

TOWNSHIP OF ISHPEMING
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

- 1. Roll Call: Present - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Nicole Hyry, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Curt Sjöholm, Trustee Dave Bosio
- 2. Salute to the Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approval of Agenda as modified to add Budget Amendments (11l): Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Trustee Bosio. All Ayes. Motion passed.
- 4. Reading of February 11, 2025: Motion by: Clerk Hyry Supported by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes. Motion passed to dispense with the reading of the above minutes.
- 5. Reading of Expenditures: Motion by: Trustee Bosio Supported by: Treasurer Thornton All Ayes. Motion passed to accept the bills and order them paid as presented, except for Loadmaster for additional charges for new garbage truck.
Roll Call Vote: Hyry, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjöholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	47576-47650	\$205,432.16
Township Payroll	34213-34237	\$59,012.37
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$39,781.36
Total		\$304,225.89
General Fund		\$180,027.75
Fire Fund		\$ 30,488.49
Police Fund		\$9,693.99
Street Lighting Fund		\$1,791.47
Recreation Fund		\$0
Sewer Fund		\$38,455.28
Street Improvement Fund		\$0
Water Fund		\$43,768.91
Total		\$304,225.89

- 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: Clerk Hyry All Ayes. Motion passed.
- 7. Public Comment: Ralph Roberts, Ishpeming MI discussed his experience with billing quotes. Quotes could be approved with changes but after the fact shouldn't be approved.
- 8. Communications:
 - a. Approval of Treado Engineering for West Ishpeming Water Options #1 Surveying Equipment & Training and #2 USDA RD Water Project Application. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Trustee Sjöholm to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
 - b. Reviewed U.P.S.E.T Thank you letter.

- c. Approval of Ely and Tilden Township's Fire Retainer increases. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Trustee Bosio to approve and send letters. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- d. Approval of UPPCO WHS/41 Intersection Lighting Project. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Clerk Hyry to approve wattage lighting increase on the south side of intersection. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

9. Supervisor's Comments: See Attached

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussed Fire Department Ordinance #4-2 to Establish Charges for Fire Department Emergency Extraction Services. Supervisor Nankervis and Trustee Sjöholm will check more into it.
- b. Approval of Greater Ishpeming Commission on Aging donation of \$2,000. Motion by; Clerk Hyry Support by; Trustee Bosio to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Discussed Fire Truck update.
- d. Discuss Fire Department - Amended Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association Agreement – No action at this time.

11. New Business:

- a. Approval of Resolution #2025-4 Buy/Sell Real Estate. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Clerk Hyry to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
Roll Call Vote: Hyry, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjöholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye
- b. Approval of Resolution #2025-5 to Adopt Department Officials for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Trustee Bosio to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
Roll Call Vote: Hyry, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjöholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye
- c. Approval of Resolution #2025-6 Legal Depositories. Motion by; Clerk Hyry Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
Roll Call Vote: Hyry, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjöholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye
- d. Approval of Resolution #2025-7 Monthly Board Meetings. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by Trustee Sjöholm to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
Roll Call Vote: Hyry, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjöholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye
- e. Approval of Resolution #2025-8 Budget Resolution. Motion by; Clerk Hyry Support by Trustee Bosio to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
Roll Call Vote: Hyry, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjöholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye
- f. 2025 Boards and Commissions. Approved in February 2025
- g. Approval of Ishpeming Township Employee Wage Rates. Motion by; Trustee Thornton Support by Clerk Hyry to approve Wage Chart. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried. Approval of 2025 Employee Negotiations. Motion by; Trustee Bosio; Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve Supervisor Nankervis to sign. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- h. Approval of Fire Department Dinged Fire Company Purchase Order. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Clerk Hyry to approve \$4,827. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- i. Approval of Marquette County Road Commission 2025 Dust Control Agreement. Motion by; Supervisory Nankervis Support by Trustee Bosio to approve \$2,902.59. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- j. Discussed Lake Superior Partnership Membership. Supervisor Nankervis will obtain form and cost.
- k. Discussed Craig Marietti's Retirement.
- l. Discussed Budget Amendments.

12. Board Comments:

- a. Trustee Sjöholm stated he will draft a letter to Fox Marquette Chev and Load All regarding the additional charges on the new garbage truck for the fuel tank relocation and will provide letter to Supervisor Nankervis to review. He will do more research on Fire Department Ordinance Emergency Extraction charges. He also asked about a report for north of Ishpeming garbage costs and hours by cost. Treasurer Thornton will look into spreadsheet after taxes are all wrapped up.
- b. Treasurer Thornton stated she is wrapping taxes up. She said thank you to Tammie and Billie for a great job.

13. Public Comments: Matt Treado from Treado Engineering thanked the Board and said he was happy to be back at it.
14. Adjournment: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by Trustee Bosio
All ayes. Motion passed. Time: 7:36 p.m.

Nicole Hyry, Clerk

Supervisor's Comment
Supervisor Comments for March 11, 2025

1. Working on the submittal to the American Rescue Plan for the funding we received for the following projects: HVAC replacement, garbage truck, bleachers, Northshore Drive resurfacing, and chip sealing local roads.
2. Working on the documentation required to get reimbursed for the energy credit for the solar panels.
3. Attended webinar on the new earned Sick Time Act that the state enacted. They kept on changing up to the last minute when it passed.
4. Worked on the Budget for Fiscal Year April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026.
5. Attended the Marquette County Township Association Meeting on February 26, 2025, at Negaunee Township Hall. Guest speakers were the Marquette County Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Equalization Director, and Building Code Official.
6. I will be going to the Michigan Township Association Educational Conference in Grand Rapids from March 31, 2025, thru April 3, 2025.
7. Meeting at Ishpeming City Hall at 1:00 pm on March 26, 2025, to discuss the pros and cons of which the Ishpeming Area Wastewater Treatment Plant remains a Board under 1967 PA 7 and 1981 PA 129 or becoming an authority under 1955 PA 233. Also, discuss the possibility of City of Negaunee becoming an owner. I believe the City of Ishpeming will have a full board at the meeting. Should we have a board meeting then?
8. No one is taking over the WIN Girls Little League Softball program. If that is the case, Cherish Ostola (Westwood Fast Pitch Coach) would like to use the little league field to start a new league called the Sunnyside Fundamental Fast Pitch for younger girls on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for 4 or 5 weeks starting when school is out.