

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING

July 2, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday July 2, 2018 at the Township Hall, 17118 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, Trustee Mattila, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 11 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the minutes of the June 4, 2018 Monthly meeting, and June 4, 2018 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- M. Renier representing the 4th of July Committee inquired about a financial donation from Adams Township. Treasurer Immonen questioned if the Township could donate legally. Lawyer Mackey stated he would check into legality of such donation, and someone would contact Mr. Renier on decision.
- D. Verran stated landscaping on his property on Old Mill Road has not been completed by Siler Contracting yet. Chris Holmes, UPEA Engineer, will check after meeting. Mr. Verran stated he purchased two loads of topsoil to replace when work was done on side of road by mother's house in Baltic; J. Hayrynen stated Township has topsoil available on-grounds. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he will be reimbursed when appropriate paperwork is turned in to township. Mr. Verran also inquired when the topsoil will be seeded. He was informed that Township employee did seed the topsoil last week. Township will observe. Mr. Verran also inquired about sloping the drainage ditch to prevent further flooding. Supervisor Heikkinen stated that property owned by Village of South Range, and suggested he contact the Village Council.
- B. George stated he purchased a half acre in Adams Township and wanted to know what the regulations were to living on that land in a RV. He stated he would have a small wind turbine to generate power. Supervisor Heikkinen stated Adams Township had no zoning but he would need to follow the ordinance pertaining to manufactured mobile homes as well as ordinance on Wind Turbines. Office Manager Heather will obtain copies for him.
- J. Ritola requested repair on his driveway on Chippewa Street that was done by a backhoe during water project. Chris Holmes will check on this also following meeting.
- D. Fox inquired if there were ordinances regarding cars parked in fields. Due to no zoning, there is no action the Township can take. Mr. Fox inquired on who was hired as new Water Superintendent. Thomas Pietila was introduced at the meeting as the new Water Superintendent upon Bob Hudson's retirement.
- N. Immonen requested gravel for the Atlantic Mine cemetery as well as in front of the Atlantic Post Office.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- FYI only letter from M Power Innovations of Iron Mountain informing Board about their services in regards to GPS mapping of water lines.
- Township audit was started and the first phase of invoicing for services received. Deb Bradford is supervising the audit.
- Letter received from Mr. Rajala requesting the Township run water and sewer lines to property he purchased. Currently no water main or sewer line within a couple hundred feet of property line. It was suggested Chris Holmes do a cost assessment and bring back to Board before further discussion.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported in June there were 7 medical calls and 1 fire call.

CEMETERY: There were 5 cremations and 1 full burial at Mountain View. Three replacement poles have arrived, with insurance claim making partial payment of invoice. There are still outstanding costs regarding putting the flagpoles up.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report for June reviewed. BOR is scheduled for July 17th. Assessor will be out of town from June 28th to July 6th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Chris Holmes, UPEA Engineer, presented USDA RD payment draw #9 on water project, in the amount of \$111,862.26 to Siler Contracting and \$12,565.00 to UPEA for total of \$124,427.26. Reported Atlantic mine is mostly done except for boring to Halonen's and one other property. Painesdale main lines are also almost complete. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Resolution 2018-07-01 for payment in the amount of \$124,427.26. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Decision on use of 12# ductile vs. HDTE (no joints) during boring will be made dependent on cost savings and material grade. Service lines are next item on project. Residents are responsible for, and will be encouraged to replace, their service line from shut-off to future avoid leaks.
- Chris Holmes updated the Board on M-26 water line replacement near Northern Hardwoods. Currently waiting for fittings on both ends of repair, then it will be complete. Presented request for payment #1 in amount of \$35,729.50. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Resolution 2018-07-02 for payment #1 in the amount of \$35,729.50. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor stated the funds will be repaid to wholesale water from certificate of deposit maturing in 2019.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reported the 3-yr old riding lawnmower at cemetery is unrepairable. Bids obtained: Abe's Supply \$3,299 for 34" cut and Ward's \$2999 for 42" cut. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila to purchase 42" zero-turn Husqvarna from Wards for \$2,999. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. J. Hayrynen will contact Wards on Tuesday.
- Supervisor Heikkinen strongly suggested Board members review the "Assessing Legislation" article in current Township Focus publication.

Trustee Mattila requested the Board discuss personnel issues in executive session immediately following the Wholesale Water Meeting to allow better flow and time management.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:00PM 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
JULY 2, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, July 2, 2018 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 Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Justin Hayrynen, and Office Manager, Heather Platzke were also present. Water Superintendent Hudson was absent with excuse. Thomas Pietila incoming Water Superintendent was also present.

- Tom Pietila was introduced and welcomed by the Board. Tom stated he is learning every day, working closely with Bob at pumping station. Justin is taking on-call, waterline calls, leaks in interim to allow Tom to shadow Bob in his job duties. He will then begin to shadow Justin to learn more about other Township duties.
- Tom stated he will be retaking the D2 exam in November. The City of Houghton D2 licensed personnel will continue to visit the pump station and sign off on reports when Bob retires until Tom obtains his D2 licensure.
- The third cell in Atlantic Mine has lost oxygenation and is being isolated and monitored.
- There was no flood damage at lagoons during recent storm; but lift station in Atlantic experienced alarms. Board gave thanks to Bob and Justin for all the emergency time they put in during storm.
- Township trucks have been shuffled around for personnel. Bob's truck will have repairs and may handle another year of snowplowing. Discussion on attaching plow to dump truck tabled for future discussion.
- Justin reported when Siler Construction finds shut-off close to house, new line is installed and shut-off is being moved to property line.
- Heather stated Adams Township School District inquired about placing a display about the bond issue in water dept. office. Clerk Pindral stated there cannot be any campaigning within designated distance from voting site.
- A volunteer from museum has contacted the office and volunteered to redo cemetery maps. Chris Holmes stated UPEA has the ability to scan and digitize maps.
- Questions have come up regarding filling of swimming pools. Current policy is to call the Fire Dept. and the will fill for a donation or pay for new separate meter to avoid sewage charges.
- Heather reports inquiries from Keweenaw Community Foundation re. flooding at Cole's Creek in Adams Township.
- Hall roof has leaked through upstairs and basement. Justin was instructed to obtain estimates to replace roof with metal.

MOTION to adjourn Wholesale Water Meeting and enter Executive session to discuss personnel issues at 7:33PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to leave executive session at 7:55PM and return Wholesale Water Meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated Board discussed health care packages for new Health Plan.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk