# ADAMS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING September 9, 2024

A Public Hearing/Special Meeting by the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, September 9, 2024 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing was to hear public comment regarding amending Ordinance 9, Section 4. Water Charges.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Immonen, and Trustee Keranen. Clerk Pindral was absent with excuse. There were eight guests present.

Supervisor Heikkinen read Ordinance 2024-09-01 to amend Ordinance Number 9, Section 4 pursuant to Public Act 246 of 1945, being the Ordinance to Establish Water Service Regulations for the Citizens of Adams Township. Essentially water rate schedules and any special authorized charges shall now be determined by resolution of the Township Board. With no more comments forthcoming, MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister adopt Ordinance # 2024-09-01 to Amend Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 9, Section 4. Roll call, all ayes. Clerk Pindral absent with excuse. Motion carried.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 5:55PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Notes Taken by Treasurer Immonen Submitted by:

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Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk

## ADAMS TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING September 9, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, September 9, 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, and Trustee Keranen. Clerk Pindral was absent with excuse. There were 8 guests.

MOTION made by Trustee Eister with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2024 Monthly Minutes, and August 12, 2024 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

# PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:

- J. Pintar stated the VFW has contracted with Industrial Graphics to replace names on Roll of Honor. Asked approval to cut down brush in Atlantic Mine. Baltic Roll of Honor will get repaired and is requesting permission to put in a brick sidewalk going to the Honor Roll. He is checking into and possibly have done next spring. Printed handouts distributed. He stated he has given \$25,000 thru Edward Jones for the purchase of flags and upkeep of the Honor Rolls in Adams Township. The Board thanked him for his service and generosity.
- TMF Grant 37 out of the 40 mandatory water connections have been checked for lead. Will be complete by end of month. Request #1 for \$50,083.61 of the TMF grant has been submitted. Funds will need to be returned to the Retail Water Fund.
- Resolution 2024-09-1R to authorize Adams Township Water & Sewage Utility to apply for MI
  Township Par Plan Risk Reduction Grant was reviewed. Purpose of the grant is to install
  security video cameras to prevent theft and malicious behavior while monitoring safety of
  municipal buildings and grounds. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister
  to approve Resolution # 2024-09-1R to authorize Adams Township Water & Sewage Utility to
  apply for MI Township Participating Par Plan Reduction Grant. Roll call, all ayes. (Clerk Pindral
  absent with excuse). Motion carried.

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Dan Coponen stated there were 18 EMT and 3 Fire Calls for the month. Chris Holmes and some Fire Dept members walked the new fire hall property. Minor changes. Discussion on who is doing the water and sewer. Chris Holmes will put options on paper and meet with Gerry, and Don Cline Monday at 9AM. Should be good with the hydrologist and MDOT with permit anticipated soon.

#### ASSESSOR REPORT:

Assessor Report for August reviewed. AMAR audit in May 2025. Lisa Sporbert has announced her interest to be a BOR member.

#### CEMETERY:

Looking for a gate for the Atlantic Mine Cemetery.

## **BUSINESS - UNFINISHED/NEW:**

- Chris Holmes stated no update on the water improvement project. Has sent email to Crystal but she has not heard from national level. Supervisor Heikkinen has signed a new application.
- DSMI TMF 20% of unknowns almost completed. Due October 4<sup>th</sup>.

- The roof on the water department building started today. Don suggested a lean-to on side of the township garage with old roofing.
- Planning Commission will meet on September 25th. Paul stated has sealer coming for the ice rink. Martha is going to a grant seminar on Sept. 26-27th regarding ADA Accessibility Seminar.
- Audit no update. Should be finished soon.
- No meeting has been held yet with Ho. Co. Road Commission, Kevin Harju. HCRC plans to have Obenhoff Road done by end of September.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:49PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Notes Taken by Treasurer Immonen

Submitted by:

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## ADAMS TOWNSHIP Wholesale Water Board September 9, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, September 9, 2024 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Eister, and Trustee Keranen. Clerk Pindral was absent with excuse.

- The trailer was purchased for the cemetery mower.
- Old one will go out on bids.
- TMF Grant finalized.
- Bay Electric was called in to fix items at Water Plant/lift station.
- Michigan Rural Water inspection has been done, was very impressed with improvements made.
- Lagoon mowing is done.
- No pressure in a residence in Atlantic Mine. 90% blocked with rust. Service calls have all been on home-owners side of line.
- Still waiting for the rest of the 500 meters to arrive.
- Loader has been fixed under warranty.
- Three water services left to do for DSMI end of September deadline.

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 6:59P.M. Roll call, all ayes, Motion approved.

Notes Taken by Treasurer Immonen Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral, Township Clerk

## ADAMS TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING September 30, 2024

A Special Meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, September 30, 2024 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Eister, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were no quests.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the audit deficiency letter received from the State and develop an action plan to be submitted within 30 days, and other business as brought before the Board.

- #1) Actual expenditures exceeded authorized in budget: Auditor tagged invoices dated March but received and paid in in April such as retirement costs and professional services. All expenditures have been reviewed and meetings held with all concerned to prevent future budget variances.
- #2) Non-compliance with Uniform Chart of Accounts: The Township will hire an accounting agent to assist in correcting chart of account to Uniform Chart of Accounts.

Letter will be drafted with corrective action plan and uploaded to the State.

A recent fire at Atlantic Cemetery discussed. Two gates need to be installed ASAP. Trustee Eister will contact Mattila about bringing in boulders.

Surveyors for Atlantic Mine playground are at least a week or two behind schedule but anticipate it getting done this fall.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:45PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Eister. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

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