

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING/MONTHLY MEETING
May 11, 2026

A public hearing was held by the Adams Township Board on Monday, May 11, 2026 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic Michigan. There were 10 guests present. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment on renewal of cemetery millage. Supervisor Heikkinen read the renewal language, emphasized the millage is a renewal, not an increase and will be placed on the ballot in August. With no public comments received, Supervisor Heikkinen closed the public hearing at 6:05PM.

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, May 11, 2026 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Nettell, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 10 guests.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Cara W. expressed concerns regarding all the junk/blight in Baltic. Stated homeowners are putting time and money to improve their property only to be surrounded by junk, old vehicles, noisy neighbors with late night bonfire parties. She stated this disturbs children's bedtime as well as adult work time. Also, complaint of not picking up "dog doo". Jack B. stated one lot has 30-40 vehicles on it and is not registered as a licensed operation. Stated would like to see the town cleaned up, and have more people move in thus generating more tax revenue. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the current blight ordinance is being rewritten and there will be a public hearing in June. Lawyer Mackey reiterated that the blight ordinance as written is not a crime enforced by law. County sheriff will not enforce township ordinances, only State and Federal. Will change to civil ordinance infraction that will go to magistrate court. Eventually, if the fees are not paid, there can be a lien issued on the property.
- C. Liggett expressed concern with the noisy logging company operations on Goodell/Shaft Road in Painesdale. Lots of heavy machinery, day and night. Would like to see improvement to enforcement of noise, hours. Possibly add to blight ordinance?

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Heikkinen reported KEDA sent the Township a plaque in appreciation of economic support. Township has longstanding membership in KEDA.
- REMC1 annual agreement (7/1/26-6/30/27) in amount of \$1,600 for technical services due for renewal. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to renew annual REMC1 contract as stated. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Township received notice they will be receiving Public Safety Revenue Sharing funds. The fire department will receive 25% of allotment but funds come with stipulations instituted by State. More information to come.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Asst. Fire Chief Patrick Nettell reported 1 Fire and 11 EMT calls for the month. Fire Dept. Member list with activities turned in for April. Negotiations ongoing for EMT stipend/allowance. Reports the new fire/rescue truck has arrived as well as the air tanks. Truck is outside for viewing following the meeting.

Chris Holmes presented Resolution 2026-05-02 RD Loan Resolution authorizing 1.6 million loan for New Fire Hall Project. Reported a meeting with Moyle Development to discuss final tweaks, such as grinder pump and lift station for sewer. Anticipate construction start early next week, with first step being highway

access. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to approve signing of Resolution 2026-05-02 Loan Resolution for Rural Development for New Fire Hall not to exceed \$1.6 million. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Anticipate loan closing June 3rd. He will email Treasurer Nettell with details regarding checking requirements.

Chris Holmes also presented Amendment #1 to the Agreement for the Provision of Professional Services on Adams Township Fire Hall not to exceed \$120,000 time and materials. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Amendment #1. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Due to loan through Rural Development, a video conference was held with RD to discuss changes to compliance review, reporting, new and revised. Reviewed and signed were: 504 Grievance Procedure Form (not discriminate on disabilities), Civil Rights Assurance Agreement, and Non-discrimination Non-architectural barrier Evaluation Guide. Forms completed and will be sent to RD.

CEMETERY: Supervisor Heikkinen reported the 3 cemetery employees are working well together. The trees have been cleaned up at the Atlantic Mine Cemetery; a log splitter was rented to assist with large trees. He will continue to meet with employees and assign new projects. Trustee Eister reported the cemetery gates have been sandblasted and are ready for powder coating. Should be done and ready to install next week.

MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to approve Resolution 2025-05-01 Renewal Cemetery Millage for August election. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor Heikkinen asked all to promote the millage as a renewal not an increase and emphasized the necessity of this millage to keep the two cemeteries maintained with the high standards the public expects.

Trustee Keranen reported there has been no sign on Naumkeg Street for over a year. After short discussion on missing/faded street signs throughout the Township, Supervisor Heikkinen directed Trustee Keranen to come up with a list of signs that need attention.

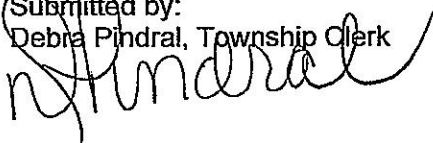
ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor Report for April reviewed. The new computer has arrived and waiting for REMC1 to installation.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED:

- Engineer Holmes stated still waiting on permits for water project. Delene easement has been submitted. Anticipate bidding in June with bids to be high, but will proceed from there.
- Planning Commission Report: Meeting to be held on May 29th at 6PM. Letter of resignation from Trustee Eister effective May 11th. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Nettell to accept letter of resignation and nominate Supervisor Heikkinen to Planning Commission. Roll call, four ayes, one abstains. Motion carried. Planning Commission appointments nominations by Board: Gerald Heikkinen-3yr term, Martha Dugdale-2yr term, Teresa Parolini-3yr term, Dan Coponen-2yr term, Sherry Kinnunen-1yr term, Patrick Nettell- 1yr Zoning Administrator. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the Planning Commission appointments as listed. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reported auditing agreement has been received from Value Core (Formerly Rukkila & Negro Assoc.) not to exceed \$18,250.00. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to sign Value Core Agreement not exceeding \$18,250. Roll call, all Ayes. Motion carried.
- Meeting with Road Commission to discuss South Huron - waiting for return call. Plan is to walk the site and get price. Letter regarding oiling Academy Road received but price not set.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated a special meeting to be held on May 15th at 4:15Pm to approve price of oiling Academy Road, and to authorize 1st payment from RD for township reimbursements of engineering invoices.

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:
Debra Pindral, Township Clerk



ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
May 11, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, May 11, 2026 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Nettell, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral.

Supervisor Heikkinen reported all three licensed water/sewer operators were attending a sewer conference in Harris.

He reported Molpus has a logging operation that has heavy logging trucks on the trail with main water line under it. Don Cline will be monitoring the situation.

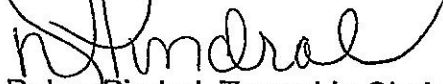
The wholesale water tank/line project is anticipated to come in costing far more than anticipated.

Don Cline and crew have installed hydrant to provide water source to the campground project outside of South Range.

Discharge of the lagoons has started. No problems reported.

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

Submitted by:

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Debra Pindral, Township Clerk

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
May 14, 2026**

A Special Meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Nettell, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Eister was absent with excuse. There was 1 guest.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the calcium chloride road treatment with Houghton County Road Commission and to discuss resolution for payment to Rural Development.

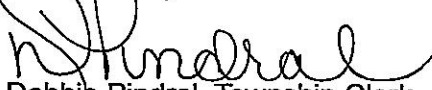
Supervisor Heikkinen reported the 2026 Chloride Agreement with the Ho. Co. Road Commission is for 533 gal/\$2.75 gal totaling \$1,465.75 for Academy Road only. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Nettell to sign 2026 Chloride Agreement with Houghton County Road Commission. Roll call, four ayes. Trustee Eister absent with excuse. Motion carried. Agreement signed.

Chris Holmes, UPEA, presented the Board with Resolution 2026-05-03 Payment of Funds for the Adams Township New Fire Hall Project in the amount of \$102,561.47 for township reimbursement of UPEA invoices. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Nettell to approve Resolution 2026-05-03 Payment of Funds for the Adams Township New Fire Hall in the amount of \$102,561.47. Roll call, Four Ayes, one absent with excuse. Motion carried. Anticipate payment release after the June 3 closing on loan.

Treasurer Nettell stated the Township will need to open a new checking account for the Fire Hall Project. MOTION by Treasurer Nettell with support from Trustee Keranen to open a new checking account at Miners State Bank for the Fire Hall Project Rural Development funds. Roll call, Four Ayes, one absent with excuse. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Nettell to adjourn special meeting at 4:22PM. Roll Call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:


Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk