

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, January 9, 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, and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Mattila arrived at 6:10PM with excuse. There were 10 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the meeting minutes of the December 5, 2016 monthly meeting, and Wholesale water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

David Archambeau stated he wished to address the Board regarding a couple of issues:

- 1) Due to snow on the roof on the ice rink building causing outer wall to bow, the rink has been temporarily closed. Also reports problems with the door lock. Office Manager Heather instructed to call suggested licensed/insured contractors Tuesday to remove snow ASAP. Trustee Mattila and Justin Hayrynen will inspect the building as soon as meeting is adjourned to decide plan of action.
- 2) Mats in the building need to be replaced. Menards has estimated a price of \$660.00 to cover an area of 20' by 10'. David Archambeau has arranged for free transportation. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support by Treasurer Immonen to approve mat purchase. Roll call, all ayes. Treasurer Immonen will contact Menards.
- 3) David Archambeau requested assistance with payment of the legal fees occurred during the acquisition of the abandoned property in Baltic. It has been dismantled. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he was not aware of any deal with the Board to pay for legal fees. Clerk Pindral will review past minutes for discussion and copy for supervisor to evaluate situation.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- MTA brochure indicated training for Board of Review members will be February 7<sup>th</sup> in Houghton. Supervisor Heikkinen authorized Clerk Pindral to register the 3 BOR members as well as himself to attend.

FINANCIAL REPORT: MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the December 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 2 fire calls. Santa greeted approximately 140 children at the Atlantic Mine fire hall on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Helmet lights have been ordered as well as a thermo-camera. Cost was slightly more than expected, but still within budget.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report reviewed. Spring BOR dates tentatively scheduled: Organizational meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>. BOR for Spring Taxes scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, times TBA.

**BUSINESS:**

- Chris Holmes, UPEA, reports one signed easement agreement received. Would like to meet with Supervisor Heikkinen and make contact with the last four agreements needed. He will get the list to Supervisor Heikkinen to review. Trustee Mattila requested any permits that might be needed to residents for the water project be checked into before start of project.

- Supervisor Heikkinen inquired who pays for the Township plowing the Atlantic Mine Post Office snow. Treasurer Immonen will check with Houghton postmaster on how and where to submit invoice.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Board wished to thank Duane Snell for his many years of employment with the Township, and wished him the best in his endeavors. His last date of employment was December 31st. The Board discussed placing an ad for a 3 day/week general maintenance position.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Audience requested an update on wind turbine project. Supervisor Heikkinen stated there has been no application for permit filed with Township, no fees paid. There has been no update of any progress from developer.

MOTION to adjourn at 6:55PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral  
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
Wholesale Water Board  
January 9, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:56PM. 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.

- Supervisor Heikkinen stated on Saturday a call was received from Melvin Heikkinen in Painesdale that the water pipe in his basement burst just before the meter. Justin Hayrynen responded and was told the line had been leaking for a year, and just to fix it on Monday. Melvin Heikkinen ran a hose to the drain as temporary fix. Justin reports a garage was built over the shut-off valve. Bob Hudson re-iterated anything after the shut-off valve was owner's responsibility as stated in ordinance. It also states not to cover/block shut off valves.
- Grinder Pump anticipated to be shipped next week. Will be installed on Martha Jukkala's property as soon as possible despite winter conditions.
- Heather reports the 2016 Ford needs winter tires, especially for plowing. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen to purchase the tires. Roll call, all ayes. Heather will make calls.
- Heather announced she will be taking a week of vacation in March. Bills will be sent out the week before and she will need office coverage, probably from 10AM to 1PM.

With no further business to discuss, MOTION to adjourn at 7:12PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,  
Township Clerk