

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
July 13, 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, July 13, 2026 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 Nettell, 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 June 8, 2026 Public Hearing/Monthly Meeting, and June 8, 2026 Wholesale Water Meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Resident thanked the board for progress on blight ordinance progress. Did express concerns regarding public retaliation for public comments made at least meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Heikkinen stated he has received correspondence from the health dept. regarding junk which was dismissed as blight. He met with the Houghton County Sheriff and members of the Village of South Range Council to discuss enforcement. Goal: Progress in right direction. More meetings planned to discuss how to proceed with the enforcement piece. Blight Ordinance has been published and is now in effect.
- Tire collection by Portage Township in collaboration with Adams Township and Chassell Township on Saturday, Sept 12. Proof of ID for household will allow 10 tires free of charge. Watch for further details.
- Supervisor Heikkinen and Clerk Pindral met with Kevin Decker of Decker Insurance Agency who has taken over Hannula Insurance Agency. Municipality Insurance is their specialty. Township will be updating asset/equipment list for review for accuracy on insurance asset detail report.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Reported 0 Fire and 15 EMT calls for the month. Fire Dept. Member list with activities turned in for June. Reports concrete was poured today at construction site with framing expected to start later in week. Second Draw Resolution 2026-07-02 presented in the amount of \$115,178.55. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to approve Resolution for Second Draw Request 2026-07-02 in the amount of \$115,178.55. Roll call, All ayes. Motion carried. Treasurer Nettell will write checks once deposit of funds verified.

UPEA Engineer asked for verification of color of siding for Fire Hall. Fire Chief D. Coponen stated Emerald Green with white trim.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated Decker Insurance needs the fire address number for the new fire hall. Trustee Eister stated it is 46505 Highway M26.

CEMETERY: Supervisor Heikkinen reported business as usual at the cemeteries. The crew are assisting with cutting trees and brush at the lagoons.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor Report for June reviewed and approved. BOR is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21 at 1PM for corrections. (Later changed to 4PM due to scheduling conflicts).

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED:

- Engineer Holmes stated copy of deed, draft agreement and certification forms will be submitted this week for the Wholesale Water Improvement Project. Needs a copy of audit engagement letter from

Valuecore for the years 26/27/28/29. Chris will contact Christina. EGLE has approved permit. Bids will go out as soon as Rural Development gives approval.

- Planning Commission Report: Martha stated she spoke with JHS and material is being collected for the fence. Lawyer Mackey reported zoning will need to add precise language for Data Centers. Will need to hold a public hearing on August 10th at 6PM.
- Trustee Keranen stated Supervisor Heikkinen needs to fill out the bottom portion of form and indicate size of street signs so they can be ordered. Only missing or damaged street signs will be replaced at this time.

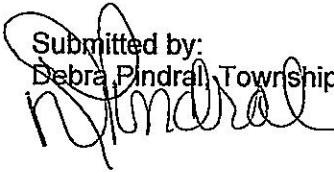
MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to leave monthly meeting and go into executive session at 6:45PM to discuss ordinance enforcement options. Roll Call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to leave executive session and return to monthly meeting at 7:15PM. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated blight ordinance enforcement options were discussed during executive meeting.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:15PM by Supervisor Heikkinen with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:
Debra Pindral, Township Clerk



ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
July 13, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, July 13, 2026 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:16PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Nettell, Trustee Keranen, Clerk Pindral Lawyer Mackey, and Water Superintendent, Don Cline.

Water Superintendent, Don Cline, reported having maintenance repair coverage is beneficial. The grader repairs were over \$50,000 with the Township only responsible for travel and mileage costs. The equipment will be rechecked later in the year.

The lagoon mower has overheated and is down. Will look into possible repair but it might need replacement.

Trustee Eister thanked Don and crew for taking care of the flagpole issue at the Atlantic Mine post office.

Reports all the gates are installed at the cemetery.

Don stated the South Range lagoon was recently inspected so crew are getting the Township lagoons prepared. They get inspected every two years. Cemetery crew are helping with the trimming of branches, trees, and grass.

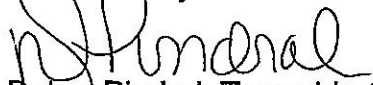
Supervisor Heikkinen requested the board leave the Wholesale Water Meeting and go into executive session at 7:23PM to discuss resident harassment. Motion made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION made by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to leave executive session and return to Wholesale Water Meeting at 7:37PM. Roll call, all Ayes.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated resident harassment was discussed during closed session.

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 7:38P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:



Debra Pindral, Township Clerk

NOTICE

Adams Township

Election Committee Meeting

July 13, 2026

Immediately following the regularly
scheduled 6:00PM Township

Meeting/Wholesale Water Meeting

Posted 06/28/2026 

D. Pindral, Clerk

A meeting of the Adams Township Election Committee was held on Monday, July 13, 2026 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:38PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Nettell, and Clerk Pindral.

Clerk Pindral renominated the following as election inspectors for the August 4, 2026 and November 3, 2026 elections with specific appointments TBD:

Torey Dugdale, Election Chairperson (D)

Kathy DeForge, Back-up Chairperson (D)

Margaret Burkman (R)

Marti Rashleigh (R)

Jean Stevens (R)

Gail Mickalich (D) – Receiving Board

Deborah Paavola (D) Receiving Board

Helen Schutz (D)

Shanna Plowe (I) Early Voting

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

The Absentee Voter Ballot Counting Board will not be utilized for the August, but possibly will be utilized for November 2026 election. Early Voting will be held for the August and November 2026 elections at the Houghton County Arena in Hancock per agreement.

Clerk Pindral presented Resolution 2026-07-01 Establishing a Receiving Board for Elections held in Adams Township. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen with support from Treasurer Nettell to approve Resolution 2026-07-01 Establishing Receiving Board for Elections held in Adams Township. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Public accuracy test is scheduled for July 22, 2026 at 1PM.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Clerk Pindral with support from Treasurer Nettell to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk

