

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, February 6, 2017 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 Keranen, Trustee Mattila, and Clerk Pindral. There were 7 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the meeting minutes of the January 9, 2017 monthly meeting, and Wholesale water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- U.S. Census Bureau requested local official verification update for the July 2017 update of Township boundaries and State funding.
- Email update from D Hokens on wind turbines indicates a new partnership has been founded: Wind Works Power. With more resources available, the project is proceeding ahead with developer agreement and anticipates permit application soon. Next hurdle is the FAA Flight Path Study as well as working with the Forest Service on the bat study. In response to request to work with Township engineering firm, UPEA, on design process, Township was advised by legal counsel that it would be a conflict of interest. UPEA engineer, Chris Holmes, also agreed it was not in best interest of the Township and would decline the request. Clarification that for time-being, Supervisor Heikkinen would be the contact point with Mr. Hokens and developers.

FINANCIAL REPORT: MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the January financial report. Roll call, all ayes with Trustee Mattila abstaining from vote on any Rock and Dock or Portage Lake Construction invoices. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported 11 medical calls and no fire calls.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report reviewed monthly report. Public reminded of Spring BOR dates: Organizational meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>. BOR for Spring Taxes scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> at 3PM-9PM and March 14<sup>th</sup> 9AM to 3PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Chris Holmes, UPEA, reports only three easement agreements are needed; he will contact them again. Once all paperwork is received, UPEA will submit to Rural Development. Bidding process will then be started within 21 days.
- The current Operating budget was reviewed and the need for a water rate increase discussed. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen stating that pursuant to Ordinance #9 an amendment resolution approving increasing the water rate by \$2.00 to \$25.00/first 2,000 gallons effective March 1, 2017 (billed April 1, 2017). Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to approve the Annual Operating Budget as presented. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- The Wholesale Water budget gone over. Utility expenses have increased as well as operating supplies, such as chlorine and phosphate. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to increase Wholesale Water rates by .24cents to \$1.40/thousand effective April 1, 2017. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. A letter will be sent to Wholesale Water customers informing of the increase.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Board is in the process of vetting the applications received for the part-time general maintenance position.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- S. Sabatini inquired if the Township has ever considered the idea of shared services with Village of South Range. Supervisor Heikkinen stated that a relationship with the Village is a viable avenue to explore for the betterment of both entities.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:00PM by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral  
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
Wholesale Water Board  
February 6, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, February 6, 2017 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, Clerk Pindral, Water Superintendent Bob Hudson. Also in attendance were Justin Hayrynen, and Heather Platzke.

- Water Superintendent Hudson stated operations were proceeding as usual. The grinder pump has not yet been installed in Atlantic Mine. It has arrived and will be assembled indoors, then when break in weather permits, it will be installed.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated four applicants were chosen to be interviewed for the part-time general maintenance position. Of the four, two declined when contacted for interview. Two were interviewed with Clerk Pindral and Justin Hayrynen present. Will discuss further in executive session at end of meeting.
- Discussion on Township practice of separate O/M and Debt accounts. Accountant Bradford and Rural Development would need to be contacted regarding consolidation of the two categories.
- Clarification needed regarding charging \$25 flat fee to all regardless of winter residence or not in addition to debt charge. Question not charging O/M if no water utilized. Decision tabled until April or May meeting when numbers and information can be reviewed. Decision will be made effective June 1, 2017 when most residents have returned from winter homes.
- MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to go into executive session at 7:45PM for discuss employee issues/wages. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to leave executive session at 8:04PM to return to Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to re-adjourn Wholesale Water meeting at 8:04PM. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to offer 3day/wk (32hours if needed) general maintenance position to Tim Turcotte at starting wage of \$12/hr. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor Heikkinen will contact Mr. Turcotte.

With no further business to discuss, MOTION to adjourn at 8:05PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,  
Township Clerk