

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
May 13, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, May 13, 2024 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 6 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2024 Monthly Minutes, and April 1, 2024 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Because he needed to attend another meeting, Chris Holmes addressed the Board first. Stated the Township was successful in obtaining TMF Grant for (DSMI) lead service line testing. Because the Township opted to self-perform the work, the grant will probably be around the \$100,000 mark. Waiting to receive grant agreement. Stated everything has been submitted to RD for the loan for the wholesale water project. Discussion re, grinder size, water tank size/shape, who will engineer the water tank build. Fire Hall MDOT permit is at the State level. Cannot bid out until funding is obligated.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Supervisor Heikkinen read the Copper Shores Foundation denial of \$40,000 grant funding request for playground/recreation updates.
- Rukkila-Negro audit letter of engagement sent for signature. Not to exceed \$15,675. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to authorize Supervisor Heikkinen to sign the Audit Letter of Engagement. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried with letter signed and to be submitted Tuesday.
- Personnel Policy sexton job description was shared. It will be redone with changes in Township format and presented for next month meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Supervisor Heikkinen inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the April 2024 Financial Reports, and if none, asked for a motion to approve. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the April 2024 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Dan Coponen stated there were 6 EMT and 3 Fire Calls for the month. He expressed pursuing other avenues due to lack of progress on new fire hall. He asked what total cost in engineering fees has been to date. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he did have a report with totals if Dan wanted to meet with him. Due to Superior Public Health Code having a drain field at new fire hall instead of hooking up to sewer system will not work. There is no room for the 200 ft needed. Discussion regarding paying fire/EMT volunteers a stipend by points system is still ongoing with no decision yet.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

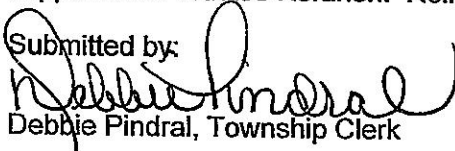
Assessor Report for April reviewed. Expect the State to conduct another AMAR in May 2025, resolutions need to be updated. Supervisor Heikkinen reported the current assessor is doing a fantastic job, keeps him updated.

CEMETERY: Gates are now open with burials being performed. Cemetery mini-excavator is having preventative maintenance performed. Will investigate installation of gates at Atlantic Cemetery this fall. Check on Houghton County GIS website to gather information for easements to install the gates.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:

- Supervisor Heikkinen reported no bids on roof for ice rink building received yet. State a map of the property lines at the Atlantic Mine playground might be available from the assessor. Public request to move the entrance away from the highway side. Possible fencing around. Trustee Keranen to check into possible lead of cedar donation for trade students to build fencing. Discussion regarding a fundraiser to build a pavilion.
- Planning Commission met to start reviewing the Houghton County Master Plan update. Disappointed in not receiving the \$40,000 grant. Martha stated she signed up for a class on Short Term Rentals. Martha and Terry are working on grant writing seminar.
- Houghton County Road Commission requested Board approval of Service Agreement to oil Academy Road at estimated cost of \$1,300.00. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to approve and authorize signature of Service Agreement with Houghton County Road Commission. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Service Agreement signed, to be submitted on Tuesday.
- Treasurer Immonen stated the Village of South Range will have to create their own Summer tax bills. The Village will be billed by Treasurer Immonen for her assistance in uploading to KCI.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the lagoon mower needs tires and rims as current tires as not turf tires which creates a huge safety and stabilization factor. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to authorize the purchase of new tires and rims at estimated cost of \$1300 each. Roll call, motion carried.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Township will need to look into purchase of a new 250/350 single cab work truck, \$50,000. Gathering information on securing a dump box for current truck which would work well at cemetery.

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

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
May 13, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, May 13, 2024 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, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Also present were Don Cline and Travis Cline.

- Travis reported the Transducer (Pressure Sensor) which monitors water level was struck by lightning. Manually monitoring until repaired.
- Terry W. took his D2 water license exam.
- Two lift stations have issues with pumps. Painesdale station keeps tripping breaker, and one in Baltic had underwear jammed. Two pumps have been ordered, six week waiting period.
- Blocked sewer main by U-Haul building project. Plugged by sand.
- 170 out of 655 new meters installed.
- Metal detector needs replacing, estimated cost of \$800.
- Vactor parts ordered, Also needs welding.
- Resident in Village of South has a horizontal drilling machine, waiting on the tracker. Might be beneficial versus ripping up asphalt on repairs.
- Meter behind Moyle is not functioning, question how to charge?
- 13 out of required 40 DSMI inspections are completed and documented.
- Supervisor Heikkinen and Board thanked employees for doing such a great job.

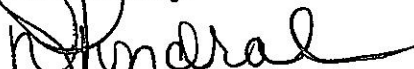
MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to go into executive session at 7:35PM to discuss personnel/financial issues.

MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to leave executive session at 7:55PM., and return to Wholesale Water meeting.

MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to retain Kevin Mackey as Township Lawyer with 5% increase plus annual retainer. Roll Call, all ayes. Motion passed.

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 7:56P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk