

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
September 11, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, September 11, 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 10 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the August 7, 2023 Monthly Minutes, and August 7, 2023 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- M. Dugdale read a statement on the topic of "State is attempting to pass legislation seizing control of siting of local solar and wind installations from local communities." She requested the Township Board to declare adamant opposition to the legislation. She stated she will also make a statement at the next County Commissioners meeting.
- G. Eakin asked the Board for interest in splitting costs with the Village of South Range and possibly the Adams Township School on hiring a FT police officer to patrol area. Approximate cost for FT officer with benefits about \$105,000.
- D. Fox stated the Township had a constable in the past, and needs one again for enforcement issues.
- T. Parolini stated she noticed on the new overhead doors on ice rink, and wondered if there was a break-in that prompted replacement. She also reported another couch being dumped. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Township would not get in the business of paying for dumped trash disposal.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Supervisor Heikkinen reported the Township now has an agreement with the DNR regarding culvert replacement as the new water line is put in. Can be stopped by notice. Waiting on EGLE request from State for \$5Million grant for project. More probable will be \$3.7Million Loan from RD for water tank monies and pipe replacement as able.
2. Adams Township did receive a \$10,000 grant for Fire Equipment. All paperwork must be submitted before September 30<sup>th</sup>.
3. EGLE visited the Township on July 26<sup>th</sup> for Water System Evaluation. Scored well. One deficiency noted was Cross Connections. Recommends developing a central mapping plan. The crew has been out mapping and taking pictures for the DSMI (due soon) which will result in a complete overview of all lines and valves in Township. Atlantic Mine is now 100% mapped; Baltic 90%, and maybe 40% complete in Trimountain/Painesdale. Mapping is revealing all valves, some buried under pavement in driveways. Another deficiency was a hole in the fence at one of the lagoons which employees will fix.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Supervisor Heikkinen inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the August 2023 Financial Reports, and if none asked for a motion to approve. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the August 2023 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

There were 15 medical calls and 2 fire service calls. C. Holmes stated the fire hall plans should be wrapped up within 6 weeks. Bids will likely go out in February. Will meet with Clerk Pindral to submit MDOT permit. No pond is required yet. D. Cline is working on water/sewer line progress.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** Assessor Report for August reviewed.

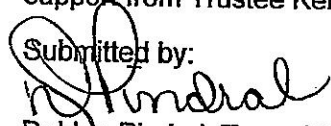
CEMETERY: Cemetery will need a new lawn mower. Estimates at \$3,499. On hold until Spring 2024.

**BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:**

- C. Holmes stated RD had questions on the application. Will inquire if it is satisfactory to republish Notice of Intent on Facebook and Website versus declining newspaper subscriptions. Also needs a copy of audit budget. State monies have already been expended so funds most likely will compete for Federal monies. The \$3.7 Million project is loan so it might get funded faster.
- Supervisor Heikkinen inquired if the Township has a procurement plan on file. C. Holmes will check and if not, send an example to follow.
- Township Audit is complete. Two deficiencies were noted, one being not following the State Uniform Chart of Accounts. Will check with surrounding entities how they handled.
- Supervisor Heikkinen requested the Bendzinski & Company contract be renewed, with 30 day written notice for termination. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to renew contract with Bendzinski & Company, Bonding Agent for Wholesale Water Loan at annual cost of \$1000. Roll call, All Ayes, Motion passed.
- Martha Dugdale reported the Planning Commission is waiting on DNR Rec Plan. Quarterly meeting planned for 9/21/23 at 6PM. There will be a Zoning Appeals meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:15PM.
- The three lift station generators have arrived, waiting on invoices.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated he will be meeting with a contractor on Thursday to look at the ice rink roof needing repair.
- Clerk Pindral stated the Michigan Elections is now requiring lighting for all AV Ballot drop boxes. Stated having the light installed by drop box in front of office will also make it safer for employees entering/leaving at dark.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated he will not be able to attend the Board meeting scheduled for October 2. Either the Treasurer would chair or push the meeting back one week. Clerk Pindral requested moving the meeting back one week, stated it gives Heather and her more time to get end of month reports ready if the meeting is held on Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. Meeting change will be posted in post offices, office, Facebook page and website.

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

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk

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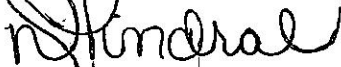
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral.

- Supervisor Heikkinen reported D. Cline has spoken with Scott Lampinen, Portage Lake Construction, regarding paving the patches. Has a list of areas that need patches and will be doing them throughout the Township.
- There was a recent leak in Baltic the crew fixed.
- Continue with the mapping that is due for the DSMI in January 2025.
- The lift station generators for Baltic and Painesdale have finally arrived.
- Good news – the price for the Flail cutting attachment was decreased to \$14,500.

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 7:25P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

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