

TOWNSHIP OF ISHPEMING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2026, 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: Trustee Bosio. All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Reading of December 9, 2025, including amendment to payroll check numbers: 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 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	48148-48206	\$244,359.43
Township Payroll	34545-34586	\$50,436.77
PR Adjustment		\$0
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$32,024.28
Total		\$326,820.48
General Fund		\$128,054.79
Fire Fund		\$10,760.39
Police Fund		\$14,707.27
Street Lighting Fund		\$1,827.17
Recreation Fund		\$0
Sewer Fund		\$36,506.06
Street Improvement Fund		\$105,504.88
Water Fund		\$29,459.92
Capital Improvement		\$0
Total		\$326,820.48

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-G; Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Trustee Bosio.
7. Public Comment:

Darien Dauphinais attended the meeting to re-evaluate a pay raise. Supervisor Nankervis discussed the 2-year negotiations for that was agreed upon in 2025. Wage increases will be reviewed again during negotiations in 2027.

Antonio Adan from Marquette County attended to discuss proposed River Street project.

8. Communications:

- a. Approval of 2026 Ishpeming Township Newsletter. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Clerk Hyry to approve. 5 Ayes. 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Reviewed Hannula Agency Letter.

9. Supervisor's Comments: See Attached

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. Approval of Water Rate Chart. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve. 5 Ayes. 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Discussed Solar Panel Comparison
- c. Discussed Fire Department Personal Injury Accidents

11. New Business:

- a. Approval of Fire Departments request to be auto dispatched with UPHS EMS on all cardiac arrests in Ishpeming Township. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Clerk Hyry to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
Approval of purchasing an AED for Ishpeming Township Hall. Motion by; Trustee Sjoholm Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve. 5 Ayes. 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Approval of 2026 Ishpeming Township Board Meetings. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Trustee Bosio to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Reviewed 2026 Application for Poverty Exemption Guidelines.
- d. Reviewed of Fire Department Fire Calls for 2025.
- e. Approval of 2026 MiDeal Membership Invoice. Motion by; Supervisor Nankervis Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve invoice for \$180. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- f. Approval of Talsma Control Company Proposal #251220-01 to upgrade existing wireless SCADA Communication Equipment in 5 locations. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Clerk Hyry to approve \$24,850. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- g. Approval of Ishpeming Township Hall Rental Fees. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Clerk Hyry to approve changes. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- h. Supervisor asked for budget items for 2026 Budget.
- i. Discussed Playground Equipment and Budget.
- j. Discussed City of Negaunee's use of Ishpeming Township's Impound.
- k. Approval of Jacob Laasko's Proposal. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve. 4 Ayes, 1 No. Motion Carried.
- l. Fire Department Comments

12. Board Comments:

- a. Clerk Hyry discussed the need for her to resign.

13. Public Comments: None

14. Adjournment: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by Trustee Bosio
All ayes. Motion passed. Time: 8:08 p.m.

Nicole Hyry, Clerk

**Supervisor Comments
For January 13, 2026**

1. Attended training put on by Michigan Tech for Wastewater Collection System Asset Management Workshop on December 15 & 16, 2026.
2. Attended Webinar FSB (Fahey) on FOIA (Freedom of Information Act), OMA (Open Meeting Act) on December 18, 2025.
3. Attended the Material Management Meeting on December 18, 2025.
4. Attended the Michigan Township Association Board of Directors Meeting December 12, 2025, in Lansing.
5. We finally received pay from the U.S Treasury for the reimbursement for the Solar Panels of \$26,221.98.
6. Prepared the bill for the State for reimbursement for Sec 19 award for HMA resurfacing of Steet Street and County Road GP (Cooper Lake Road). Total Invoice was \$202,942.38.