

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
JUNE 6, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, June 6, 2016 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Pledge of allegiance was recited followed by roll call. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Sohlden, and Clerk Pindral. There were 10 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the meeting minutes of the May 2, 2016 monthly meeting, May 16, 2016 Special Meeting, and May 2, 2016 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

- Eric Mattila introduced himself as a member of the Adams Township School Board, and inquired if the Toivola ballfield was owned by Township of Adams. Supervisor Heikkinen stated it was owned by the Township. Eric stated he was speaking in an unofficial capacity, but stated the school would be interested in using the Toivola ballfield as their home field. Supervisor Heikkinen stated there were no funds in current budget for improvements, but he would be interested in helping to get a committee together to work on ballfield. Eric stated he would talk with Steve Lishinski, the athletic director, to bring proposal to school board meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Terri Parolini announced the Village of South Range will be holding an appliance pick-up. Inquired if the Township will be collecting tires. Supervisor Heikkinen stated there were grants available for tire collection but the Township was not able to get application in before deadline.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1.) Cummins Diesel planned maintenance has discovered repairs needed approximately \$5,000 above the maintenance costs. Supervisor Heikkinen will discuss with B. Hudson, as the estimates are good until August.
- 2.) A letter from the family of Bob Steinen is requesting a sign be put up a sign at Lake Perreault in his honor. Mr. Steinen was a former supervisor. The family is fundraising for the sign. The road to Lake Perrault is county owned and the lake belongs to the DNR. Family will be referred to contact those agencies for permission.
- 3.) Calumet Township will be celebrating its 150 anniversary, and a request was received for ad purchase for the Calumet Township festival book. Declined due to legality.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Question on increased UPPCO bill for Trimountain utilities. Clerk Pindral stated UPPCO is in transition and some accounts have received higher than normal billings. Expect this to level out within a few months. Water Superintendent Hudson also stated there had been problems with the generators which also could account for higher usage. MOTION made by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Sohlden to accept the May financial report as presented. Roll Call, all ayes with Trustee Mattila abstaining from vote on S&L invoices. Motion carried

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Trustee Mattila reported 7 medical calls and 4 fire calls.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** May report reviewed. No issues to report.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** Mountain View Cemetery had 9 burials/cremations in May. Grounds are well-kept. Comments have been received on how nice the veteran's plots are being maintained in both cemeteries. Supervisor Heikkinen stated installing a fence to allow walk-ins after hours at Mountain View is being worked on. It will also be handicapped accessible.

**BUSINESS:**

- A major water line break on a main line between Painesdale and Trimountain occurred. Portage Lake Construction (formerly S&L Construction) anticipates repairs to cost approximately \$6,890.10. Invoice has been compared to work order, and all costs appears to be justified. E. Schutz asked the board to pay for the damage done to his truck due to sink hole from the line break. Lawyer Mackey stated under the law, the municipality has no liability until made aware of situation. Bob Hudson stated he was not informed of the situation until 7:30AM the next morning at which time he received a call from 911. At that time, he did erect barriers. The Township does not own the trail, but has easement rights for the waterlines. Mr. Schutz was directed to contact the DNR and his automobile liability insurance company.
- Water Improvement Project Update: Chris Holmes stated 9 easements are needed, of which only one is located in Atlantic Mine. A Township representative will need to be present when signatures on Affidavits of Right of Adverse Possession are obtained for the easements. Also need a notary present. Clerk Pindral stated she was willing to go, just contact her when ready. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he would be available after 4PM weekdays. Rural development stated easements for retail water are mandatory. Rates will be dependent on water rates established the first year after process, possibly 2018. Discussion regarding costs of current repairs done in Atlantic Mine and effect on loan amount. Chris Holmes stated 'wishlist' items would be next in line for any funds left over.
- MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila to sign the service agreement with Houghton County Road Commission to spray calcium chloride on Academy Road (\$1,260.00) leading to cemetery and 16<sup>th</sup> Ave in Brooklyn location in Baltic (\$210.00) at \$1.15 per gallon. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Clearwater Surveying has submitted a bid to survey the Atlantic Mine cemetery at a cost of \$500.00. This would involve setting the property corners and provide a map showing dimensions. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Sohlden to accept Clearwater Surveying PLLS proposal in the amount of \$500.00 for boundary survey. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- One bid received from Steven Raffaelli in the amount of \$100.00 for old Dodge Truck. Discussion regarding if scrap metal price would be higher. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Sohlden to check scrap price; if bid is higher than scrap price, Board will accept the bid. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Trustee Mattila will contact scrap yard in the A.M.
- Wind Farm Energy update: Nothing new to report at this time.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:05PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned. Next regular monthly meeting is Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00PM.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral  
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
Wholesale Water Board  
June 6, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, June 6, 2016 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Sohlden, Clerk Pindral, and Water Superintendent Bob Hudson. Chris Holmes, UPEA, and Office Manager, Heather Platzke were also present.

- Water Superintendent Hudson stated he is busy with getting the lagoons up and running, lots of testing. He reported things are running smoothly but did experience three water leaks in Atlantic Mine after the repair to the main line between Painesdale and Trimountain. Employees will fix as many as possible. If Portage Lake Construction is called, then employees will do landscaping after to help contain costs. Public Right Of Way is guaranteed to be 7ft deep for which the contractor can be called in, but employees are to do as much as possible before calling the contractor.
- Spare parts were ordered to replace the pipe and 16" couplings at an approx. cost of \$500 each. Spares have to be kept on hand for emergencies.
- Discussed the estimate of \$449.99 from Sayens to install a Rhino liner with lifetime warranty in the 2016 F250. MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Sohlden to purchase the Rhino Liner at a cost of \$449.99 from Sayens. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- John Ritola contacted the Township stating after a leak was fixed, his hot water tank got sediment in it and he had to replace it. He is asking the Township to reimburse the \$160.00. Township Board declined payment due to the fact that advance notice is always given before water is shut off for repair. Homeowner is responsible to clear their lines for water heaters.
- A special meeting will be called if documents need to be gone over or signed for the water project.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:15PM by Trustee Sohlden with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,  
Township Clerk