

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
December 8, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, December 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, and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse. There were 17 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Nettell to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2025 Monthly Meeting, and November 10 2025 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

- Annette B. addressed the Board stating when power goes out, everyone calls the Fire Department/First Responders; everything they do is volunteer, no matter the weather, time of day, or whether or not they like you, they respond. She reported she bought used appliances for the hall using her own personal funds. Stated the generator for the new fire hall is needed for power outages and to protect the fire trucks. Annette suggested the Township Board fire the UPEA engineer who made the timely error.
- Bill M. stated the zoning board of appeal meeting will be moved to January due to Diane Keranen's absence.
- Charles L. stated he lives near the bottom of the hill on Goodell St and would like speed signs posted. It is near the school zone and there is no clear 25MPH limit. Township will contact the Road Commission regarding signage.

**CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS:**

- Supervisor Heikkinen reported the payoff amounts on the wholesale water loan have been received and must be received by Huntington before 1/8/26.
- Annual summer tax resolution was read and approved as in the past.
- Supervisor Heikkinen presented budget adjustments to accounts and gone over by the Board. Accounts are on budget for this time of year, both income and expenses. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Nettell to approve the budget adjustments. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Chris Holmes, UPEA, stated they have met with Moyle regarding trimming the fire hall project cost down from 1.6 million. He reiterated elimination of the generator is not etched in stone. Costs need to be reduced without jeopardizing the project. The committee will meet again to discuss Moyle's proposal to get the project locked in January to get construction started. Bond Council would need to be contacted if the Township would like a ballot initiative for more fire dept funds in May. Clerk Pindral stated the deadline for getting a ballot petition on the May ballot is January 27 at 5PM. Getting a bank loan for more funding would be an option but the loan rate would not be as low as a RD loan. The committee will negotiate with the contractor to prioritize aspects, possibly delaying some upgrades for later date to get the fire hall construction started ASAP.
- Chris Holmes stated the water tank project is 90% done; working with Portage Township and the Moyle concrete plant to maintain 30PSI water pressure. Plan is to get the bids out in Feb to get to loan closing.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Fire Chief reported there were 13 EMT calls and 5 Fire calls.

CEMETERY: Cemeteries are closed for season. Advertising for another person to work will be posted in February. Trustee Eister reported the gates for the Atlantic Mine cemetery are done and will be powder coated before Spring installation.

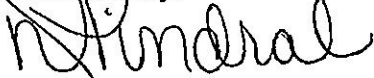
ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor Report for November reviewed. BOR will be held on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> for corrections only. Treasurer Nettell clarified that the Fire Department millage cannot be placed on tax bills until the fire hall construction gets started (per bond agent).

**BUSINESS – UNFINISHED:**

- Planning Commission Report: The pavilion at the Atlantic Mine Park is done. Will check on the shop class doing fence posts if the Township installs. Martha reported there is not much that can be done regarding short term rentals until the State develops legislation. Lots of concern about data centers and their environmental impact.
- Trustee Eister reported he has started flooding the ice rink, but opening depends on weather. The spraying of foam insulation in the water dept office building began today.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:10PM by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Nettell. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debra Pindral, Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
Wholesale Water Board  
December 8, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:15PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Nettell, and Clerk Pindral. Also in attendance was Don Cline, Water Operator, and Chris Holmes, UPEA.

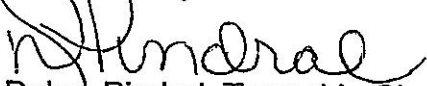
Don Cline reported crew are working on fixing manhole strikes. A valve box will need work in the Spring. Asked the Board to address budget monies in coming year to do manhole repairs. Ask the county to not cut the matt until roads are frozen to prevent further damage. Some casings need to be lowered. Overall, the roads are failing and manholes are settling. Current count is 90 bad manholes in need of repair.

Water and sewer going well. Public works crew is getting everything winterized and will concentrate on plowing snow.

Don stated he has talked with Mr. Arens about getting permission to install steel gate on the lagoon road due to lots of illegal dumping and tearing up the road. Mr. Arens granted verbal permission for the gate.

With no other business or comments before the board, a MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Nettell to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 7:45P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:



Debra Pindral, Township Clerk