

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
June 4, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday June 4 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 7 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the minutes of the May 7, 2018 Monthly meeting, and May 7, 2018 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- KEDA acknowledgment on \$250.00 membership renewal.
- Correspondence from Portage Lake Water & Sewage informing Township regarding their plan to apply biosolids on a homeowner property within Township boundaries. Analysis of concentration limits are well below DEQ acceptable levels.
- Bid (\$1,730.00) from Asplundh for 2018 Herbicide application at lagoons in Painesdale received. Due to mine rock embankments, mowing is impossible. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to approve bid in amount of \$1,730.00 from Asplundh for herbicide application at Painesdale Lagoon. Roll call, all yes. Motion carried. Discussion regarding sludge check of lagoons for biomass level. Chris Holmes stated UPEA has sludge check gauge the Township could use. Suggests setting monies aside in bio-sludge fund for future biomass removal.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial reports for May reviewed. Clerk Pindral reported an additional \$990.00 income from burials not reflected in report. MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to accept the May financial reports. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported in May there were 15 medical calls and 2 fire calls.

CEMETERY: Both cemeteries are open and staffed. Cole Smith is working at Mountain View cemetery and James Malila is at the Atlantic Mine Cemetery. Jerry Wisniewski will be assisting at either cemetery as needed. Three cemetery poles in the veterans' portion of Mountain View were vandalized. An insurance claim is being initiated. Discuss regarding locking the gates, placing cameras, etc. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to purchase 3 game cameras for cemeteries. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Two cameras will be placed at Mountain View and one in Atlantic Mine.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report for May reviewed. BOR will be held July 17th from noon to 1PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Chris Holmes, UPEA Engineer, reported only one bid was received on the M-26 Watermain replacement. Siler Contracting bid 63,200 to bore under M26 and 59,500 to connect from Northern Hardwoods side of M-26. B. Hudson has requested the valve installed before

Northern Hardwoods. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with second from Trustee Keranen to adopt Resolution 2018-06-01 Option B by Siler Contracting in the amount of \$59,500.00 for M-26 Watermain Replacement. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried. C. Holmes will inform Siler Contracting.

- Chris Holmes, UPEA Engineer, presented USDA Rural Development payment request for UPEA \$9,420.24 and Siler Contracting \$162,899.06 for a total of \$172,899.06. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Resolution 2018-06-02 for payment in the amount of \$172,899.06. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.
- Chris Holmes reported the Atlantic Mine landscaping of work done on Water Project looks good. He will have engineer on site double check S Huron Street as well as Old Mill Hill to make sure sites were properly seeded. Siler is close to having most of the main in Painesdale done after this week. Will bore under M-26 on Iroquois St in Painesdale. Contractor appears to be slightly ahead of schedule.
- Continued Agreement Renewal with Portage Township was drawn up for fifteen years. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept and sign Continued Agreement Renewal with Portage Township. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Pindral will send Portage Township a signed copy of Agreement.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated Houghton County Road Commission is getting ready for dust control applications. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to apply dust control to Academy Road and portion of 16th Ave in Baltic at cost of \$1,372.00. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Heather Platzke will contact the Road Commission.
- NCummins has submitted proposal for planned maintenance on lift stations. After discussion Board decided to have local electrician perform majority of work. May utilize NCummins if future need arises. Bob Hudson stated the Baltic generators are working, but getting old. Need to budget for future replacement.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Work has been completed on the Atlantic Mine Fire Hall.
- Plans reviewed for Veterans Memorial to be built in South Range. FYI only. Fundraising will be started in near future.
- Legislation has been proposed at State level to eliminate Assessors I and II by 2021 and Level III and IV by 2023 with min. of 5000 parcels to assess with 12million assessed/ collected values annually. The 1% administration fee currently collected by Township would go to County. This would also eliminate March BOR at local level, having it all at county level. Legislation would also prohibit supervisors from being the assessor. U.P. Assessing Association is currently investigating and looking for answers.
- AMAR audit will be looking at 20% of property cards to insure up to date. Premier MI Assessing has quoted a \$20/parcel to Assessor Karrio to update Adams Township 1500 parcels. Board requested discussion with assessor to get more defined idea of how much help would be needed by her to get done.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:10PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
JUNE 4, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at the Township Hall, 17104 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, Clerk Pindral. Water Superintendent Hudson, Justin Hayrynen, and Office Manager, Heather Platzke were also present.

- As discussed in regular meeting, the Water Project in Painesdale is ahead of schedule and Trimountain will be the next project if monies permit.
- Supervisor Heikkinen reported Tom Pietila has given notice at his employment and will start at Adams Township on June 11th. Health insurer will give start date of medical insurance according to policy. Plan to be determined. Bob Hudson will work with Tom on orientation but informed the Board he has vacation planned in July. Bob stated he will be available in the future for consultation if needed.
- Heather Platzke asked the Board for clear, concise information regarding Township Let-Run Policy. Bob Hudson stated it has always been understood if homeowner's line freezes, it is their responsibility to thaw. Then inform the Township and then get permission to let-run. Baltic does have "areas" that are mandatory let-run due to water lines close to surface. Heather would like to inform those on the let-run list of Township Policy to they will have time to take action on lines on their property that are too shallow. Residents are no longer permitted to let-run to avoid freeze and expect a discounted rate due to abuse of policy.
- Heather stated a resident who purchased property that still has a sewer stub on it, wants to know if sewer charges must be paid. If there is a building on property, it is still billable. If building is removed and there is no water service, the issue will be revisited. If removed and future hook-up requested, the water/sewer hook-up fees (at the current time) will be charged. Currently the fee is \$900.00.
- Houghton County Road Commission refused the request of Dawn of New Day to place a sign on current pole in Atlantic Mine. .
- Water shut-offs continue.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Trustee Mattila to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk