

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
August 7, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, August 7, 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 7 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2023 Monthly Minutes, and July 10, 2023 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- P. Nettel inquired if there was a date set for the paving of the patch on Iroquois St. in Painesdale. Supervisor Heikkinen stated a contractor has agreed to do Township patching, but dates have not yet been set, but preferably before school is back in session.
- Jackie and Jim S. reported there has been no change in loud music harassment on Douglas St. Township lawyer stated he has checked and the Township and County have no noise ordinances. State and County law enforcement and judge don't support any local ordinances. Suggestion made to financially team with Village of South Range to employ a law enforcement officer to make occasional enforcement rounds.
- Eric S. stated he purchased an empty house in Painesdale and would like water and sewer bills lowered until it is habitable again. Supervisor Heikkinen explained how the sewer debt was calculated on set amount of users and must be paid for the next 30+ years. He will speak with Heather and Don to see what past precedent has been.
- George E. stated the Village of South Range is in process of hiring a police officer a couple nights a week to randomly patrol area. Inquiring if might work in tandem with Township?

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Supervisor Heikkinen received correspondence from the State of Michigan regarding fire protection to certain State entities, specifically the MTU Observatory on Huron St.
2. Quote received from Keweenaw Overhead Door. \$6384.00 to replace the overhead doors in Ice Rink and \$9700+ for three doors in Township Offices. Deadline has passed to submit for DNR Recreation grant but due to unauthorized entries into the ice rink building MOTION made by Trustee Keranen to have the doors replaced in the ink rink building. Motion supported b Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes.
3. A quote from Industrial Marketing for Flail mower attachment to control weeds and tree growth at lagoons was presented at just over \$16,000.00. Cost would be recouped in less contract labor expended. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to purchase the Flail Mower attachment. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor Heikkinen reported the Baltic and Painesdale generators are on track for delivery estimated at \$52,000. Funds are available within those accounts.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Supervisor Heikkinen inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the July 2023 Financial Reports, and if none asked for a motion to approve. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the May 2023 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved. Supervisor Heikkinen inquired on cemetery wage classification of employee. Clerk Pindral stated General Fund Building & Grounds is utilized at times. Supervisor Heikkinen reported with one third of the fiscal year done, accounts are staying within budget. No adjustments required at this time. Treasurer Immonen reported CD at Citizens Bank could be held until March 2024 at interest rate of .40%. The Bank would waive fees and renew now for one year at interest rate of 3.5%. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to implement 1 year CD @ Citizens Bank at 3.5%. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

There were 17 medical calls and 2 fire service calls. No update to give on new fire hall status,

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor Report for July reviewed. BOR needs new members. Notice will be posted on Township website as well as Facebook page.

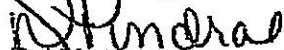
CEMETERY: Cemeteries continue to receive compliments from the public.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:

- Supervisor Heikkinen reports no change or update to give on water project.
- Five-year contract with the wholesale water loan bonding agent is in last year of contract. Will work with Heather on feasibility of the Township inputting required data to satisfy requirements and save the Township monies.
- Martha Dugdale reported the Planning Commission is still working on getting the 5 Yr Rec Plan uploaded to qualify for DNR grants. The Commission will meet September 21st.
- Annual audit has started.
- Lawyer Mackey stated he has been working with Northern Hardwoods who plan to apply for tax breaks on their 8-million dollar expansion. It would be building and equipment only.
- Clerk Pindral stated the County Clerk will be handling the majority of the required 9 day early voting requirements. The Township will need to cover their portion in wages. Budget for three elections in 2024.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:10PM by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
August 7, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:15PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral.

- Supervisor Heikkinen reported the water line break in Atlantic Mine was due to pipe that contractor had laid down on large rock. Lots of work by employees to fix and correct situation.
- As reported in monthly meeting, the cutting attachment for lagoons will be replaced.
- Supervisor will recheck with Don Cline as to patching of roads.
- Repair of ice rink will need to be looked at ASAP. Roof definitely needs repair near vent pipes, reroute through wall versus roof. Supervisor Heikkinen and Trustee Eister will team up and make inspection to report to Board at next meeting.

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 7:30P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk