

TOWNSHIP OF ISHPEMING MINUTES

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

1. Roll Call: Present - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Nicole Hyry, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Curt Sjoholm, and Trustee Dave Bosio.
2. Salute to the Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by: Trustee Bosio Supported by: Clerk Hyry. All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Reading of November 11, 2025: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Trustee Bosio. All Ayes. Motion passed to dispense with the reading of the above minutes.
5. Reading of Expenditures: Motion by: Clerk Hyry Supported by: Trustee Sjoholm. All Ayes. Motion passed to accept the bills and order them paid as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Sjoholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Hyry, Aye

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	48101-48147	\$175,433.36
Township Payroll	34523-34544	\$35,952.92
PR Adjustment		\$0
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$25,149.67
Total		\$236,149.67
General Fund		\$87,438.98
Fire Fund		\$21,977.99
Police Fund		\$14,062.14
Street Lighting Fund		\$1,777.73
Recreation Fund		\$0
Sewer Fund		\$89,745.27
Street Improvement Fund		\$0
Water Fund		\$21,533.84
Capital Improvement		\$0
Total		\$236,535.95

6. Consent Agenda Department Reports: (Attached)
 - a. Animal
 - b. Assessor
 - c. DPW/Water
 - d. Fire
 - e. Police
 - f. Zoning
 - g. Revenue/Expenditure Account Balance
 Approval of Consent Agenda Items A-F; Motion by: Trustee Sjoholm Supported by: Treasurer Thornton. Approval of Consent Agenda Item G; Motion by Trustee Bosio Support by: Clerk Hyry to approve budget adjustments as stated. 5 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Motion passed.
7. Public Comment:
8. Communications:
 - a. Discussed 2025 Newsletter, Board Members will review.
 - b. Discussed letter regarding potholes on Randall and Lilac. Supervisor Nankervis called Marquette County Road Commission to report it.
 - c. Approval of Ishpeming Public School 2026 Summer Property Tax Collections. Motion by Treasurer Thornton Support by; Clerk Hyry to approve. 5 Ayes. 0 No. Motion Carried.

- d. Reviewed email from Luke Thomas inquiring for potential transitional housing project and email from Linda Noble regarding the Mather Nursing Home building
- e. Reviewed letter from Attorney Pickens regarding scheduled blight meeting for Lusardi's, a hearing is scheduled on Tuesday, December 23, 2025.

9. Supervisor's Comments: See Attached

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussed River Street Property with Antonio Adan. Approval to allow Supervisor Nankervis to go into negotiations with Landbank for River Street site and bring it back to the Board. Motion by Trustee Bosio Support by; Treasurer Thornton. 5 Ayes. 0 No. Motion Carried.

11. New Business:

- a. Approval of Fire Department Probationary member Luke Delongchamp. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by; Treasurer Thornton to accept recommendation by Fire Department, as long as all required documents and physicals are passed. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Approval of North Woods Carpentry for salting/sanding Ishpeming Township parking lot. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Clerk Hyry to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Approval of switching to Wex State of Michigan fuel card program. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- d. Fire Department Comments

12. Board Comments:

- a. Trustee Bosio attended the Marquette County Township Association party and really appreciate it. He also thanked everyone for attending the board meeting with their concerns regarding the Mather Nursing Home building (Mission Point).

13. Public Comments: Andrew Ahonen, Max and Rebecca McPherson, Lynn Haukkala, Jerry Hebert and Paul Hytinen attended the meeting to voice their opinions regarding the Mather Nursing Home building becoming a homeless shelter with problems regarding active drug users, needles, pipes, booze, loitering, the fighting and deaths, no sidewalks, lack of transportation and the need for public transit. Concerns about the safety of the children, schools (Christ The King, Aspen Ridge, and Westwood High) and the community within the Township including the wooded areas. Discussion regarding the problems Marquette is having at this time and possible impact on the hospital, fire fighters, and police departments. They are hoping the Board will take this into consideration. Residents moved here for the quiet and safety of allowing children to go outside freely and believe it is a horrible idea and should not be allowed and are also what negative impact it will have on their property value.

14. Adjournment: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by Clerk Hyry
All ayes. Motion passed. Time: 7:36 p.m.

Nicole Hyry, Clerk

**Supervisor Comments
For December 9, 2025**

1. Attended a webinar meeting put on by Fahey & Associates on Attainable Housing, Zoning, etc. on November 12, 2025.
2. Attended the Material Management Meeting at the Marquette County Landfill on 11/13/25.
3. Work on the sewer & water rate increases which would go into effect on January 1, 2026. Water will increase by \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons, \$0.50 operation and \$0.50 for future water project residential. Sewage will increase by \$4.00 per month, rate will go from \$36/mo. to \$40/mo.
4. Had a webinar meeting with EGLE and UP Engineering to discuss water grants, etc. from West Ishpeming on Friday, November 11th. A 20-year loan is at 2.5% and a 30-year loan at 2.75% at the present time.
5. The Marquette County Township Association Christmas Party was held at Ishpeming Township Hall on December 3, 2025.
6. I'll be at the Michigan Township Association meeting in Lansing on December 11 and 12.
7. Attended the Township/Road Commission Meeting on 12/4/25. Discussion on work completed this year and projects for next year. Talked about succession planning for replacement of employees retiring.
8. The December Board of Review met on December 9, 2025, at the Ishpeming Township Hall.