

ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021



ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP BOARD

- Jim Nankervis- Supervisor- (906)485-5417- by appointment, in office most mornings • Aaron Yunker- Clerk • Kristin Thornton- Treasurer • Curt Sjolholm- Trustee • Dave Bosio- Trustee

OFFICE STAFF

- Tammie Leece –Deputy Clerk/Billing Clerk
- Billie Pohlman - Deputy Treasurer/Billing Clerk

GENERAL

- Ishpeming Township Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday - Friday
- Closed for lunch 12:00 P.M.-12:30 P.M.
- Contact us at: (906)485-5411; email – ishtwp@ishpemingtownship.com; website - Ishpemingtownship.com; and our Facebook Page
- In some of the residential neighborhoods, the residents 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
- Residents, when selling your home, provide a forwarding address to send a final bill if necessary and be certain your utility bill is paid in full

CENSUS 2020

- Ishpeming Township saw a decline in residents from 3,513 in 2010 to 3,392 in 2020, a loss of 121

STREETS & ROADS

Proposed work for 2022

- Resurface Rose Street between Randall Drive and US 41

TAXES

- Winter Property taxes are due by February 14, 2022 without penalty
- Property Taxes paid between February 15 and February 28, 2022 will be subject to a 3% penalty
- Beginning March 1, 2022 taxes must be paid at the Marquette County Treasurer's office
- Summer Property Taxes will be out around July 1, 2022 and due by September 14, 2022 without penalty
- Delinquent utility bills can become a lien on the winter tax bills

ELECTIONS

- We had one school election for the residents of Ishpeming Township in the City of Ishpeming School District which was held on November 2, 2021

DPW - WATER & SEWER

- **Craig Marietti**- Foreman •**Jason Marietti**-Maintenance •**Mitch Cain**- Laborer
- DPW phone number: (906)485-5415
- **If you experience a sewer backup at your residence, day or night, contact DPW before you call a plumber, they can determine if it's in your line or the township main line.**
- 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 owners should have check valves in their sewer lines to prevent sewer backups in their homes
- DO NOT dispose 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 the lines, we cannot maintain or repair them.
- 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.
- Per State Statute, DPW will need to verify service-line material coming into the home. Access to your meter will be required.

ZONING

- **Fred VanLuven- Zoning Administrator** - Phone: (906)250-2699
- Zoning Compliance Permits are available at the Ishpeming Township office
- Marquette County Building Codes - Phone: (906)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.
- Before building or replacing a fence, residents need to purchase a zoning compliance permit which are available at the township office.

ASSESSING

- **Jackie Lykins- Assessor** - Phone: (906)225-8410
- Office Hours vary, please call the office for times
- Working on reassessing the Township
- Marquette County Equalization is now handling our township assessing. Any questions regarding tax assessments will be directed to their office

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **Scott Earl Mann- Fire Chief - Emergency # 911**
- A new Pierce Fire Truck was purchased and will be delivered late February 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

POLICE

- **Mike Kohler, Police Chief**
- Call Central Dispatch 911 for all police services, both emergency or non-emergency
- **DO NOT plow snow across the roadways**
- Keep snow on your side of the street
- No overnight parking during winter months on streets
- Winter Parking Ban Ordinance between 1 am and 6 am December 1 thru April 1 is in effect

RECREATION

- We had vandalism (graffiti) in one of the Little League Dugouts this summer. Report any vandalism to the Township Police Officer
- Two new pieces of equipment for the playground, Fitcore Extreme Spiderwalk and the Cargo net and frame were installed and are being used
- 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 is currently in effect

SOLID WASTE

- Great American Disposal 1-800-774-9006 for any garbage questions or concerns
- GAD has been purchased by GFL Environmental Inc.
- 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
- Ishpeming Township received an EGLE Grant and Recycling Partnership Grant for recycling carts.
- Residents received recycling carts in late April 2021
- Carts are designated to the property (if owner sells the cart stays at the property)
- Replacement carts will be the property owners responsibility
- Residents have recycled 117 tons this year. With the tipping fees saved, the Township shouldn't have to raise garbage rates next year. This should take care of any inflation and tipping fee increases.
- Keep up the good work with recycling! The more you recycle, the more you save!
- Go to the website **recycle906.com** for all your recycling questions.

GLASS RECYCLING

- **The 1st Wednesday of every month, 1-6 p.m.**, a **GLASS ONLY** recycling trailer will be available at 1575 U.S. Hwy 41 W near the newspaper recycling building behind the Township Hall
- 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. (Hours may change due to holidays)
- 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
- The Transfer Station is off limits to residents when the gate is closed

SENIOR CITIZENS

- Greater Ishpeming Commission (GIC) on Aging assists seniors. Congratulations to the GIC on Aging on their beautiful new building. Call (906)485-5527 for more information. The Township representatives on this Commission are: Thomas Lucas and Steve Roberts

Planning Commission

- The Planning Commission is working on reviewing the Ishpeming Township Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance to see what changes are needed