

ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2020



ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP BOARD

• Jim Nankervis- Supervisor- 485-5417- by appointment, in office most mornings • New Aaron Yunker- Clerk • Kristin Thornton- Treasurer • Curt Sjöholm- Trustee • New Dave Bosio- Trustee

Big Thanks to Cory Beth Grigg for serving 6 ½ years as Township Clerk and Charles Johnson who served 4 years as Township Trustee

GENERAL

• Ishpeming Township Office Hours are Mon. – Fri. - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. P: 485-5411

• Closed for lunch 12:00 P.M.-12:30 P.M.

• Visit our website at Ishpemingtownship.com and our Facebook Page

• Tammie Leece –Deputy Clerk/Billing Clerk

• New Billie Pohlman - Deputy Treasurer/Billing Clerk

• **Thank you Brittany Yohe, Deputy Treasurer & Billing Clerk for 6 ½ years of service.**

• In some of the residential neighborhoods, the residences have encroached on the alleyways and utility easements, making it impossible for the utility companies to get to the area to maintain their lines. Buildings and fences must be moved off of alleyways and utility easements

CENSUS 2020

Hopefully everyone filled out the Census Forms and sent them in, being counted helps our State and County & Local Government receive Revenue from the Federal and State Government.

STREETS & ROADS

Work completed in 2020

• Resurfaced Westwood Drive from 550' South of US 41 Intersection and cracked and chip sealed remaining portion to Southwood Drive

• Cracked and chip sealed Ellsworth Street from Aspen Drive to North Westwood Circle

Proposed work for 2021

• Resurface Rose Street between Randall Drive and US 41

• Resurface approximately 200' of Southwood Drive just west of Peterson Avenue

TAXES

• Winter Property taxes are currently due by February 15, 2021 without penalty

• Property Taxes paid between February 16 & February 28, 2021 will be subject to a 3% penalty • After March 1, 2021 taxes must be paid at the Marquette County Treasurer's office

• Summer Property Taxes will be out around July 1, 2021 and due by September 14, 2021 without penalty

ELECTIONS

• We had 3 Elections in 2020, they included the Presidential Primary on March 10th, General Primary on August 4th and the General Election on November 3rd. The General Election was very busy. It was a record turnout I believe for the Township

Registered Voters: 3,015; # Voters on Election Day: 965; # Absentee Voters: 1,067; 67 % Voter Turnout:

• At the present time we don't know of any elections being held in Ishpeming Township in 2021

DPW - WATER & SEWER

• **Craig Marietti**- Foreman •**Jason Marietti**-Maintenance •**Mitch Cain**- Laborer

• Notify the DPW if you hear or see a water leak. Phone: 485-5415

• Contact Ishpeming Twp. DPW if you notice a backup or overflow in our sewer system

• If you experience a back-up, file a claim with your insurance company & with the Township within 45 days. Home owner should have check valves in their sewer lines to prevent sewer backups in their homes

• DO NOT dispose of diapers, diaper wipes, sanitary products etc. into the sewer system

• Residents must keep alleys and utility easements open so the DPW can maintain water and sewer lines. If we cannot get to them, we cannot maintain them or repair water or sewer lines.

• You will notice there is WP on your water bill, it stands for Future Water Projects. Michigan, EGLE, is requiring more testing for lead and copper lines, which will be costly. Some water lines in the township have to be replaced in the next 10 years, so we are starting to save money now for the future projects. The DPW will be required to get into the homes to check the water piping coming into the homes.

• The DPW constructed a new newspaper building to replace the one damaged in a hit-and-run.

• Delinquent utility bills can become a lien on the winter tax bills

ZONING

• **Fred VanLuven- Zoning Administrator** - Phone: 906-250-2699

• Zoning Compliance Permits- \$20.00 • Mqt. Co. Building Codes P: 225-8189

• Before building a structure, you must apply for a zoning compliance permit, and then a County building permit. Make sure you aware of the setbacks required regarding alleyways, utility easements, and side lot lines. There is also fence permits available at the office when building or replacing a current fence.

ASSESSING

- **Jackie Lykins- Assessor** - Phone: 225-8410
- Office Hours vary, please call the office for times • Working on reassessing the Township • Marquette County is now handling our township assessing. Residents can contact Marquette County Equalization with any questions regarding their tax assessment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **Scott Earl Mann- Fire Chief - Emergency # 911**
- A new Pierce Fire Truck was purchased and will be delivered late 2021 or early 2022
- Fire Department recycles newspapers in metal building behind the township hall
- Change batteries in smoke detectors & Carbon Monoxide Detectors & keep chimneys clean
- Keep roads clear of snow & brush for Emergency Vehicles to access
- Family Night Out or Senior Party was not held due to Covid-19

POLICE

- **Mike Kohler, Police Chief** • Call Central Dispatch 911 for immediate needs • Keep snow on your side of the street • No overnight parking during winter months on streets • Do NOT plow snow across the roadways

RECREATION

- We had vandalism (graffiti) in one of the Little League Dugouts this summer. Report any vandalism to the Township Police Officer
- The basketball playing surface was resurfaced this year
- Two new pieces of equipment for the playground have been purchased, Fitcore Extreme Spiderwalk and the Cargo net and frame. These pieces will be install in the spring of 2021
- Keep vehicles off grass at all times

ANIMAL CONTROL

- Dogs must be licensed, contact your Vet or Marquette County Treasurer
- Pick-up after your pets and keep them under your control • Please keep your pets from barking
- A new Animal Control Ordinance was passed and sent into effect December 13, 2020

SOLID WASTE

- Great American Disposal 1-800-774-9006 for any garbage questions or concerns
- Maximum weight for Garbage Bags is 35 lbs.
- No SHARP OBJECTS or NEEDLES are to be put in the garbage bags without first being put in a solid container
- Since January 1, 2019 the tipping fees at the Marquette County Landfill have gone up \$15.80/ton. Present rate is \$64.50/ton.
- Ishpeming Township has received an EGLE Grant and Recycling Partnership Grant for recycling carts.
- Delivery of the carts are scheduled for late April 2021 and will be delivered to residents
- Carts are designated to the property (if owner sells the cart stays at the property)
- Replacement carts will be the property owners responsibility

GLASS RECYCLING

- Drop off location is 1575 U.S. Hwy 41 W
- 1st Wednesday of every month starting February 3rd, 1-6 p.m. next to papershack
- **GLASS ONLY** recycling trailer will be available
- Please visit our website ishpemingtownship.com or our Facebook page for additional information

WEST MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSFER STATION

Hours of Operation

Monday - 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Thursday - 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- Some metal and grass clippings can be disposed of for no cost
- There is no motorized vehicles allowed on the old landfill—please stay off per MDEQ rules
- Recycling Trailers at the Transfer Station have been discontinued since users of the system were putting non-recyclables in the bins
- The Transfer Station is off limits to residents when the gate is closed

SENIOR CITIZENS

- Greater Ishpeming Commission on Aging assists seniors. Call 485-5527 for more information. The Township representatives on this Commission are: Thomas Lucas and Steve Roberts

Planning Commission

- The Planning Commission has started reviewing the Ishpeming Township Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance to see what changes are needed

Parking Lot

- The parking lot in front of the Township Office and Fire Department was dug up and 6" of concrete pavement was installed. Most of the remaining parking lot was resurfaced with a 1 ½ layer of bituminous asphalt

