

TOWNSHIP OF ISHPEMING
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

- 1. Roll Call: Present - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Nicole Hyry, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, and Trustee Curt Sjöholm. Absent: Trustee Dave Bosio.
- 2. Salute to the Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approval of Agenda as amended: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Clerk Hyry. All Ayes. Motion passed.
- 4. Reading of April 14, 2026, meeting and Special Meeting on April 23, 2026: Motion by: Trustee Sjöholm Supported by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes. Motion passed to dispense with the reading of the above minutes.
- 5. Reading of Expenditures: Motion by: Clerk Hyry Supported by: Trustee Sjöholm All Ayes. Motion passed to accept the bills and order them paid as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm, Aye; Nankervis, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Hyry, Aye

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	48364-48401	\$45,927.67
Township Payroll	34715-34740	\$36,255.65
Void Payroll checks		\$0
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$30,956.98
Total		\$113,140.30
General Fund		\$61,785.78
Fire Fund		\$7,645.96
Police Fund		\$11,630.86
Street Lighting Fund		\$1,803.53
Recreation Fund		\$0
Sewer Fund		\$6,275.80
Street Improvement Fund		\$0
Water Fund		\$23,998.37
Capital Improvement		\$0
Total		\$113,140.30

- 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, including amendment of budget adjustment for Board of Review. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Clerk Hyry.
- 7. Public Comment: None
- 8. Communications:
 - a. Approval of Project Jade Communication Board for Playground donation.
- 9. Supervisor's Comments: See Attached

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. Reviewed Curt's email and questions
 - i. Web Design – will check with other web designers and prices
 - ii. Seasonal Garbage – special meeting will be needed
 - iii. Fire Department Emergency Response Ordinance – Trustee Sjöholm will talk to Ross Olson soon.
- b. Reviewed CDBG Infrastructure Checklist. Will need to check with Antonio and possible the Township Lawyer regarding Trustee Sjöholm abstaining for the vote.
- c. Marquette County Land Bank Authority Purchase Agreement. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton; Support by; Clerk Hyry to postpone and have a Special Board meeting on May 15, 2026, at 6:00pm
- d. Reviewed Web Design cost from Leegin. Board will check other website designers and prices.

11. New Business:

- a. Approval of Greater Ishpeming Commission on Aging donation. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Supervisor Nankervis to approve \$2,000. 4 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Approval of Fire Department New Officers. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton; Support by Clerk Hyry to approve. 4 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Discussed Firehouse Rules regarding employment laws for paid on call. Motion by; Supervisor Nankervis; Support by; Treasurer Thornton to follow State rules and recommendations. 4 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- d. Approval of Fire Department purchase of 2 shop vacs. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton; Support by Trustee Sjöholm to approve \$538.20. 4 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- e. Approval of Inter-local Agreement for Impounding and Holding stray animals. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton; Support by Clerk Hyry to approve for City of Negaunee and send to City of Ishpeming. 4 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- f. Approval of Resolution to Authorization Distribution of the Draft Master Plan for the 63-day Public Review Period and to Designate the Township Board as the Final Approving Body. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton; Support by Trustee Sjöholm to approve. 4 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
Roll Call Vote: Hyry, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjöholm, Aye; Nankervis, Aye.
- g. Approval to go with Marquette Fence for Tennis Court Wind Block. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Trustee Sjöholm to approve after obtaining test samples to decide. 4 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- h. Fire Department Comments. Ralph Roberts requested a check for \$97 for the Upper Peninsula Fire Fighters Association for the dues that are due May 15, 2026.

12. Board Comments: Trustee Sjöholm was happy to see the Fire Department getting paid for trainings and was long overdue and it's a big commitment/step for the time they dedicate to the Township. Treasurer Thornton stated on May 29th she will be attending a Workplace Violence Seminar and will report back and provide any information that is found.

13. Public Comments: David Huetter, Ishpeming Township attended the meeting and asked about Marquette County Land Bank Authority Purchase Agreement and if some of the changes that were made was the wording as far as the wording multi-family duplexes or single-family homes, was the multi-family duplexes taken out or not. He stated Antonio was hoping to keep it in there to appeal to contractors and their intention was not to do multi-family but yet he believes they are deceiving contractors. Supervisor Nankervis stated it is not zoned for multi-family; they could go through the Planning Commission to make changes to that but thinks it's a single family, that's what the CDBG Grant is for. Mr. Huetter wants reassurance of this, why can't they get rid of that, the zoning can get changed and that is his concern and he is expressing that here. Treasurer Thornton believes it can be struck from there.

John Massie, Ishpeming Township discussed the possibility of the Board making a decision to sign the purchase agreement this week, he said in previous meetings it was stated until wet lands assessment was done in the spring there was going to be no forward action, he said the wet land hasn't been done, 2 regular meetings since that statement was made and 2 special meetings, he believes there is a lot deception in these meetings, that the next step was to get a wet land assessment, nothing would perceive. Supervisor Nankervis asked what the deception is? The wet land assessment is on May 27th. Mr. Massie stated we are agreeing to sell it before it's even done, deceiving the public and not listening

to the public. Supervisor Nankervis stated that if it is wet in the corner, that portion would not be used, that is not deceptive, we made that statement, but you didn't want to hear that. Mr. Massie said to wait for the assessment. Supervisor Nankervis said there are timeframes, and things we need to meet for the grant, we needed to get engineering done on it. Mr. Massie believes the engineering should be done before we agree to sell it. Treasurer Thornton stated there is a timeline for the \$635,000 grant. Ralph Roberts asked if the Marquette County Land Bank Authority Purchase Agreement was contingent on passing the wet land assessment. Supervisor Nankervis said basically a large portion of it is. Mr. Huetter asked if deemed, the land bank doesn't want a portion of it, will that be sold to the public? Supervisor Nankervis said we would probably have to put it out on bid. Mr. Massie questioned why it wasn't out on bid now. He said this land belongs to Township Jim, it doesn't belong to the Board, he thinks we are wrong and if people would have known it was for sale, we would have had some bids for people, developers, and neighboring property owners. Supervisor Nankervis stated that the reason we are looking at it is to have as many residential houses as possible, we are not looking to sell it to one person, we are looking to get housing for the public, more people to help our schools, help our water system and to help the system in the area, trying to get 19/20 homes, whatever we get out of it and he will feel better after we continue the engineering done on it.

14. Adjournment: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by Clerk Hyry
All ayes. Motion passed. Time: 6:49 p.m.

Nicole Hyry, Clerk

Supervisor Comments May 12, 2026

1. Attended the Marquette County Landfill regular meeting and annual meeting on April 15, 2026. The Landfill tipping fee will increase \$11/ton effective July 1, 2026. The new rate will be \$98/ton.
2. The Landfill is purchasing a curb tender. A small hauling truck that will be used for recycling purposes. They will be collecting 4 cubic yard dumpsters in pilot locations. I asked Mike Standard to place one on North or South Camp Road. Mike said he hasn't heard on the grant yet.
3. Attended the Michigan Township Association Annual Education Conference in Traverse City on April 20-24, 2026.
4. Attended the Special Board Meeting on April 24, 2026 to discuss the Purchase Agreement between the Township and the Marquette County Land Bank Authority. No decision was made.
5. Attended the Marquette County Township Association meeting in Negaunee Township on April 29, 2026. TriMedia had a presentation on Ground Penetrating Radar. They have been locating the graves in cemeteries.
6. Attended the Marquette County Township Association Spring Banquet at Bay Cliff Health Camp in Powell Township. Tours of the Camp Site was held before the meeting and dinner.
7. Met with Antonio Adan on the proposed subdivision off of River Street. Meetings with CDBG on information required for the subdivision approval.
8. Chris Holmes from UPEA, Antonio Adan, and myself walked the River Street Subdivision on May 8, 2026.
9. Talked with Chris Holmes UPEA on applying for the drinking water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program for the West Ishpeming Water Line Replacement. Application due by June 1, 2026.
10. I was elected to a 3-year term on the Michigan Township Participating Plan.
11. We need to schedule a meeting to discuss garbage pickup north of Cooper Lake Road.
12. Leonard Pizziola (summer help) will be starting on May 19th; my recommendation is we raise the summer help to \$17/yr. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton; Support by: Clerk Hyry to approve. 4 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.