

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
July 8, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, July 8, 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 10 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2024 Monthly Minutes, June 19, 2024 Special Meeting, and June 10, 2024 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Patrick N. asked to have the manhole in front of Jeffers High School lowered. Water and debris flow around it instead of in. He was informed the Township abandoned when new sewer lines were put in, and he should contact the school.

Bill and Lisa H. requested gravel to be replaced on Highland and Iroquois Streets. With no culvert, no drainage grade, the heavy rain washes the gravel away creating a hazard. Houghton County Road Commission will need to be contacted.

Kara W. commented on the state of Township with garbage littered and old vehicles all over. Supervisor Heikkinen stated Township officials do not have authority to enter properties. Kara also expressed concerns about condition of 14th Street in Baltic. Supervisor Heikkinen suggested citizens contact and attend the monthly meetings of the Ho. Co. Road Commission. He also stated there is a road millage proposal on the August ballot that if passed could assist greatly in road repairs.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Township received \$2000 from the Houghton Walmart Spark Good grant for playgrounds. Martha D. stated 2 pieces of playground equipment have been donated by the Lindsay family for the playground in Atlantic Mine.

Per Chris Holme email: The final copy of the TMF (lead) grant is in hand. Will meet with Don and Heather to work on reimbursement of the first half of work done. Next and final request is due 9/16/2024.

Adams Township Personnel Policy handbook has been updated. Board members received advance copy for review. With no thoughts or comments forthcoming. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen, updated personnel policy handbook adopted. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. All employees will receive a copy along with signature page of receipt for personnel file.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Dan Coponen stated there were 12 EMT and 1 Fire Call for the month. No update available on RD loan for new fire hall. MDOT permit still waiting approval. Improvements are being made at Painesdale Fire Hall.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Assessor Report for June reviewed. BOR for corrections only will be July 16 @ 6PM. Supervisor expects Township to do well in May AMAR audit. Looking for applicants to be on BOR.

CEMETERY:

Both cemeteries are open. Many positive comments received regarding cemeteries and their appearance.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

No report to give. Employees will assist in locating pins at playground in Atlantic Mine. JHS Shop will help with fencing in the fall as part of the Atlantic Mine Playground Revitalization project.

BUSINESS-UNFINISHED/NEW:

Roof estimates did not include the little roof on back. New estimates will be sought.

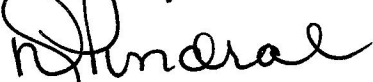
Audit is moving forward, anticipate auditor week of July 15th.

Ordinance Enforcement Office position summary reviewed. Lawyer Mackey stated there will be a problem if officer writes tickets as county prosecutor will not prosecute any township hearings. If gone through county, will be expensive. Suggested review of the Township or County ordinances that the enforcement officer would enforce before proceeding. As result, no action taken at this meeting.

Supervisor Heikkinen did call multiple dealers for quotes on new F350 pickup with tow package ranging from \$49,900 to \$83,000. CC Ford would take 2016 on trade for \$9,000. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister to purchase F350 with tow package and trade from Copper Country Ford. Roll call, 4 ayes and 1 abstain. Motion carried.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:10PM 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
July 8, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, July 8, 2024 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:11PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Also present was Travis Cline.

Travis reported the valve malfunction of the chlorinator at pumping station has been fixed.

Two call-outs for water lines, one for sewer service.

Working the contractor Bacco on water lines over by U-Haul in Atlantic Mine.

Travis stated working with UPEA Engineer on TMF Grant, keeping track of numbers and paperwork to get reimbursement.

Lagoon mowing going well, especially since proper tires were installed on machinery.

Grinder pump replacement in Painesdale is a work in progress due to obsolete slide-away couplers.

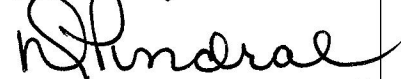
185 of the new water meters have been installed. Expect another shipment in late October.

There will be two pavement patches that need to be done by employees.

Gravel needs to be ordered for fall. The road to the Atlantic Mine lagoons needs to be graded. Will investigate possibility of renting a grader if South Range is not available.

With no other business or comments before the board, a MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 7:35P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP

SPECIAL MEETING

July 17, 2024

A special meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss roofing estimates, 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, and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse. There were no guests present.

Treasurer Immonen stated the invoice for the Village of South Range for assisting in set up for printing of summer tax bills will be submitted. Discussion on Township Initial Tax Bill setup fee. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Supervisor Heikkinen to charge \$200 for the initial tax set up. Roll call, All ayes with Trustee Keranen absent. Future invoices should be less due to initial cost already paid.

Roof replacement quotes for Public Works building:

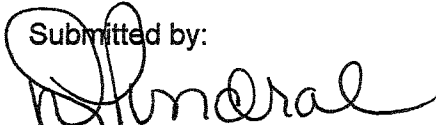
DLH Construction - \$27,320.00

UP Building - \$29,500.00

Difference in proposal bids were in subfloor materials and refund of materials if not used. After discussion of pro/cons of both bids, MOTION made by Supervisor Heikkinen with support from Treasurer Immonen to approve bid from U.P. Building & Development. Roll call, All ayes with Trustee Keranen absent with excuse.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:20PM by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk