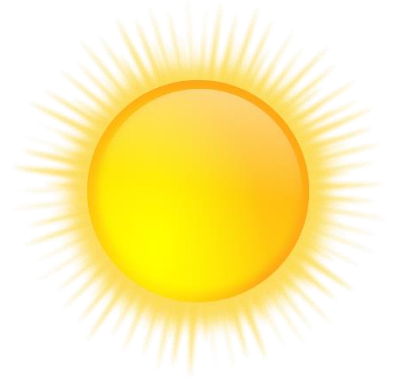


# ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP

## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023



### ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP BOARD

- Jim Nankervis- Supervisor- (906)485-5417- by appointment, in office most mornings • Aaron Yunker- Clerk • Kristin Thornton- Treasurer
- Curt Sjöholm- 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](mailto:ishtwp@ishpemingtownship.com); Website - [Ishpemingtownship.com](http://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

### STREETS & ROADS

#### Work done in 2023

- Resurfaced Randall Drive
- Resurfaced County Road 573 from north side of Deer Lake to North Camp Road

### TAXES

- Winter Property taxes are due by February 14, 2024 without penalty
- Property Taxes paid between February 15 and February 28, 2024 will be subject to a 3% penalty
- Beginning March 1, 2024 taxes must be paid at the Marquette County Treasurer's office
- Summer Property Taxes will be out around July 1, 2024 and due by September 14, 2024 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

- There was one election on May 2023
- At this time, there are 3 scheduled elections for 2024. The Presidential Primary on February 27<sup>th</sup>, Primary Election on August 6<sup>th</sup>, and Presidential Election on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

### DPW - WATER & SEWER

- **Craig Marietti**- Foreman •**Trevor Burke**-Maintenance •**Darian Dauphinais**- Laborer
- **Taylor Dellangelo**- 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)225-8405; or email – [assessing@ishpemingtownship.com](mailto: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**
- 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**

- **Chris Croley, Police Chief • Steve Kangas, Police Officer/School Resource Officer**
- 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 has been assigned to the NICE Community Schools
- Police are reminding motorists not to text/operate cell phone while driving, Michigan Motor Vehicle Code Section 257.602b

## **RECREATION**

- Report all vandalism to the Ishpeming Township Police Officer
- Keep vehicles off grass at all times
- Recreation Committee is working on new Recreation Plan

## **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
- Recycling carts are owned by the Township (if owner sells the house the cart stays at the property)
- Replacement carts will be the property owners responsibility
- Residents have recycled 164 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
- Driving on the old Landfill is prohibited

## **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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- Dumpster rentals are available at the Transfer Station. Call (906)486-8191 during business hours for scheduling.

## **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