

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
September 8, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, September 8, 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, 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 August 11, 2025 Monthly Meeting, August 11, 2025 Wholesale Water meeting, and August 20, 2025 Special Meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:

- Notice of the Western U.P. Planning annual meeting to be held on September 23 at 5PM at the Baraga Lakeside Inn.
- Resolution **2025-09-01** to update Ordinance 9 Section 4 special charges to change meter repair/replacement due to damage or negligence by customer will be the cost of the meter \$250, and service charges: **2.a** \$25 for customer requested meter testing for an accurately working meter, and **2.b** customer requested water connection from main to property line will be \$1,800 and opposite side of road \$4,800. All charges for connections, disconnections and sealing abandoned water lines shall be billed at cost plus 25%. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to adopt Resolution 2025-09-01 Special Charges update. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried, Resolution adopted.
- Supervisor Heikkinen asked for update on Baltic Memorial project. Jim Pintar stated the plan is for a 10'x10' platform in front of the memorial with 70' sidewalk of engraved bricks. Project funding is \$3500 short and plan to continue fundraising with Spring 2026 target date. Jim stated the VFW has their own work crew but asked to use Township equipment if needed. Board stated that could probably be arranged.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief reported there were 14 EMT calls and 1 Fire call. Chris Holmes stated the work on the utility lines were started. Contractor ran into lots of rock. The Fire Dept Rural Development loan was funded. Contact reviewed by Township lawyer, Kevin Mackey. Advertisement for bids will be published on September 12 with opening date October 13 at 11AM in the UPEA office in Houghton. Chris Holmes will check with Steve Mann for closing date. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the funding for fire hall utilities will come out of general fund.

CEMETERY: Quiet. Employees will finish removing felled trees, and then work on ice rink building.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor Report for August reviewed.

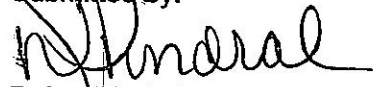
BUSINESS – UNFINISHED:

- The wholesale water improvement application was approved and funded. Will meet with Chris Holmes to review docket checklist. Financials reviewed and budget numbers are good. Resolution of Notice of Intent will be signed at the October meeting. The plan is to build the water tank then replace waterline as far as funds allow.
- TMF grant numbers are done and paperwork ready to be submitted, approx., \$6,500.00

- Planning Commission update: M. Dugdale stated she will be attending the open house at the Grant Agency. Current grant request will be \$10,000. Martha reported she met with JHS Shop Class Instructor and the playground pavilion will be started. The Planning Commission will be meeting on September 17th at 6PM.
- Treasurer Nettell stated she will submit the Bendzinski bonding information for FY ending 3/31/25. Their annual payment request will be coming soon.
- Great Lakes Recovery Services annual contract is ready for signature. Only change is slight increase in fees. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to approve and sign the GLRS contract for 10/1/25-9/30/26. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Bill of Sale for the half house in Painesdale has been signed and recorded. The whole house and land are now in one name.
- Issue with the State cutting revenue sharing funding. At this time, it appears to be a reduction in the new revenue statue funded last year, not the revenue sharing. Will continue to follow state budget proposals for next fiscal year.
- The supervisor, treasurer and clerk met with the auditor regarding the audit. Accounts are performing well. Question regarding budget/expenditures of \$500, but may not be an audit issue. Uniform chart of accounts not being complete will be reported.
- Trustee Eister requested permission to get quotes to insulate retail water office building with approx. 10.5 "spray foam to help insulate the ceiling. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Nettell to approve insulating building not to exceed \$13,000. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:50PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debra Pindral, Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
September 8, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, September 8, 2025 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, Treasurer Nettell, and Clerk Pindral. Also in attendance was Terry Wiitala, Water Operator, and Jason Lindbeck, OHM Engineer.

Terry Wiitala reported 97% of the new meters are installed. It now takes about 3 hours to read all the water meters in the township. Only 8 manual reads on home meter and 3 wholesale water meters. Definitely a cost saving in man power time.

Had two water leaks in the last month: One in Trimountain with elbow on main line. The other at the Jeffers School where the Township assisted RC Mechanical with the vactor truck.

Two new services were installed. Crew is getting ready for fall.

Lots of rain has played havoc with lift stations.

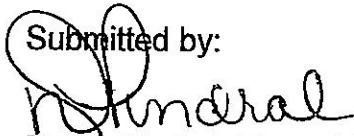
The grader has arrived and has been put to work.

Jason Lindbeck reported still trying to get Wellhead Water Protection grant, possibly next year. Supervisor Heikkinen stated EGLE is adamant about getting the plan in place. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to keep moving forward to get Wellhead Protection Plan in place. Jason will arrange for meeting in October with appointed Wellhead Protection officials.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated with the fire hall utilities expenditures being drawn from general fund, the funds to pay for the grader will be divided between all water and sewer accounts as appropriate.

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 7:10P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:



Debra Pindral, Township Clerk