

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
December 3, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

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

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2018 Monthly meeting, and November 5, 2018 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Correspondence regarding the Atlantic Mine Post Office lease received. Current lease expires 9/1/2019. After discussion regarding increasing maintenance costs, a MOTION was made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to request an increase in monthly rent to \$350.00 per month. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor Heikkinen will contact the agency negotiating the lease.
- 2019 Board of Review dates presented by assessor are: March 11 @ 3PM-9PM; March 12 @ 9AM-3PM; July 16 @ 1PM, and December 10 @ 1PM.
- The scheduled water line repair on First Street in Painesdale has been postponed until spring 2019 per resident request.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial reports for November reviewed. MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the November financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported for the last month there were 13 medical calls and 3 fire calls. He reported Santa is scheduled to be at the Atlantic Mine Fire Hall on December 22 from Noon to 2PM.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report for November reviewed and approved. BOR tentatively scheduled for Dec 11, 2018 from noon to 1PM.

**BUSINESS:**

- Chris Holmes, UPEA engineer, stated the Water Project change order was sent in late but has been approved. He will bring resolution paperwork to the January meeting to close out the project. Siler Contracting has a one-year warranty window which started ticking in October, and will do patches in the Spring. Notices will be sent out before repairs are started.
- Chris reported Duane Reid, will be retiring from Rural Development on December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated an on-site meeting was held at the pumping station, and Chris Holmes was present. The four-year plan on replacing/fixing the pumphouse equipment was tweaked with Bay Electric based on their previous presentation. Approximately \$125,000 per year will need to be budgeted to Wholesale Water. The need to replace the waterline from Painesdale to South Range is also a priority project.
- No update received from Circle Power wind turbine project. Kevin Mackey stated new studies are showing the life expectancy of wind turbines being only 18 years. Reported good information to have in the event any bonds/permits are issued.

- Treasurer Immonen stated the CCISD is asking the Township to levy summer taxes in 2019. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen for Adams Township to levy 2019 Summer Tax collection for local school districts. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Discussion regarding the need for water rate increases. Maintenance costs have increased. With the cost of line repairs, chlorine and phosphate increases, as well as pumping station repair/upkeep, discussion on increase to retail water rate of \$1.00 for first 2000 gallons and wholesale water rate increase of .30 cents per 1000 gallons discussed. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Clerk Pindral to approve Resolution 2018-12-01 That a rate increase in Adams Township Retail Water rates of \$1.00 for the first 2000 gallons will be effective February 1, 2019, and that a rate increase in Adams Township Wholesale Water rates will be .30 cents per thousand gallons effective February 1, 2019 for a new rate of \$1.70 per thousand gallons. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. A notice will be placed on retail water bills sent out in January, and letters will be sent to wholesale water users advising of rate increase.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 6:55PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral  
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
Wholesale Water Board  
December 3, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:59PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Water Superintendent Thomas Pietila, and Water Dept Employees Heather Platzke and Justin Hayrynen were also present.

- Tom Pietila stated he is still waiting to hear on the November D2 exam results, doesn't expect to find out before the holidays.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated that before any painting can be done at the pumping station, it needs to be cleaned and tools organized. Tom stated he priced mobile toolboxes at Sears (\$499.98) and Tractor Supply (\$799.99).
- Tom P. stated the truck was in the shop for repairs and it now needs a spindle. He stated he plans to talk to the garage mechanic as that is something that should have been checked when it was apart in the shop before.
- Lagoons in Atlantic are discharged with Painesdale lagoons almost done. Algae bloom created a delay in the discharge processes.
- The pressure reducing valve at the Moyle plant needs to be replaced. They are currently buying a replacement.
- Justin H. stated Mastec hit a waterline in Baltic causing a leak. They will be billed for costs to repair. They claim the line was plastic and not detected by MissDig.
- Discussion regarding water rates charged to Moyle and Northern Hardwoods. No paperwork trail has been found to prove discounted rate. Will get more information for January meeting to make informed decision on rates.
- Heather questioned what notice to send on property that claims water was shut-off and doesn't want to pay sewer costs. The property still has a house standing. The delinquent water and sewage would normally go on property taxes. Supervisor Heikkinen will talk with homeowner before decision is made.
- At 7:20PM a MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to leave Wholesale Water meeting and enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. Roll call, Motion carried.
- At 7:30PM MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to exit executive session and return to Wholesale Water Meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated that personnel issues, cell phone call and Christmas bonus were discussed, and if there is no other business brought before the Board, asked for a motion to adjourn.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to adjourn the meeting at 7:31P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,  
Township Clerk