

TOWNSHIP OF ISHPEMING
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

- 1. Roll Call: Present - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Nicole Hyry, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Curt Sjolholm, and Trustee Dave Bosio.
- 2. Salute to the Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by: Trustee Bosio Supported by: Trustee Sjolholm. All Ayes. Motion passed.
- 4. Reading of August 12, 2025: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Clerk Hyry. All Ayes. Motion passed to dispense with the reading of the above minutes.
- 5. Reading of Expenditures: Motion by: Trustee Bosio Supported by: Trustee Sjolholm All Ayes. Motion passed to accept the bills and order them paid as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hyry, Aye; Sjolholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye; Thornton, Aye

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	47955-47994	\$82,555.01
Township Payroll	34427-34448	\$36,580.18
PR Adjustment		\$0
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$21,567.80
Total		\$140,702.99
General Fund		\$56,491.99
Fire Fund		\$20,983.79
Police Fund		\$10,623.62
Street Lighting Fund		\$1,763.18
Recreation Fund		\$0
Sewer Fund		\$26,606.75
Street Improvement Fund		\$0
Water Fund		\$24,233.66
Capital Improvement		\$0
Total		\$140,702.99

- 6. Consent Agenda Department Reports: (Attached)
 - a. Animal
 - b. Assessor
 - c. DPW/Water
 - d. Fire
 - e. Police
 - f. Zoning
 - g. Revenue/Expenditure Account BalanceApproval of Consent Agenda Items A-G; Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Trustee Sjolholm All Ayes. Motion passed.
- 7. Public Comment: Matthew Treado from Treado Engineering provided an update on Financial Analysis for the West Ishpeming water lines.
- 8. Communications:
 - a. Reviewed email from Nicole Merlo, Marquette County Equalization Department regarding base charge per parcel fee increasing by \$0.10 per parcel.
- 9. Supervisor's Comments: See Attached
 - a. Approval of regular Board Meeting on October 14 being changed to October 15, 2025. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussed Fire Department Extraction.
- b. Approval of Ishpeming Township Recreation Plan. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Trustee Bosio to approve as completed. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Discussed Fire Department Fire Truck update.

11. New Business:

- a. Approval of Fire Department Fire Prevention Week. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Clerk Hyry to approve \$1,500. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Reviewed Ishpeming Area Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility 2026 Budget.
- c. MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement – Removed from meeting discussion.
- d. Approval of 2025 Tax Rate Form L-4029. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Clerk Hyry to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- e. Approval of Lee In IT Quote for 3 new computers. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Clerk Hyry to approve \$2,635. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- f. Reviewed Cleveland Cliffs Ishpeming Township Land Purchase Proposal.
- g. Approval of Fire Department Proposed Bylaw Changes. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Clerk Hyry to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

12. Board Comments:

- a. Trustee Sjöholm requested Solar Rebate and Dead River garbage billing be added to the October Board Meeting agenda. He also discussed the end of Braadstad Road potential being a problem when it rains. Supervisor Nankervis will be talking to Marquette Road Commission regarding Braadstad Road.
- b. Trustee Bosio stated County Road 573 had been graveled and leveled and the grass has been cut along Deer Lake roadway.

13. Public Comments: Jeff Antilla, Ishpeming MI attended meeting to discuss the possibility of landowners buying land from Ishpeming Township that is adjacent to landowners' property if the Township purchases land from Cleveland Cliffs.

14. Adjournment: Motion by: Trustee Bosio Supported by Treasurer Thornton
All ayes. Motion passed. Time: 7:08 p.m.

Nicole Hyry, Clerk

**Supervisor Comments
For September 9, 2025**

- 1. Worked on address of residents on the north side of the Dead River Basin.
- 2. We received the quote from Aqualis to make the repairs to the sewer lines we had them televise this summer. Estimated cost is \$38,874. I approve the quote, and they will do the work at the end of September or the first of October.
- 3. Attended a webinar on 8/20/25 presented by Fahey Law Firm called Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Acts.
- 4. Attended a meeting which was for Michigan Energy Study. They asked all kinds of questions on electrical use versus other forms of energy.
- 5. Attended the Fire Department (Neighbors Night Out) there was a good turnout for the event.
- 6. I'll be out of town on October 13th & 14th. Can we move the board meeting on October 14th to October 15, 2025?