

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING
September 10, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Board was held on Monday, September 10, 2018 at the Township Hall, 17118 First Street, Baltic, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Pledge of allegiance was recited. The following board members responded to roll call: Supervisor Heikkinen, Trustee Mattila, Treasurer Immonen, and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse. There were 15 guests in attendance.

MOTION made by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to accept the minutes of the August 6, 2018 Monthly meeting, and August 6, 2018 Wholesale Water meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Terri A. is requesting compensation for any/all damages including basement foundation that occurred from flooding due to improper road grade done during water system improvements. Terri stated she has reported flooding multiple times but has not gotten issue resolved. Supervisor Heikkinen and UPEA Engineer Chris Holmes viewed video clip Ms. Andrews provided. Chris Holmes, Tom Pietila, and Supervisor Heikkinen will meet at 1:30 in Painesdale to view property, and someone will get back to her.
- Barbara M. representing Painesdale Mine & Shaft, stated there has been major work done on the property which involved moving the mining cars to another area. It was believed the cars belong to the Township and PM&S did not want it to appear to have "taken the cars". Clerk Pindral stated the mining cars had been donated to PM&S by a private party quite a few years ago.
- Janet K. inquired on updates on the wind turbines. Supervisor Heikkinen stated Assessor Kaario has gotten involved regarding the taxation process. Sale of turbine property has not gone through yet. Ms. Kokko inquired if the setbacks can be changed. Lawyer Mackey stated the Board can review the ordinance but cannot change without due procedure which would likely result in a lengthy and costly lawsuit.
- Derek K. requested reimbursement for costs incurred for clean-up after sewer backed up into his basement. He applauded the Township crew for resolving the issue fast. Supervisor Heikkinen instructed him to turn in the actual receipts to the Township Clerk for payment.
- Glenn Anderson introduced himself as candidate running for the position of District 3 Commissioner. He stated he will attempt to attend meetings as able.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Audit Report performed by Rukkila and Negro and Associates for FY 4/1/17-3/31/18 is complete. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Clerk Pindral to accept the FY 4/1/17-3/31/18 Audit Report. All ayes, with Trustee Keranen absent. Motion carried. Supervisor Heikkinen stated all accounts now have long-term debt. With the current on-going water project, for the first time Retail Water now has a 40yr debt obligation. The Board will continue to get tougher on collection of delinquent water accounts. Will also get tougher on water leaks to obtain a tighter, more efficient system. The Board thanked the Township employees for doing a great job.
- Information received from FEMA regarding available offers for flood insurance. Representatives from FEMA Flood Insurance met at the Township last week. Designation of flood plain is no longer required to obtain coverage. Paperwork will be sent to the Township to complete, which will enable the anyone in township to be eligible to apply for coverage.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Mattila reported since last meeting there were 14 medical calls and 1 fire call.

CEMETERY: Treasurer Immonen stated there were 3 August burials and so far in September 2 burials in Atlantic Mine. With funds from the cemetery millage depleted for the season, Jim Malila finished working in Atlantic Cemetery on August 31, and Cole Smith will work at Mountain View until September 30th. The Board thanked the men for the great job on cemetery maintenance. There have been lots of compliments.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Assessor report for August reviewed and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Chris Holmes, UPEA engineer, stated the Water Project according to original contract is finished. After balancing quantity Change Order, a savings of \$100,000 revealed. With this savings and utilization of 5% of contingency, Siler Contracting is working on 4th St & 3rd Ave (Alternate C) in Trimountain. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support by Treasurer Immonen to approve Change Order #3 Time Extension of Contract for addition of 35 days due to inclusion of Alternate C and contract price adjustment of \$27,216.19. Roll call, all ayes with Trustee Keranen absent. Dependent upon approval of Change Order a MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to approve Engineering Services Agreement #4 to change scope of services to include addition of Alternate C to contract at change of \$25,470.00. Roll call, All ayes with Trustee Keranen absent. Motion carried. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Clerk Pindral to approve Resolution 2018-01-01 for payment of funds in the amount of \$371,774.35 with Siler Contracting receiving \$354,628.37 and UPEA receiving \$17,145.97. Roll call, all ayes with Trustee Keranen absent. Motion carried. Completion date of October 12, 2018.
- Chris Holmes strongly encouraged the Board to increase water rates incrementally on a regular basis to keep up with cost of living as well as cost of line repairs. As rates increase, based on census figures, the Township would be closer to qualifying for grants for projects versus taking on more long-term debt.
- Trustee Mattila inquired what the contingency plan is for blacktop due to current lock-out of equipment operators. Chris Holmes stated it is being looked into. Also inquired who is responsible for side of streets that washed out from recent rain. Chris Holmes stated Siler Contracting is responsible for topsoil/seeding that fails.
- The Board received two estimates for roof on Township hall. A claim has been opened for damages to ceiling on two floors due to roof failing. Waiting for adjuster to contact the Township.

With no other business brought before the Board, a MOTION at 7:06PM by Treasurer Immonen with support from Trustee Mattila. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral
Township Clerk

ADAMS TOWNSHIP
Wholesale Water Board
September 10, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Adams Township Wholesale Water Board was held on Monday, September 10, 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, and Clerk Pindral. Trustee Keranen was absent with excuse. Water Superintendent Thomas Pietila, Water Dept Employees Justin Hayrynen and Heather Platzke were also present.

- Tom Pietila stated the chlorine danger light sensor needs to be replaced at the pump station. He presented two quotes. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to purchase from Hawkins of single sensor Thermo Gas Alarm at cost of \$2,399.99. Roll call, all ayes with Trustee Keranen absent.
- Chemicals have been ordered and received for next quarter. Will need to order more copper line.
- Tom will obtain estimate for replacement pumps for next meeting. Replace one, rebuild other.
- Tom Pietila stated the lagoons are in isolation. Samples will be taken next week with discharge date set for Oct. 1st. No problems detected with increased rainfall.
- Geborkoff request for installation of grinder pump was given to Chris Holmes to review.
- Miller Bradford will need to go through skidsteer due to wiring. Have a starter but suspect solenoid.
- Tom stated Northern Hardwoods will be contacted to check water meter. Water will need to be shut off to check the industrial meter, so Friday at noon is a good option.
- Justin stated there are water-leaks on Ogima and Kearsarge and inquired if Township is responsible to run new line and shut off to the property line. Yes.
- Portage Lake Contracting will be contacted to repair a leak in Baltic due to equipment needed to make repair.
- Customer in Trimountain has complained of flooding and Houghton County Road Commission stated it is not their problem. Roadway right of way is approx. 25feet. Township does not maintain storm drains or ditches.
- Heather Platzke stated Township has received a request to place a sign on Erickson Drive inform motorists of a deaf child in area. After discussion, the Board motioned to give approval to have sign placed but will not pay for the sign as child does not permanently live in Township.

MOTION to exit Wholesale Water Meeting and enter Executive session with Tom Pietila present to discuss personnel issues at 7:45PM by Supervisor Heikkinen with support from Trustee Mattila. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to leave executive session at 8:00PM and return Wholesale Water Meeting. Roll call, all ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Heikkinen performed 90 day evaluation and congratulated Water Superintendent Tom Pietila on successfully fulfilling his 90 day probation period.

With no other business before the board. MOTION by Trustee Mattila with support from Treasurer Immonen to adjourn the meeting at 8:01P.M. Roll call, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Debbie Pindral,
Township Clerk