

ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY MEETING  
OCTOBER 2, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, October 2, 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, Treasurer Immonen, and Clerk Pindral. There were 7 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Special meeting, September 11, 2017 Monthly meeting, September 20, 2017 Special meeting, and September 11, 2017 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS:

- S. Sabatini, on behalf of the Adams Township School District Foundation, asked the Board to approve the Charitable Gaming License needed to hold a fundraiser raffle. MOTION by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila to approve signing Charitable Gaming License for ATSD Foundation raffle. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Pindral will fill out application and forward to ATSD Foundation.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Notice from Lake Superior Timber regarding withdrawal of 18 acres of timberland near M-26 from CFR status. Supervisor Heikkinen will meet with Assessor Karrio regarding request.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported September had 7 medical calls and 1 fire call. Clerk Pindral stated the check for the purchase of mini-pumper truck is written and co-signed, ready for Chief Coponen to pick up.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor monthly report reviewed. No issues. Heater in office has been fixed.

CEMETERY: Supervisor Heikkinen stated burials are still being performed. Jerry is still working at the cemeteries two days a week, then cutting grass at the lagoons and grounds, and assisting with water meter reading as needed. Heather said that a woman called about a cemetery marker that an employee fixed. She was very grateful, and stated she would be sending in a donation. Heather also stated the trimmer purchased for the Atlantic Mine cemetery has never been used. Board decided to keep it on hand as a spare.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Chris Holmes stated 90+ out of 156 hook-ups have been completed in Atlantic Mine as of meeting held on Thursday AM. Slightly behind schedule. Siler has been focusing on getting all hook-ups that cross the road done first due to asphalt plant schedule.

- Chris Holmes report payment on Draw #2 was held up due to elimination of check charges. Should be in construction account any day.
- Resolution in the amount of \$153,366.12 received from UPEA for payment draw on the USDA water project. MOTION by Trustee Keranen with support from Treasurer Immonen to approve Resolution 2014-10-01 in the amount of \$153,366.12 to be submitted to USDA for payment. Roll call, all ayes, Motion carried.
- Repair on water leak on M-26 by Northern Hardwoods on hold, still waiting for direction from officials at MDOT. Supervisor Heikkinen stated he wants a plan in place due to possible impact on Northern Hardwoods, and what procedures have to be followed due to major trunk line involved.
- Bid received from Big Valley Ford for dump truck came in at \$46,706 plus Tax/license. It is a V10 gas, not diesel and would be available in early December.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There have been a few inquiries regarding blight ordinances. Supervisor Heikkinen reviewed copies of Blight Ordinance 2011-06 which is complemented by Ordinance 2005-1 Dangerous Building Ordinance. The Houghton County Building Inspector can also be involved if necessary. Copies of the ordinances are available for viewing in the water dept. office during regular office hours.

MOTION to adjourn at 6:25PM 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  
October 2, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Treasurer Immonen, Trustee Mattila, Trustee Keranen, and Clerk Pindral. Also in attendance was Water Superintendent Bob Hudson, Office Manager Heather Platzke and UPEA engineer Chris Holmes.

- Supervisor Heikkinen updated Board on meeting with Bob Hudson, and described training plan that was set in action to get Milton Pyykkonen on the path to obtaining licensing. A record will be kept that describes topic, discussion, date of training as well as being signed off by the trainer and trainee. This training record will be brought to meetings monthly for the Board to review. To date, Bob reviewed pump operation, lubrications and such, Chlorine and Phosphates, feed and adjustments. He plans on having Milton actually perform the next chlorine tank change after watching the process. Bob was encouraged to go over training manuals and problem-solving with Milton as much as possible on slow days. Use the meeting room as a study hall if necessary.
- Bob stated he is waiting for Ryan from the City of Houghton Water Dept. to return his call.
- The On-Call list has been updated and submitted to emergency sources. Bob is first call on the list, followed by Milton, then Supervisor Gerry. Bob will take the call, and then call Milton for back-up and manpower.
- Due to the blue Ford having the lift gate that is needed for hauling equipment, Bob will need to continue to drive the white truck. He was encouraged to let the Board know if any issues arise with the truck so they can be addressed as soon as possible.
- Furnace room boiler needs a condensation pump. Wilmer's will be coming tomorrow to fix.
- Heather stated the shut-off notices were changed to a more noticeable color and name was added.
- Water Project in Atlantic Mine update was given during Township monthly meeting earlier.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen at 6:45PM to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen at 7:38PM to exit executive session and return to Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Trustee Keranen at 7:38PM to re-adjoin Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen that in reviewing wages of Township employees and in lieu of recent events, the Board will increase hourly wages effective October 3, 2017. Roll Call, all ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor Heikkinen will talk to each employee to inform of Board decision.

With no further business to discuss, MOTION to adjourn at 7:39PM by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,  
Township Clerk