

TOWNSHIP OF ISHPEMING
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 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 FEMA Letter (11. d): Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Trustee Bosio. All Ayes. Motion passed.
- 4. Reading of August 13, 2024: 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 Sjöholm All Ayes. Motion passed to accept the bills and order them paid as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hyry, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjöholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	47218-47287	\$165,635.92
Township Payroll	34001-34022	\$29,651.01
Voided Checks PR		\$0
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$22,405.65
Total		\$217,692.58
General Fund		\$77,440.67
Police		\$18,746.96
Fire Fund		\$18,744.18
Recreation Fund		\$0
Street Lighting Fund		\$1,767.18
Water Fund		\$21,165.97
Street Improvement Fund		\$56,786.35
Sewer Fund		\$23,041.27
Total		\$217,692.58
MERS, AFLAC, State of MI June-Aug		\$66,360.33

- 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: Trustee Sjöholm Supported by: Treasurer Thornton All Ayes. Motion passed.
- 7. Public Comment: None
- 8. Communications:
 - a. Discussed Planning Commission Letter to Vern Hansen regarding 1975 North Lake Drive. Chief Kangas stated that everything has been removed.
- 9. Supervisor's Comments: See Attached

10. Unfinished Business:
- a. Supervisor Nankervis has attempted to call Mr. Ted Baird regarding Ted’s Paint & Drywall property court case in September 2024, but there has been no answer.
 - b. Approval of final Fire Department Constitution & Bylaws dated April 3, 2023. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Trustee Bosio to accept the final reviewed documents provided by the Attorney. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
 - c. Discussed Cleaning Services.
 - d. Reviewed FEMA Letter. Will be placed on file.
11. New Business:
- a. Reviewed Ishpeming Area Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility 2025 Budget. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by; Treasurer Thornton to raise Ishpeming Township’s sewer cost to \$5.00 per month starting October 1, 2024, if the BS&A program allows, otherwise November 1, 2024, it will take effect.
 - b. Approval of 2024 Tax Rate Form L-4029. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Clerk Hyry to approve changes as presented. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
 - c. Approval of Street Lighting Budget for Fiscal Year April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025 @ .25 mills. Motion by; Trustee Sjöholm Support by; Treasurer Thornton to adopt as presented. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
 - d. Approval of Xerox Proposal. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Trustee Bosio to approve \$5,071.00 excluding applicable taxes. 5 Aye, 0 No. Motion Carried.
 - e. Approval of Fire Department Prevention Week. Motion by; Clerk Hyry Support by; Treasurer Thornton to approve \$1,500. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
 - f. Discussed damage to Ishpeming Township Fire Department Truck. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by; Clerk Hyry to approve taking the Fire Truck to Red Power via a lowboy. 4 Ayes, 1 No. Motion Carried.
Chief Mann stated disciplinary action will be coming to next month’s board meeting.
 - g. Approval of MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Clerk Hyry to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
12. Close Session:
- a. Police Officer – Supported recommendation by Chief Kangas to hire Jeffery Stampee as Police Officer for Ishpeming Township. Motion by; Trustee Sjöholm Support by; Clerk Hyry to hire Jeffery Stampee as Police Officer for Ishpeming Township. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
 - b. Police Chief Salary Comparison. Board Members reviewed the salary comparison. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Trustee Bosio to raise Police Chief salary as recommended by the Township Supervisor Nankervis. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
 - c. Roll Call Vote: Hyry, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjöholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye to re-open meeting.
13. Board Comment: None
14. Public Comments: None
15. Adjournment: Motion by; Trustee Bosio Supported by Clerk Hyry
All ayes. Motion passed. Time: 7:45 p.m.

Nicole Hyry, Clerk

For September 10, 2024, Board Meeting

1. Met with Bryan DeAugustine and Ron Mariani from NICE School District on August 20, 2024. Bryan said Ishpeming Township Police Department has to have 2 Officers to comply with their contract with the state.
2. Steve Kangas, Ishpeming Township Police Chief interviewed Jeff Stampee presently a NMU Police Officer who is interested in the Ishpeming Township Police Officer position. I met with Jeff and asked him to come to our board meeting on September 10, 2024.
3. Attended a Webinar on Best Practices for Regulating Battery Energy Storage Systems put on by Fahey, Schultz, Burzy and Rhodes on 8/26/24. Discussion on Act PA 233. Greater than 50 mwh. Legislation effective 11/29/24 NFPA 855 Guidelines.
4. Met with Casey Rose at the IAJWWTP to discuss the \$3.7 million project to install a new Sludge Press System. At this time Ishpeming Township %22.1, City Negaunee 33.1 %, and City of Ishpeming 44.8%
5. Received a copy of the proposed Ishpeming Township Master Plan & Recreation Plan Community Survey (2024) and sent back my concerns.
6. I stopped at Loadall to check on the status of the garbage packer. They are behind schedule due to labor shortage and materials. The estimate date of delivery is January 6, 2025.
7. I'll be going to Lansing for the MTA Board of Directors meeting on September 20, 2024. Going down on September 19, 2024, and coming back after the meeting on September 20, 2024.