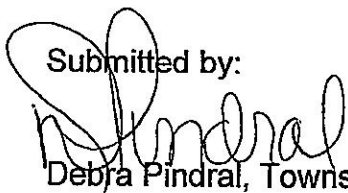
Supervisor Heikkinen requested the board leave the Wholesale Water Meeting and go into executive session at 7:30PM to discuss personnel issues and mutual aid to neighboring communities. Motion made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION made by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to leave executive session and return to Wholesale Water Meeting at 8:05PM. Roll call, all Ayes.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated personnel issues and mutual aid to neighboring communities were discussed during closed session.

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 8:05P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debra Pindral', written over the printed name.

Debra Pindral, Township Clerk