

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, November 6, 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, Treasurer Immonen, and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Mattila was absent with excuse. There were 8 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2017 Monthly meeting and October 2, 2017 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS:

- Don Verran stated after the Siler construction crew finished the water line work in his yard, they didn't replace all the topsoil. He has water pooling in the yard. Supervisor Heikkinen and Engineer Holmes stated they will send someone out to check this week. Mr. Verran also stated that his mother's house in Baltic is still flooding. Township employees did listen for leaks and checked the water for chlorine, with negative results. Water was shut off for 24 hours but the flow continues. Water Superintendent Hudson stated the house drain foundation was not functioning and should be replaced. This would be homeowner's responsibility. Supervisor Heikkinen instructed Bob, Duke, and Jerry to dig to the main in front of house on 11th street to check for leak as first step into resolving.
- David Fox stated the dusk-to-dawn light on the corner of the Township building is not working even after having the bulb replaced. He reports witnessing some "very particular nighttime activity" in this vicinity. This will be checked into.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Invoices received from Cummins for year three of preventative full-maintenance on lift stations. Cost to be divided between the four towns. Bob Hudson stated the generator in the Brooklyn lift station needs a new control board. Cummins will order and ship the control board for local electrician to install to avoid costly travel expense.
- Annual invoice received from Bendzinski regarding posting of the Township Audit requirement when wholesale water loan was refinanced.
- Letter received from MDOT regarding M-26 water leak by Northern Hardwoods. They are still investigating if the repair can be done in the spring or if it will need to be done ASAP. Engineer Holmes stated he has requested bids on boring under the highway but contractors state it would be much more cost effective to do in the spring. Putting in a trench drain might also be an option. He is waiting for the MDOT representative to give the final word.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Supervisor Heikkinen gave the report in Trustee Mattila's absence. October had 8 medical calls and 1 fire call.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor monthly report reviewed. Board of Review has been scheduled for December 12th, from noon to 1PM. Corrections only. Treasurer Immonen stated delinquent water/sewer bills will be placed on taxes, even if arrangements were made to pay but only one payment made. If no usage, the monthly base rate including debt will be the formula.

CEMETERY: Cemeteries are closed. Burials are only if weather/conditions permit.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Heikkinen reports he has reviewed the budgets. Revenue in Painesdale is at 58%. \$200 has been moved from contract labor to capital outlay. Trimountain revenue is at 60%. \$900 has been moved from repair/maintenance to professional services to cover expenditures. Baltic budget is at 58% of revenue. Atlantic Mine revenue is at 54% for the year with budget adjustments for grinder pump. Wholesale water has most fixed expenses but budget is good. Retail water needed \$3000 moved from health insurance to capital outlay to budget for the lift-gate, generator and swet-jet, all needed expenditures. The general fund needed the \$25000 added to capital outlay due to the purchase of the mini-pumper by the fire department. MOTION by Clerk Pindral with support from Treasurer Immonen to approve the budget changes as outlined by Supervisor Heikkinen. Roll call, all ayes. Motion approved. Clerk Pindral stated she hasn't had any revenue sharing deposits to post since August. Treasurer Immonen stated state revenue sharing is paid quarterly now.
- Discussion regarding the new water line service rates. The rate has been the same for at least five years: \$900 to hook-up on same side of road and \$2400 to other side of road. Ordinance does have some language that takes in some additional special circumstance expenses. It was suggested if the Township does change rates, to do it by resolution versus changing ordinance. Board agreed to leave rates as stands and underwrite some reasonable cost to encourage development in the Township.
- Chris Holmes presented Resolution 2017-11-01 RD Grant/Loan \$224,483.89 with \$209,434.21 requested by Siler Contracting and \$15,049.68 requested by UPEA. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Keranen to approve Resolution 2017-11-01 for payment of funds for the Adams Township Water System Improvements in the amount of \$224,483. 89. Roll call, 4 ayes and 1 absent. Motion carried.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:13PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
November 6, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, November 6, 2017 at the Township Hall, 17118 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 Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Also in attendance was Water Superintendent Bob Hudson, Office Manager Heather Platzke and UPEA engineer Chris Holmes. Trustee Mattila was absent with excuse.

- Supervisor Heikkinen questioned Water Superintendent Bob Hudson regarding the Verran water situation in Baltic. Bob stated a foundation drain takes away the water before arrival in the basement, and it appears that Verrans is damaged. Supervisor Heikkinen reiterated to Bob to have Duke and Jerry go with him to dig a trench along the main to check for leak. To do as the Miss Dig application timeline permits.
- Bob stated the water meter at Northern Hardwoods is working. The meter was taken apart and there was a chunk of debris that was blocking the meter.
- Bob stated he has been training Duke Pyykkonen at the pumping station, and had brought the training book to the meeting for review. Supervisor Heikkinen stated Duke had discussed training with him and was satisfied with progress being made.
- Heather has been checking as to why Northern Hardwoods and Moyle Concrete Plant are billed at wholesale rates. Will investigate further.
- Heather asked if employees can set-up Saturday appointments to get into houses to fix water meters. Supervisor Heikkinen stated that would be good, to flex hours/days if needed to avoid overtime.
- Engineer Holmes stated the Atlantic Water project is pretty much on track. Not sure if Siler will need an extension due to weather or not.
- Stated there is a client in Atlantic Mine that was under the impression that a new water shut off valve would be installed on their property as they are not currently hooked up to the water system. However, only existing water service lines are being replaced within the Water Project areas. Also a question as to a client being within the 200ft leeway requirement for sewer hookup. Will do approximate measurements utilizing google earth before sending Josh in to measure with the wheel.
- Supervisor Heikkinen stated he spoke with auditor Bradford on whether the Township was financially stable to purchase a dump truck. Truck has a price tag of \$47,657 plus license transfer. Auditor Bradford stated it was feasible under building/grounds capital outlay. Supervisor Heikkinen will call Big Valley tomorrow and offer \$45,000 for truck.

With no further business to discuss, MOTION to adjourn at 8:08PM by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk