

TOWNSHIP OF ISHPEMING
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 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: Trustee Bosio. All Ayes. Motion passed.
- 4. Reading of May 13, 2025: 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: Hyry, Aye; Sjöholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye; Thornton, Aye

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	47764-47828	\$168,327.86
Township Payroll	34321-34340	\$34,321.81
PR Adjustment		\$-614.98
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$21,152.98
Total		\$223,187.67
General Fund		\$72,141.49
Fire Fund		\$64,108.80
Police Fund		\$11,254.57
Street Lighting Fund		\$1,717.84
Recreation Fund		\$0
Sewer Fund		\$57,058.79
Street Improvement Fund		\$0
Water Fund		\$16,906.18
Capital Improvement		\$0
Total		\$223,187.67

- 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; Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Clerk Hyry All Ayes. Motion passed.
- 7. Public Comment: Jane Mariuzza, Ishpeming discussed not receiving a water letter in the mail and asked if North Lake has lead pipes? She discussed Judy Senske filing a complaint in April about garbage, trucks, kids’ swimming pool, junk, snowplows, etc. and nothing has been done about it. She questioned a trailer that was taken off its wheels and possible being lived in behind a resident in North Lake. Supervisor Nankervis explained the water letter process and that not all homes will be looked at, some of North Lake pipes were replaced in the 1980’s, he discussed that many of the vehicles in North Lake are licensed and nothing can be done. He will have Chief Kangas check on homes in North Lake.

8. Communications:

- a. Casey Rose, Ishpeming Area Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant Director attended the meeting and provided an update. Ishpeming Township Board agrees with the Interlocal Wastewater Treatment Plant that the agreement needs to be extended for another 40 years.
- b. Reviewed State of Michigan Compliance Review of Assessing that had passed.
- c. Reviewed Negaunee Public Schools L-4029 2025 Tax Rate Request and placed on file.
- d. Discussed Darien Dauphinais letter to the Ishpeming Township Board. Clerk Hyry will prepare a letter in response to his request.
- e. Discussed Solar Panel Refund of \$26,547.
- f. Approval of Treado Engineering Development Invoice. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve \$4,840. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

9. Supervisor's Comments: See Attached

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. Lake Superior Partnership Application. Supervisor Nankervis requested an application and has not received one.
- b. Discussed the Hansen Auction sale of 2007 Tahoe Police vehicle & 2001 F550 Garbage truck.
- c. Discussed Fire Departments pickup truck safety items.

11. New Business:

- a. Discussed Recreation Plan.
- b. Approval of Marquette County Road Commission Agreement for Scope of Work. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Trustee Sjöholm to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Approval of Fire Department quote for 30 Extrication Suits and 20 Helmets. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Trustee Bosio to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- d. Approval of Fire Department quote for 6 Extinguishers/SCBA Mounts. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by Trustee Sjöholm to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- e. Approval of Fire Department quote for (7) Best Western/Conference Center Rooms (2-queen room). Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Clerk Hyry to approve. 4 Ayes, 1 No. Motion Carried.

12. Board Comments:

- a. Treasurer Thornton stated that property taxes will be coming out soon.
- b. Trustee Sjöholm discussed the complaint the Board received about the junk, vehicles, and trailers in North Lake area, the Township will address the issues. He also talked about the roads in the Township and believes the shoulders should be graded. Supervisor Nankervis will get hold of Alex at the Road Commission.

13. Public Comments: None

14. Adjournment: Motion by: Trustee Bosio Supported by Treasurer Thornton
All ayes. Motion passed. Time: 7:31 p.m.

Nicole Hyry, Clerk

**Supervisor Comments
For June 10, 2025**

1. Attended a webinar on Financial Management for Water and Wastewater utilities put on by MTU Center for Technology & Training on May 12th.
2. Attended a meeting at the City of Ishpeming, UP Engineering and EGLE was there to discuss the proposed Filter Press improvement for the Sludge Press.
3. Checked out the saunas being built at 1005 Patriot Street in North Lake. Neighbors complaining about construction noise all day long. Contracted Fred, Zoning Administrator to talk with owner to stop constructing in residential area.
4. Attended the Marquette County Township Association meeting at Negaunee Township on 5/28/25. Antonio Adan, Executive Director for Marquette County Land Bank was there to discussion on Housing in Marquette County.
5. Attended the CUPPAD Material Management meeting on May 29, 2025, at the Marquette County Landfill. A tour of the Recycling Center was held.
6. Attended the Lake Superior Community Partnership meeting on May 30, 2025, at The Mather Inn. I gave a talk on what's going on in the West Marquette County Townships.
7. Met with Gabe Johnson and Sandra Karnowski at Cleveland Cliffs to talk about land in Ishpeming Township that the Township might be interested in purchasing. This discussion was on May 20, 2025.
8. Met with Ishpeming City, employees, and Casey Rose to review the next steps for the Ishpeming Area Wastewater Plant, should be taking steps to reduce water in the sludge going to the Landfill.
 - *Renew the Interlocal Wastewater Plant Agreement for another 40 years.
 - *Work on replacing the existing Sludge Press.
9. Bacco Construction started construction on improvements to Steel Street. They have been ditching and installing culverts. Resurfacing approximately 670 lin. ft. of road will be completed later in the year.