

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
August 11, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, August 11, 2025 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, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Treasurer Nettell was absent with excuse. There were 8 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2025 Monthly Meeting, and July 14, 2025 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- G, Eakin stated the inquiry regarding an agreement with the Township and Village regarding grader utilization did not go anywhere possibly due to liability issues.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Heikkinen reported the invoice for the Baker Tilly feasibility study for the fire hall came in at \$14,503.75.
- Ordinance for property service lines needs to be updated as the rates do not cover costs. Lawyer Mackey stated to change the ordinance and set up the rate schedule by resolution. A special meeting will be held 9/8/25 at 6:00PM immediately preceding the monthly meeting.
- Adams Township Let Run Policy changes reviewed. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to adopt the Let Run Policy and to send a letter with copy of policy to those who regularly let run. Roll call, four ayes. Treasurer Nettell absent with excuse.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Supervisor Heikkinen inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the July 2025 Financial Reports, and if none, asked for a motion to approve. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the July 2025 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief reported there were 21 EMT calls and 3 Fire calls. A. Butina stated she called Rural Development and elected officials, and left a message regarding the new fire hall loan application. Monday is the tentative start date for construction start on the utility lines to the fire hall,

CEMETERY: The two employees are keeping up with upkeep on two cemeteries. A new weed whacker was authorized by the Supervisor,

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor Report for July reviewed.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED:

- There are no new updates to report on the wholesale water improvement application. Need to speak with C Holmes, UPEA regarding the progress on water tank.
- M. Dugdale stated she has been contacted with concerns about this area being conducive to data mining; Another area in the U.P. reports data mining is noisy, utilizes tremendous amounts of electricity and water. Another concern is the increased housing being used for short term rentals. Lawyer Mackey stated this is a concern statewide, and the state currently has no regulations.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated he is working with Painesdale homeowners on getting bill of sale for their home to avoid the situation that occurred recently in Baltic.

- Auditor has questions regarding old delinquent balances. Lawyer Mackey stated it is a very complex and expensive issue to add to property liens. More investigation is needed in a better way to resolve.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:38PM 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 11, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, August 11, 2025 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Also in attendance was Don Cline, Water Superintendent. Treasurer Nettell was absent with excuse.

Don Cline spoke to the board on rationale for purchasing a grader versus leasing or rental costs. Case scenario of crisis cost versus purchase of grader to do preventive work at lagoons to prevent fines. Logistics and liability also play heavily into issue. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to approve the purchase of grader up to \$125,000.00. Roll call, all ayes. Treasurer Nettell was absent with excuse.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated he spoke with the DNR representative in charge of trail maintenance in this area. He gave Don Cline's number to contact when the State is in the area doing trail maintenance with grader to discuss waterline trail needs.

Don Cline stated people not returning calls are a huge problem in getting in to change the meters. Will start shutting off water if no responses.

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 7:20P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:



Debra Pindral, Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
August 20, 2025

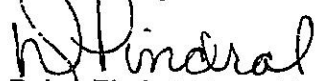
A special meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, Treasurer Nettell, and Clerk Pindral. There were no guests.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the purchase of a grader. At the August 11 monthly meeting, the board approved spending \$125,000.00. A used grader was found at FABICK Cat at a price of \$146,575.00. Unit is over the allotted funding but has approximately \$19,000 in new tires. Employees have travelled and inspected the grader. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the grader cost would be distributed across all accounts except retail water. Decision is based on the income of each account as well as the financial stability of each account. Atlantic Mine sewer and Painesdale sewer accounts would pay slightly more than Baltic and Trimountain based on population and income generated from usage. After lengthy discussion, MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to approve purchase of grader for no more than \$150,000.00, and authorized Supervisor Heikkinen to sign the FABICK purchase agreement. Roll call: 4 ayes 1 nay. Motion approved

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:43PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debra Pindral, Township Clerk