

TOWNSHIP OF ISHPEMING
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, August 11, 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: Trustee Bosio Supported by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes. Motion passed.
- 4. Reading of July 14, 2026, meeting and Special Meeting on June 16, 2026: 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: Sjöholm, Aye; Nankervis, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Hyry, Aye; Bosio, Aye

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	48528-48574	\$74,418.16
Township Payroll	34824-34871	\$41,606.26
Void Payroll checks		\$0
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$11,231.97
Total		\$127,256.39
General Fund		\$51,777.43
Fire Fund		\$15,080.94
Police Fund		\$11,267.33
Street Lighting Fund		\$1,790.43
Recreation Fund		\$0
Sewer Fund		\$32,413.54
Street Improvement Fund		\$0
Water Fund		\$14,926.72
Capital Improvement		\$0
Total		\$127,256.39

- 6. Consent Agenda Department Reports: (Attached)
 - a. Animal
 - b. Assessor - None
 - c. DPW/Water/Sewer
 - d. Fire
 - e. Police
 - f. Zoning
 - g. Revenue/Expenditure Account Balance
 - h. Investment Report – Motion by Trustee Bosio, Support by Treasurer Thornton to Work with Nicolet Bank on Investments. All Ayes. Motion Carried
- Approval of Consent Agenda Items A, C-H. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Clerk Hyry.
- 7. Public Comment: None
 - 8. Communications:
 - a. Discussed Chris Roose’s email regarding late fees. No action taken.
 - b. Reviewed Kristine Kilbourne’s card congratulating the Township on achieving a No-Kill for 2025.

9. Supervisor's Comments: See Attached

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. Reviewed LeelnIt Web Development. Motion by Treasurer Thornton, Support by Clerk Hyry to hire LeelnIt to bring our website up to ADA Standards
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- b. Approval of IAJWTB Interlocal Agreement with changes and sign documents as submitted. Motion by; Trustee Bosio; Support by; Trustee Sioholm to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Landbank update on River Street Property

11. New Business;

- a. Approval of Street Lighting Budget for Fiscal Year April 1, 2027 to March 31, 2028 Motion by; Treasurer Thornton; Support by Trustee Sioholm to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Approval of Marquette County Road Commission to repair the roads in West Ishpeming. Motion by Treasurer Thornton, support by Trustee Bosio. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- c. Discussion of the Marquette County Road Commission 2027 HMA Paving Program, Crack Sealing, Chip Sealing & Pavement Markings. Supervisor Nankervis will write letter to the MCRC for an estimate cost.
- d. Approval of Fire Department Probationary Members Logan Mathias and Michael Fox. Motion by; Trustee Bosio; Support by Treasurer Thornton to accept recommendations by Fire Department, as long as all required documents and physicals are passed. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- e. Tipping fees at the Marquette Township went up. Motion for the township garbage fees to increase from \$22 to \$24 effective July 1, 2026. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton; Support by; Trustee Bosio. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- f. Fire Department Comments – Fire Department requested to purchase 12 new turn-out-gear sets to replace aging ones. Motion by Treasurer Thornton, support by Clerk Hyry to purchase 12 new sets for \$52,895.80. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Board Comments: Trustee Sioholm asked about the progress on Mine Training for the Fire Department at the Tilden Mine. Need to follow up on status of mine training. Stated if no answers, always MSHA. HMA Road getting additional money from state for grading roads for drainage. Asked about if any claims were filed from the Deer Lake water issue with the valve. Supervisor Nankervis replied that no claims have been filed and only a few shower heads were broken. Treasurer Thornton stated what a great job the Fire Department did on the Neighbor's Night Out held on August 10, 2026. Said there is loose gravel on the shoulders of Deer Lake Road and Cooper Lake Road. Would like a call to the MCRC to repair.

13. Public Comments: Dave Huetter wanted an update on the River Street Project and asked to see the documents and map. Asked about the meeting with grant writer Sarah Kopko and Antonio Adan if the \$700,00 was the max. Asked about proposal updates on the River Street Project. Ralph Roberts stated that the money that was spent for 4 firefighters to attend the Great Lakes training was well spent. Learned a lot about understanding different cultures. Asked to have the MCRC cut the grass along Southwood Drive, looking east when you are exiting Peterson Ave.

14. Adjournment: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by Trustee Bosio and passed.
All ayes. Motion passed. Time: 6:55 p.m.

**Supervisor Comments
For August 11, 2026**

1. Met with the grant writer, Sarah Kopko and Antonio Adan, Landbank Authority to discuss the paperwork needed for the River Street Subdivision. We also walked the project site on July 20, 2026
2. Merrie Carlock, Michigan Rec Grant, was here on July 21, 2026 to review the existing playground area. The grant application will be scored this fall.
3. Kristin and I met with Nicolet Bank officials on July 21, 2026 to discuss Ishpeming Township banking with them.
4. The Board of Review met at 4:00 pm on July 21, 2026 to review two properties and approved the changes recommended by our Assessor.
5. Attended the Michigan Township Par Plan meeting in Boyne Mountain on July 23, 2026.
6. Met with the Marquette County Road Commission engineering and road supervisor on resurfacing some bad sections of roads in West Ishpeming. They plan on doing the fixes in the next couple of weeks.
7. There has been problems with communications between our wells and water tank. The trees have grown up and are blocking the clear site between the wells and tank. We need to cut down trees at the water tank by Westwood High School.
8. DPW issued a boil-water before drinking notice for the Deer Lake location. The Township well went down, and the altitude valve didn't kick on. DPW will review what the problem with the altitude valve is. Getting the cost of a new valve.
9. Working with the Zoning Administrator and Landbank on scheduling a Public Hearing for the Planning Commission and Township Board. Had to reschedule the meeting since the Mining Journal didn't get the ad in the paper when they said they would.
10. Ordered a new altitude valve from Core and Main for the Deer Lake Location. Cost for the valve and early delivery, \$9,450.
11. Working on addresses for the residents requesting address for new homes and cabins.
12. The front office would like to subscribe to the Mining Journal to review Township ads and death notices.