

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
October 14, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, October 14, 2024 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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 September 9, 2024 Public Hearing/Special Meeting, September 9, 2024 Monthly Minutes, September 30, 2024 Special Meeting and September 9, 2024 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Terry P. inquired if building permits have been issued for the property on the M26 hill, as she noticed a building being erected. Trustee Eister stated building is appropriate for Adams Township Land Use Zoning, and that Houghton County issues building permits.
- Comment also made inquiring if the Laitala house can hook up to township sewer. They were told to call the Water Department office.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Supervisor Heikkinen inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the September 2024 Financial Reports, and if none, asked for a motion to approve. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the September 2024 financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved. Budget adjustments were reviewed by each account. Retail water had lots of activity with ARPA and TMF funds. General Fund had increased expense in professional services as well as repair and maintenance to the building. Donations show slight increase. Budgets are still on track for staying in profit. MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to approve budget adjustments. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Audit for FY ended March 31, 2024 is complete. Audit Deficiency Correction Plan has been submitted to the State. Due to miscommunication, expenditures were higher than budgeted, and corrective action has been taken. The second noncompliance involved Uniform Chart of Account Numbers, and the Township has contacted a financial officer to facilitate change. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the Rukkila Negro and Associates Financial Audit FY ending 3/31/24 as presented. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

There were 12 EMT and 3 Fire Calls for the month. Patrick N. reported he has been diligent about turning in charge slips for work performed at Fire Station #2 water and toilet. Clerk Pindral thanked him. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he has been exploring alternate options of running water and sewer utilities to new fire hall independently from RD Loan to facilitate progress.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Assessor Report for September reviewed. No issues noted. AMAR on track for 2025.

CEMETERY:

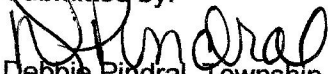
Workers beginning to close the cemeteries for the winter. Supervisor Heikkinen stated after examining the 2016 survey of the Atlantic Mine cemetery it appears putting a fence with gate on the North Huron Street entrance is best option. Trustee Eister was tasked with getting an estimate to fence the cemetery to prevent unauthorized traffic. The board will investigate tree removal to enlarge cemetery for future burials.

BUSINESS – UNFINISHED/NEW:

- Chris Holmes reported the second round of paperwork has been completed on the TMF Grant, and payment is expected soon. Has not hear from Rural Development on the Fire Dept funding. Reports the fire hall plans are finished. MDOT highway permit was issued in September with one year completion deadline. Water/sewer utility line hookup looked at, and it is noted the triangular corner of that lot is not owned by the Township. No update available to give on the Wholesale Water project.
- DSMI completed with 40 of required 40 lines done and paperwork complete.
- Lawyer Mackey updated the Board regarding compatible ordinance for Bill 5120. Township zoning would need to comply with Statewide 155 page ruling on Oct 10th. If no compliant ordinance, State rules.
- Painting the water department building is done for this year. A second coat will be applied next year. The window for front of building is ordered. Nothing to report on ice rink. Employees requested purchase of pallet jack (\$400) to assist in moving deliveries at facility. Board approved purchase. Purchase of a printer/fax machine for office requested by office manager. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to purchase Ecosystem Printer Fax Machine at \$743 plus toner. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Planning Commission report given by Martha. Group is in "holding pattern". Report some members have missed multiple meetings. By-laws state if three meetings are missed, the Board can replace. Waiting for the Atlantic Mine playground survey so that markers for fencing can be set. In order to apply for DNR grants, the recreational plan should be professionally done.
- Ho. Co. Road Commission has stated S Huron Street is priority. Clerk Pindral stated paving Academy Road to cemetery would save on costs of annual oiling on roads, freeing monies for future road repaving. Supervisor Heikkinen state a list for road repair is being made but all dependent on dollar amount road millage monies collected.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:00PM by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Notes Taken by Treasurer Immonen
Submitted by:


Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
October 14, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, October 14, 2024 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

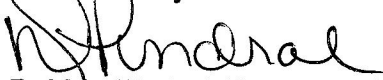
The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral.

Monthly update.

- Working on a grant to upgrade security at water plant
- Being proactive on inventory of emergency supply parts
- Road to water plant has been regraded
- Bay Electric work on-going to get new generators operational and finetuned
- 2" water main on Adams St Painesdale replacement completed with existing services added to the new 10" main
- Water leak on Ogima St in Painesdale has been addressed for the season but will need further work in Spring. That street needs a new main. Suggested for Township to purchase the 5.2 acres (42889 Goodell) currently for sale which would allow the main to utilize section of that property. Possibly recoup funds with sale of standing wood. MOTION by Clerk Pindral with support from Trustee to authorize Supervisor Heikkinen to contact realtor and make a first offer. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- 201 new water meters installed. Getting close to be able to do drive by meter readings
- DSMI is complete for this year with all 40 lines checked. Reporting is complete. Preparing for the next round in the 5yr line check.

With no other business or comments before the board, a MOTION by Trustee Eister with support from Treasurer Immonen to adjourn the Wholesale Water meeting at 7:31P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Submitted by:


Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk

NOTICE

Adams Township
Election Committee Meeting
October 14, 2024
Immediately following the regularly
scheduled 6:00PM Township
Meeting/Wholesale Water Meeting

Posted 10/6/24

D. Pindral, Clerk

A meeting of the Adams Township Election Committee was held on Monday, October 14, 2004 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32PM. 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 November 5, 2024 election 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 (I)
Deborah Paavola (D)
Helen Schutz (D)
Tonya Hicks (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.

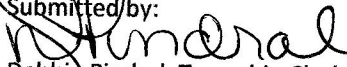
The Absentee Vote Counting Board will be utilized due to anticipated high voter turnout.

Pre and Public accuracy tests will be scheduled when programming is received from Ho. Co. Clerk.

Early voting will be held on the second floor at the Houghton City Centre per agreement

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Clerk Pindral with support from Treasurer Immonen to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:


Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk