

ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP MINUTES
1575 U. S. Highway 41 W
Ishpeming, MI 49849

A special meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

- 1. Roll Call: Present** - Supervisor James Nankervis, Trustee Curtis Sjöholm, Trustee David Bosio, Treasurer Kristin Thornton and Clerk Nicole Hyry.
- 2. Public Comment:** None
- 3. Business:**
 - a. Marquette County Land Bank Authority Purchase Agreement

Antonio Adan went over every section of the Purchase Agreement and answered questions the Board had given Antonio previously so that everyone attending this meeting could hear everything. **Jackie Solomon** assisted in answering questions—tax revenue and the effect of the 5/50.

- 4. Public Comment:** Curt Requested that there should be another opportunity for public comment.

Dave Huetter asked Antonio about costs the Township may need to pay if not covered by Landbank.

Antonio responded- per purchase agreement, we can ask the Township to pay but they can refuse.

Adam Karki is interested in purchasing property behind his house or all the property. All of his neighbors would like to be given the opportunity to purchase all of the property or even a little behind each of their property to be used as a buffer. First indicated he is not in favor of this project then indicated he's not against this project. He commented some people here want this project to go through because they will "benefit" from it but then would not elaborate. Concerned about the limited number of buyers able to qualify to purchase with these being income based and these homes may sit on the market. Buyers are hit with penalty if they want to sell within a certain time period. He's here speaking on behalf of other people (no names mentioned) that don't want to attend or have targets put on their back. Concerned about water flow, sewer backups. Doesn't want to hear hammers all summer. The homes being built won't have basements or garages.

He asked Karl Bohnek to call us. Karl did call and talk to Jim. Jim advised Karl is happy we are trying to create more affordable homes.

Adam and Jim's conversation got a little heated when discussing developing the land. Jim wanted Adam removed from the meeting. Adam called Jim an asshole and said he's acting like a prick.

Pam Roose- we didn't get to develop a committee. Antonio said in the previous meeting that it was a good idea, and the community would be involved but yet you're here voting on the purchase agreement.

Jackie Solomon advised Pam that the Landbank meeting is open to the public and encourages her to attend to stay informed of the progress.

Antonio- committee should be formed when we have a developer picked.

Chris Roose - interested in purchasing this entire property for \$48,000 (value given by Assessing and Landbank - ridiculous purchase price to sell. Chris estimates the value at \$125,000. He wants to know why not develop the property to the South of this property; no one would complain. This entire process is moving too fast. Shouldn't sign the Purchase Agreement, Townships attorney

should be attending all the meetings.

Chelsee Perry- attended 3-4 meetings, where is the committee we wanted formed to help design this subdivision? Please do not sign this purchase agreement, don't rush. This board is not listening to what residence want. Doing a disservice to the Community. Price points keep changing, why?

Kristin- we benefit from having a Landbank in Marquette County. Not liking the public comment about the "type" of people that are going to be able to purchase these homes. These homes will bring in more tax revenue than some homes already in the surrounding neighborhoods. Average house payment will be around \$1,700.

Jim- we're just trying to bring more people into the Township.

5. Adjournment: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Bosio and passed to adjourn. All Ayes. Time: 8:49 pm.

Nicole Hyry, Township Clerk