

TOWNSHIP OF ISHPEMING  
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

- 1. Roll Call: Present - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Nicole Hyry, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Curt Sjöholm, and Trustee Dave Bosio.
- 2. Salute to the Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Clerk Hyry. All Ayes. Motion passed.
- 4. Reading of August 11, 2026, meeting and Special Meeting on August 18, 2026: 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: Trustee Bosio 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; Bosio, Aye

|                             | CHECKS      | AMOUNT       |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Township Operating          | 48575-48643 | \$114,250.69 |
| Township Payroll            | 34872-34893 | \$37,540.99  |
| Void Payroll checks         |             | \$0          |
| MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc. |             | \$27,160.66  |
| Total                       |             | \$178,852.34 |
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| General Fund                |             | \$99,667.13  |
| Fire Fund                   |             | \$9,746.59   |
| Police Fund                 |             | \$12,368.00  |
| Street Lighting Fund        |             | \$1,816.82   |
| Recreation Fund             |             | \$0          |
| Sewer Fund                  |             | \$31,516.57  |
| Street Improvement Fund     |             | \$3,191.20   |
| Water Fund                  |             | \$20,646.03  |
| Capital Improvement         |             | \$0          |
| Total                       |             | \$178,852.34 |
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- 6. Consent Agenda Department Reports: (Attached)
  - a. Animal
  - b. Assessor
  - c. DPW/Water/Sewer
  - d. Fire
  - e. Police
  - f. Zoning
  - g. Revenue/Expenditure Account Balance
  - h. Investment Report (quarterly)Approval of Consent Agenda Items A-H. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Clerk Hyry.
- 7. Public Comment: Sandy Nye, Ishpeming Township attended Board Meeting to discuss the possibility of having a Dog Ordinance limiting the number of dogs a resident could have. Supervisor Nankervis will obtain a copy of Negaunee and Marquette’s Ordinances and will review Ishpeming Township’s Ordinance.
- 8. Communications: None
- 9. Supervisor's Comments: See Attached

10. Unfinished Business: None

11. New Business;

- a. Approval of Fire Department Fire Prevention Week donation of \$1,500. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton; Support by Trustee Bosio to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Approval of Ishpeming Area Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility 2027 Budget. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton; Support by Clerk Hyry to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Approval of Resolution #2026-13 Resolution to Receive Funds from the Risk Reduction Grant Program Sponsored by the Michigan Township Participating Plan. Motion by; Trustee Sjöholm; Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve with a 50% match for the Township.  
5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.  
Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm, Aye; Nankervis, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Hyry, Aye; Bosio, Aye
- d. Discussed cutting trees around water tank. Supervisor Nankervis is obtaining bids
- e. MTPP – Risk Reduction Grant Application – covered on New Business c.
- f. Motion by; Trustee Sjöholm; No Support; to change the millage from 2.00 to 1.00. Motion Died, lack of support. Approval of Form L-4029 as present with modification to Police millage. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton; Support by Clerk Hyry to approve. 4 Ayes, 1 No. Motion Carried.
- g. Approval of Fire Department Great Lakes Hot Conference in June 2027. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton; Support by Trustee Bosio to approve a 4-day conference, up to 6 members and meals will be included. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- h. Discussed New Fire Department Hall – this was an initial discussion and would be a Public Safety Building.
- i. Fire Department Comments. Chief Mann stated he has applied for a Grant for \$52,000 for the Fire Department, Supervisor Nankervis will receive an email to sign and submit.

12. Board Comments:

- a. Trustee Sjöholm took a ride through West Ishpeming to look and thought the road work was good. He does not like the cutting of the slates at the tennis court.
- b. Treasurer Thornton state the Expenditure Report is over budget. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton; Support by; Clerk Hyry to make 2 budget adjustments. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

13. Public Comments: None

14. Adjournment: Motion by; Trustee Bosio Supported by Treasurer Thornton and passed.  
All ayes. Motion passed. Time: 6:46 p.m.

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Nicole Hyry, Clerk

**Supervisor Comments  
For September 9, 2026**

1. Attended the Planning Commission Meeting on August 17, 2026 for the proposed subdivision on River Street. The planning commission denied the conditional use for duplexes to be built in R-1 zoning district.
2. Attended the Special Board Meeting on August 18, 2026. Purpose of the meeting was to review the planning commission's decision from August 17, 2026. Recommendation from the meeting was to withdraw the Letter of Intent for the CDBG Grant at this time and re-apply in the future.
3. Attended Webinar on Data Center Zoning Ordinance questions and answers on August 26, 2026. Showed samples of Data Center Ordinance Amendments to Township Zoning Ordinances.
4. Marquette County Road Commission did the road paving in the West Ishpeming Subdivision that the Township Board had approved last month.
5. Marquette Fence Company installed the slats and the wind protection on the Tennis Court.
6. Put together a grant application for two security cameras with Michigan Township Par Plan.
7. Met with the City Managers of Ishpeming and Negaunee to discuss the letter we received from UPAWS. We will be meeting with UPAWS on September 21, 2026 to discuss a proposal they will be submitting.
8. Attended the Township/Road Commission Communication Meeting on September 3, 2026. Discussion on 2026 Construction Programs, Neighborhood Road Fund, and 2027 Township projects.
9. Met with companies which do tree cutting to clean up the area around the outside of the fence around the water tank near Westwood and also cut the tall trees that are interfering with the signal between the tank and our wells.