

ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022

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 residents

STREETS & ROADS

Work done in 2022

- Resurfaced Rose Street between Randall Drive and US 41 and repaired North Lake Drive in the area where we had a water-line leak
- Resurfaced County Road 573 from north side of Deer Lake to North Camp Road

TAXES

- Winter Property taxes are due by February 14, 2023 without penalty
- Property Taxes paid between February 15 and February 28, 2023 will be subject to a 3% penalty
- Beginning March 1, 2023 taxes must be paid at the Marquette County Treasurer's office
- Summer Property Taxes will be out around July 1, 2023 and due by September 14, 2023 without penalty
- Delinquent utility bills can become a lien on the winter tax bills
- **When paying Taxes and Utility Bills together, please make two separate checks**

ELECTIONS

- We had a Primary Election in August and General Election in November 2022
- At this time, there are no elections scheduled for 2023

DPW - WATER & SEWER

- **Craig Marietti**- Foreman •**Trevor Burke**-Maintenance •**Darian Dauphinais**- 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. Due to this mandate, the cost of water will be going up in the near future since we have to dig up the water shut off to check for lead pipe connections. Five percent per year of the hook-ups need to be checked.

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

- **Nicole Merlo- Assessor** - Phone: (906)225-8410; or email – assessing@ishpemingtownship.com
- 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 was delivered in April 2022. The cost of the new firetruck was approximately \$700,000
- 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
- Make sure to keep furnace and water heater exhausts clear of snow

POLICE

- **Mike Kohler, Police Chief**
- Call Central Dispatch (906)475-9912 for all police services, both emergency or non-emergency
- **DO NOT plow snow across the roadways**
- Winter Parking Ban Ordinance between 1 am and 6 am December 1 thru April 1 is in effect
- School Resource Officer will be assigned to the NICE Community Schools in 2023

RECREATION

- Report all vandalism to the Ishpeming Township Police Officer
- 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
- Please make sure your pet stays in your yard if unattended

SOLID WASTE

- Call Green for Life (GFL) 1-906-774-9006 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
- Residents received recycling carts in late April 2021. These blue recycling carts are to stay at the residence they were issued to
- 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 161 tons this year
- 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 from 1 pm - 6 pm, a GLASS ONLY** recycling trailer will be available at 1575 U.S. Hwy 41 W near the newspaper recycling building behind the Township Hall
- **The Township will not allow early drop offs for glass recycling**
- Please visit our website ishpemingtownship.com or our Facebook page for additional information
- No windows or porcelain will be accepted

WEST MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSFER STATION

- Summer Hours of Operation: April-October 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)
- **Winter Hours of Operation: November-March Monday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Thursday 8 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., the 1st Saturday of each winter month 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 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