

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
June 10, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, June 10, 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 15 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2024 Monthly Minutes, and May 13, 2024 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Terry P. reported she is circulating petitions to place the Green Energy Proposition signed by the Governor on the 2026 ballot. Reported the billboard on M26 for the new fire hall is not visible due to the foliage.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Supervisor Heikkinen presented the service contract for upcoming year with a 3% increase. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to approve and sign REMC 1 contract at 3% renewal rate. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- FYI only - Information letter from UPPCO regarding township wide tree trimming/pruning this summer. ATC is also working on UPPCO lines.
- UPSET West is requesting continued support through 2027. Support has already been pledged through 2026.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Dan Coponen stated there were 19 EMT and 1 Fire Call for the month. He stated at June Fire Dept meeting there were questions regarding lack of progress on new fire hall. Chris Holmes, UPEA Engineer, stated application is moving between Rural Development, and the bonding agency due to it asking for federal monies. When all agencies are satisfied, it will go the State where it gets approval to go to the bidding process. MDOT permit came back with request for soil samples, which have been done and submitted. A pond is required for run-off. The historical study of site has been completed and approved. Upon being questioned by the public about volunteers starting on project and concern on increased construction cost due to delay, as well as incomplete construction plans, Chris stated all volunteer work must be under the contractor winning the bid. He stated he will check into the claim that plans are incomplete and report to Supervisor Heikkinen. He stated UPEA has no control over rising costs, but a duty to see the job done correct. He will also check on placement of pins. He will be submitting progress emails to the Board every two weeks.

Supervisor Heikkinen welcomed and thanked all the Fire Dept members for attending the meeting. He reinforced the Fire Dept is an entity under the jurisdiction of the Township Board. Expenditures and income should go through the Township. Under the purchasing policy, the supervisor has purchasing power, otherwise a special board meeting may be called to discuss larger expenditures. The Fire Dept. is under the insurance umbrella of the Township. Township lawyer, K. Mackey reinforced the importance of following administrative protocols, especially as the Fire Dept. does not have their own 501C status. Supervisor Heikkinen reviewed the Ordinance dated 1995 outlining the scope, intent, purchasing/funding power as well as duties of the Fire Dept. Stated the Board needs

feedback from the fire dept/EMT on establishing a point system to help reimburse fire fighters and EMT personnel on some of their professional expense.

Board inquired as when election of officers is done and names of the officers. Requested a list of officers for the July meeting. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to approve Dan Coponen as Fire Chief, effective Feb 2024. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Annette Butina forwarded a list of current fire fighters and EMT personnel to Clerk Pindral. Clean up to be done at the Painesdale garage. Township employees will assist in grass cutting if needed. A water meter will be installed and cross contamination issues resolved.

Chris Holmes stated he must attend another meeting and gave an update on the TMF (DSMI) grant was submitted last Friday. Waiting to receive grant agreement for signatures, then the documentation and resolutions will be submitted to EGLE. The Water Improvement loan applications are also in the RD/Bonding Agent process awaiting approval.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Assessor Report for May reviewed. Next BOR anticipated in July.

CEMETERY: Both cemeteries are open. Positive comments received regarding cemeteries and their appearance.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:

- Travis C. reported 18 DSMI connections have been performed out of the mandated 40 by October. 190 must be done in 4 years. One left to be done in Baltic, one in Trimountain, and the crew will be moving onto Painesdale.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reported Terry W. has obtained his D2 license. Board extended their congratulations.
- The two pumps for lift stations have arrived at a total of \$13,736.80. Reminder to public to not put wipes down the drains as they clog the pumps causing them to "fry". Travis reported the flanges on the lift station in Painesdale are destroyed, and need to be replaced. Lift station is being heavily monitored.
- Planning Commission – No update.
- Lawyer K. Mackey is now semi-retired, working Adams Township only. Retainment letter dated 4/1/24-3/31/25 signed.
- Discussion regarding purchase of new F250/350 @ approx. \$50,000. 2019 F250 needs about \$7000 in maintenance and repairs. Obtaining a used dump box is no longer an option. Costs to be spread amongst all accounts. Board member suggested shopping around for better pricing.
- Service agreement has been signed with Houghton County Road Commission for oiling Academy Road.
- Cemetery sexton has requested purchase of trailer to haul equipment. Zero Turn mower doesn't fit on current trailer. No action taken.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:30PM 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
June 10, 2024

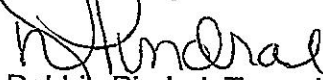
The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, June 10, 2024 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

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

- Supervisor Heikkinen reported Terry Wiitala passed his D2 water exam. He received his pay raise. The Township has three licensed D2 operators!
- The Jetter has been pulled from storage and officially junked. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to trade with Don Cline for EMS trailer. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Travis reported the lift station pump was put in and rewired. The Flange system must be changed. A temporary repair in place. Employees will replace when parts located. Trimountain lift station also has broken flange.
- Lagoons will be finished with discharge Wednesday.
- DSMI shows 18 completed. Working with Chris Holmes on project tracking, etc.
- One water leak in the past month.
- Welder has been received, getting set up.
- Travis reported they dug the holes for the MDOT samples at fire hall location. Lots of rock and garbage to get through.
- The Transducer for the water plant is in but waiting for one small part.
- Still waiting on the rest of the water meters to arrive. Current stock will be used on lines when checking for lead for the DSMI.
- Supervisor Heikkinen again explained the rationale and need for pickup purchase.

With no other business or comments before the board, a MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 7:50P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
June 19, 2024

A special meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss purchase of a truck, code enforcement officer, Employee Personnel Handbook, and other business that may arise.

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 no guests present.

Two quotes for roof replacement of the Public Works building received:

McGrath Roofing - \$65,000

DLH Construction - \$26,320

Proposal bids were not given at comparable level. After discussion, MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to contact DLH with stipulations of 50% down, 50% after completion and inspection, and the back room on hall (baseball room) must be finished. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated the zero turn mower will not fit onto trailer. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to purchase trailer with long ramp for \$1,000. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion on repair of blue F250 truck versus gray truck at cemetery. Board requesting additional quotes on new truck purchase for July Board meeting.

Discussion on all township vehicles having Township identification. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen to have all Township vehicles display Township identification. Roll call, All ayes. Motion carried.

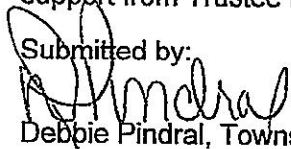
Discussion of enforcement officer in lieu of no constable. Duties would include blight enforcement, educate public to Township ordinances, etc. Trustee Keranen will review constable position for duties and develop job description. Discussion of stipend for position.

Range VFW has inquired if the Township would pay for replacement flags for cemeteries this year. Anticipate approximately 52 3x5 flags. Board approved payment upon receipt of invoice from VFW.

Employee Personnel Handbook reviewed. Changes will be made and brought to the July meeting.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 8:20PM by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk

NOTICE

Adams Township

Election Committee Meeting

June 10, 2024

Immediately following the regularly
scheduled 6:00PM Township
Meeting/Wholesale Water Meeting

Posted 06/02/24

D. Pindral, Clerk

A meeting of the Adams Township Election Committee was held on Monday, June 10, 2024 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, and Clerk Pindral.

Clerk Pindral renominated the following as election inspectors for the August 6, 2024 and November 5, 2024 elections with specific appointments TBD:

Torey Dugdale, Election Chairperson (D)

Kathy DeForge, Back-up Chairperson (D)

Margaret Burkman (R)

Marti Rashleigh (R)

Jean Stevens (R)

Gail Mickalich (D)

Nancy Tinsley (G)

Deborah Paavola (D)

Helen Schutz (D)

MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Supervisor Heikkinen to support and approve the above election inspector nominations. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

The Absentee Voter Ballot Counting Board will be utilized for both elections. Early Voting will be held in Houghton upstairs of the Houghton City Centre per agreement.

Pre and Public accuracy tests will be scheduled when programming is received from the Houghton County Clerk.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Clerk Pindral with support from Treasurer Immonen to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:
Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk

