

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 5, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, June 5, 2017 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 Keranen, Trustee Mattila, and Clerk Pindral. Treasurer Immonen was absent with excuse. There were 6 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to accept the meeting minutes of the May 1, 2017 monthly meeting, and Wholesale water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS:

- City of Houghton Police Chief, John Donnelly, gave a presentation of project UPSET WEST. Due to the explosion in heroin and opiate drug use in our local area, and with the U.P. having only one UPSET drug officer situated in Marquette area, the need to develop a counter-attack resulted in the formation of UPSET West. With support of the Portage Health Foundation grants, support from Houghton County Sheriff Department, local hospitals, cities, villages, townships, and private citizen donations, funds were raised and undercover agents were trained. Chief Donnelly stated Adams Township EMT's are routinely responding to drug related medical calls. The Board was asked to consider signing a pledge form to assist UPSET West with funding to continue to combat drugs and dealers in the area. Supervisor Heikkinen stated the Board would discuss.
- Jim Pintar, South Range VFW, asked the Board to help pay for 20 stone plot markers for the Veterans/Spouse plots at an approximate cost of \$500. Also requested was financial assistance in replacing approx 45 3x5 flags in the cemeteries. Flags currently are available thru Rep. Bergman's office for \$10/each, plus shipping. Also discussed the need to upgrade the Honor Roll in Atlantic Mine. After discussion, MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Clerk Pindral to approve \$700 for cemetery markers and flags. Roll call, all ayes. Treasurer Immonen absent. Mr. Pintar stated the veterans would like to establish an Honor Roll at Veteran's Park for those who have served during any active time of war. Plan is to develop a committee comprised of representatives from the school, VFW, Lions, and Township. Trustee Mattila stated locals are asking why the Memorial Day Services for the local cemeteries are not published with the other Memorial Day services in the Daily Mining Gazette. Mr. Pintar stated when he made the same inquiry at the Gazette offices, he was told the only way to ensure anything gets into the paper, was to buy an ad.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Michigan Township Association "Principals of Governance" for public officials were read and then signed by each Board member.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported 9 medical calls and 1 fire calls. He stated there was a mishap during response by volunteer EMT to an incident in Painesdale on May 21st. A first responder's vehicle was hit by patient's vehicle and sustained \$2400 in damage. The Township insurance will only pay \$1000. After discussion and consult with Township attorney, MOTION by Clerk Pindral with support from Trustee Keranen to pay as "one-time" incident \$1400.22, and to contact insurance company to investigate rider for future. Roll call, All ayes. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor monthly report reviewed. No issues reported.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- White GMC pickup has been repaired, and should provide a few more years of service.
- Houghton County Road Oil application was received, slightly higher than last year. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to approve the dust application on Academy Road to Cemetery as well as Third Street in Baltic. Roll Call, all ayes. Motion carried. Heather will contact the road commission.
- Letter from Houghton County Treasurer regarding the acceptance or declination of tax foreclosure properties in Atlantic Mine and Painesdale. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to sign the declination of tax foreclosure property in Adams Township. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Holmes, UPEA, stated Bill Siler Contracting is the recommended low bidder for the water improvement project. MOTION by Clerk Pindral with support from Trustee Mattila to accept Resolution 2017-06-01 awarding Bill Siler Contracting the bid for Adams Township Water System Improvement at \$1,369,989.00 with Additive alternate B \$118,928.00 for a total of \$1,488,917.00. Roll call, all ayes. Treasurer Immonen absent. Motion/resolution approved. MOTION by Clerk Pindral with support from Trustee Mattila to approve Engineering Services Agreement Amendment #1 \$307,738 total. Roll call, All ayes. Treasurer Immonen absent. Motion carried. Board packet reviewed the documentation needed to be submitted to rural development. Board directed Treasurer Immonen to set up Miners Bank Retail Water Construction account as required in Bond Ordinance with Treasurer Immonen and Clerk Pindral providing signature. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to accept ROS Bulletin 1780-27: Loan Resolution 2017-06-02 Issuance of Bonds in the amount of \$1,992,000.00 for Water Improvement Project. Roll call, all ayes. Treasurer Immonen absent. Motion carried. A special meeting may need to be called next week for post approval of Bond Ordinance publication.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:50PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Mattila. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
June 5, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, June 5, 2017 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:55PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, Clerk Pindral, and Water Superintendent Bob Hudson. Also in attendance was Justin Hayrynen, Chris Holmes, and Heather Platzke. Treasurer Immonen was absent.

- Water Superintendent Bob Hudson reported he is putting numbers together for July meeting regarding upgrade to lagoons. Chris Holmes is working with Bob on volume numbers.
- New water line was installed on Store Hill in Painesdale to the property owners line with shut-off installed at property line.
- The grinder pump installation on M. Jukkala property is scheduled for June 12th. The equipment and materials needed are ready. Portage Lake Contracting and Bay Electric will be assisting. Estimated cost is \$14-15,000, and considered a fixed asset not repair expense.
- A call has been received from a resident in Trimountain about a possible sewer leak in Trimountain. Justin and Bob were directed to investigate the pooling located on far right corner of Second Street in Trimountain. Supervisor Heikkinen asked if all residents in Trimountain were hooked to the sewer lines. Office Manager Heather was directed to check with the Building Department at the Courthouse regarding plumbing permits for sewer installations.
- Trustee Mattila stated employees should be given a cell phone stipend for using personal cell phones for Township business. This will be discussed at a future meeting after investigating how other agencies handle this.
- Bob H. stated that he and Justin will be attending an OSHA class on June 6th at the Houghton Fire Hall

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen at 8:12PM to go into executive session discuss personnel issues. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to exit executive session at 8:35PM and return to Wholesale Water meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen at 8:36PM to re-convene Wholesale Water meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Heikkinen stated the closed session to discuss personnel issues ended, and the Supervisor and Clerk will address said issues. With no further business to discuss, MOTION to adjourn at 8:37PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 13, 2017

A special meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan. The purpose of the meeting was to adopt bond ordinance for upcoming water project and any other business as brought before the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, and Clerk Pindral. Trustees Mattila and Keranen were absent with excuse. Chris Holmes was in attendance.

Chris Holmes, UPEA, presented a 40 page Ordinance authorizing Issuance of \$1,992,000 Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2017. The ordinance must be published in full in local general circulation newspaper, and is scheduled to appear in this week's Daily Mining Gazette. MOTION made by Treasurer Immonen with support from Clerk Pindral to adopt Ordinance 2017-06-01 - Ordinance to provide for the Acquisition, Construction and Equipping of Improvements to the Water Supply System of the Township of Adams; To Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Revenue Bonds to Pay a Portion of the Cost Thereof; To Prescribe the Form of the Bonds; To Provide for the Collection of Revenues from the System Sufficient for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Operation and Maintenance of the System and to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Bonds of the System; To Provide an Adequate Reserve Account for the Bonds; To Provide for the Segregation and Distribution of the Revenues of the System; To Provide for the Rights of the Holders of the Bonds in Enforcement Thereof; And to Provide for Other Matters relating to the Bonds, and System. Roll call 3 Ayes, No Nays. Two board members were absent from voting. Motion carried. Chris Holmes stated he has scheduled publication and will obtain the five affidavits needed to submit to Rural Development.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION to adjourn at 4:08PM by Supervisor Heikkinen with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 16, 2017

A special meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Friday, June 16, 2017 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan. The purpose of the meeting was to adopt bond resolution for upcoming water project and any other business as brought before the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, and Clerk Pindral. Trustees Mattila and Keranen were absent with excuse. Chris Holmes was in attendance.

Chris Holmes, UPEA, presented a Resolution for first payment of funds in the amount of \$228,836.13 for the reimbursement of costs paid through 6/9/17, Bond Counsel and MI Dept. of Treasury costs. Checks will be brought to the Loan Closing. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Clerk Pindral to approve Resolution 2016-06-03 – Approval of Payment of Services in the following amounts: Adams Township Reimbursement of costs paid thru 6/9/17 \$206,337.73; Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone Bond Counsel Invoice \$22,100.00 and Michigan Department of Treasury \$398.40: Totaling \$228,836.13. Roll call 3 Ayes, No Nays. Two board members were absent from voting. Motion carried

First agreement with Lawyers Mechlin/Tomasi was for \$2,000.00 but due to the lengthy easement process, costs have increased. MOTION by Clerk Pindral with support from Treasurer Immonen to approve Amendment for Legal Services Contract with Lawyer Tomasi to not exceed \$3,905.00. Roll call, three ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

Under pages 35/37 of deck pages, the Clerk and the Treasurer must be covered by a \$75,000 fidelity bond. Hannula Insurance was notified, and a bond has been issued. Proof must be submitted for the loan.

Chris Holmes stated payments/invoices will be made under draw requests. Contractor has been notified that quantities are to be done daily, verified by UPEA, Board approved and submitted monthly.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION to adjourn at 12:40PM by Treasurer Immonen with support from Clerk Pindral. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 22, 2017

A special meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss personnel issues.

The meeting was called to order at 3:35PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, and Trustee Keranen. Trustee Mattila and Clerk Pindral were absent with excuse. Heather Platzke and Justin Hayrynen were also in attendance.

Four people (Steven F., Ron P., Jordan K, and Duke P.) were interviewed and the job description gone over. MOTION made by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen to offer the job to Duke Pyykkonen. Roll call, three ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Pindral will get paperwork ready.

A MOTION to adjourn at 4:03PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:



In absence of
Township Clerk