

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING

February 5, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, February 5, 2024 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 9 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2024 Monthly Minutes, Election Committee Minutes, and January 8, 2024 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Martha D. asked the Board to support the Citizens for Local Choice petition referendum asking for the local control of wind and solar energies versus State control. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen stating Board support of the petition referendum. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- T. Parolini announced the So. Range Fourth of July Committee is holding a Valentine Fundraiser at the Range VFW from 7-11 this upcoming Saturday.
- Kim addressed the Board requesting two stop signs be installed on Chippewa Street in Atlantic Mine. Stated he spoke to the Houghton County Road Commission about the trucks and heavy equipment using the street as a shortcut to the main highway, and was told he needed Township approval. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to approve additional stop signs placed on Chippewa St. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Supervisor Heikkinen asked the Board if they read the packets on Cross Connections. Travis Cline, Asst. Water Operator, stated State of Michigan EGLE has instituted rules and regulations regarding Cross-Connection requirements. Cross-connection is defined as a "connection or arrangement of piping through which water of a questionable quality, wastes, or other contaminants could enter the potable water supply due to reversal of flow." EGLE is encouraging educating the public to fully understanding the dangers. His dept. has put together a letter and packet that will go to all water customers in Adams Township. In the information packet is a short plumbing system questionnaire regarding the system in their household. Each household returning the completed questionnaire would receive a \$5 credit on their water account. This information will significantly reduce manpower and time necessary to meet EGLE/State requirements. Upon receipt of data, high-risk households could be identified and physical inspections would be scheduled and further education done keeping the water dept in compliance and water system safer. Due to cost involved in printing and questionnaire, Board approval is needed to implement. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to approve education packet and letter to public offering \$5 credit upon questionnaire completion. Roll Call, All ayes. Motion carried. A public hearing will be held on March 4th at 6PM immediately preceding the monthly meeting to discuss changes to be made to Ordinance 2011-05 Cross Connection Control Program.
2. Supervisor Heikkinen gave an update on the new Adams Township Purchasing Policy. Supervisor can approve up to \$5000 without Board approval. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Adams Township Purchasing Policy. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor Heikkinen also gave an update on the Adams Township Procurement Policy used primarily in grant administration. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to approve the Adams Township Procurement Policy. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Proposal received from KCI for printing and mailing of tax bills. Treasurer Immonen stated she was notified that the Courthouse will no longer provide this service. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to utilize KCI for printing and mailing tax bills. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer Immonen stated she will be participating in a MMTA webinar at a cost of \$200. Board authorized reimbursement of cost.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Supervisor Heikkinen inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the January 2024 Financial Reports, and if none, asked for a motion to approve. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the January 2024 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he is reviewing all accounts on weekly basis, preparing for end of year financial report. General fund adjustments made were reviewed. Fire Hall progress are major adjustments due to land purchase. Retail Water is tight due to contract labor for road repair/paving. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to approve budget adjustments as presented. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

There were 17 medical calls and 1 fire service call. Sign announcing the site of new Fire Hall will be put up tomorrow. Chris Holmes was unavailable for meeting tonight, but relayed an issue with application. Possibly SHPO study needed. Dan stated the bids need to go out soon! D. Coponen stated Dave Kantola has been on the Adams Township Volunteer Fire Department for 50 years. The fire dept presented him with a plaque. Board extended their congratulations and will celebrate at FD meeting with cake.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Assessor Report for January reviewed. March Board of Review for corrections will be March 11 from 3-9PM and March 12 from 9-3PM. Kathy DeForge will be joined on BOR by Cheryl Counley and Helen Schutz. Supervisor Heikkinen again thanked Jean Stevens and Torey Kostamo for their years of service.

CEMETERY: Gate is closed.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:

- Supervisor Heikkinen stated C. Holmes stated the water improvement project is looking like it is less than one month away from loan approval. UPEA invoices reviewed and paid.
- Stanton Township Supervisor, Marty Rajala, contacted Adams for a letter of support for the Freda Loop Trail. Working with DNR for funding to get the trail open. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to approve letter of support on Freda Trail Loop. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated in conversation with Supervisor Rajala discovered access to pipeline maps that will assist in the DSMI process. Mr. Rajala worked at State level on the waterline improvement on South Range Hill by M-26, and was able to provide valuable information
- Trustee Eister stated the cameras have been installed on drop box and are fully functional.
- Martha D. stated the DNR has responded to the 5 yr. recreational with request for more documentation. Priority in grant requests will be the ice rink needs, trail systems and donated land developments.
- Trustee Eister reported the ice rinks has been flooded 48 times but the warm weather has degraded the ice. Not opening this year due to weather.
- Reminder the Board must act soon to get the road mileage request on the August ballot.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:20PM 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
February 5, 2024

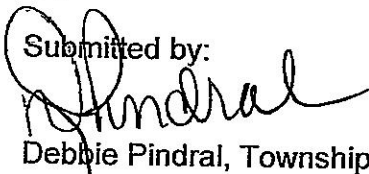
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, February 5, 2024 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:23PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Also present was Travis Cline, Asst. Water Operator.

- Travis gave a summary of work completed/in progress for the month. Some snow plowing and all hydrants cleared. Preparing data for DSMI. 194 unknown unknown connections to be identified. Plan to identify 40 this summer then 5% yearly. Dig up and change line to curbstop, only changing everything if lead is identified. Mapping on M-Power utilizing GPS is making accuracy spot-on.
- Five after hour calls at pumping station: low pressure pumps, starters, nothing too major.
- Eleven service calls due to lines freezing.
- Lots of work on cross connection rules and regulations; Emergency Response Plan for EGLE.
- Doing daily monitoring at Atlantic Lagoon.
- Continue installation of nodes on water meters to enhance ability to read meters from distance. 50 new meters received with new ship date for nodes as Feb 6.
- Working on MV2 Holder for lagoons. Maintenance on all other equipment as time permits.
- Don Cline did help reroute utility lines for new fire hall building.
- A new computer system is needed at the pumping station for security systems to protect water system, especially from cyber-crimes. Update surveillance cameras also. Supervisor Heikkinen will include in new year budget. Contact Anton at REMC for guidance.

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 7:40P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:



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