

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call: Present** - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Grigg, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Curtis Sjöholm and Trustee Charles Johnson.

2. **Salute to Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by: Trustee Sjöholm Support by: Trustee Johnson
 All Ayes, Motion Carried.

4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes** from July 11, 2019: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg and passed to dispense with the reading of above minutes. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. **Reading of Expenditures:** Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Johnson and passed to accept the bills and order them paid.

Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Grigg – Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Johnson – Aye.
 All Ayes. Motion Carried.

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	43575-43670	\$190,986.80
Township Payroll	31685-31732	\$27,748.20
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$15,801.09
Total		\$234,536.09
General Fund		\$73,728.71
Police		\$1,620.08
Fire Fund		\$24,902.99
Street Improvement		\$1,203.12
Recreation		\$671.13
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,340.36
Water Fund		\$21,013.87
Sewer Fund		\$107,055.83
Total		\$234,536.09

6. **Consent Agenda- Department Reports:**

- A. Animal
- B. Assessor – no report
- C. DPW/Water
- D. Fire
- E. Police – no report
- F. Zoning – no report
- G. Revenue/Expenditure Account Balance

Approval of Consent Agenda Items A, C, D & G: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg
 All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **Public Comment:** Police Chief Kohler provided an update on his first week of work. Ann Haseltine, 220 Marble Street, Ishpeming made a verbal complaint regarding an aggressive dog and fire burning in the neighborhood. Karen Marietti, 155 Copper Street, Ishpeming made a verbal complaint regarding chickens in the neighborhood and questioned if a permit was required for building sheds. Missy Wickstrom, 245 Marble Street, Ishpeming discussed her concerns regarding the garbage at a residents house in the neighborhood. Nancy Mankee, 170 Marble Street, Ishpeming made a verbal complaint regarding dogs running loose in the neighborhood.

8. **Communications:**

a. Review of letter from Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority.

b. Review of Fire Department probationary members Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve probationary members. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached

10. **Unfinished Business:** The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 3, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. to get the public's opinion on whether the Township should create an ordinance to authorize and regulate the establishment of a recreational marijuana facility in the Township.

11. **New Business:**

- a. Review bids on the HVAC Units Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by Trustee Johnson to approve Central Heating and Cooling estimate of \$17,053.50. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Discuss building a new paper shack building, if possible DPW workers could build it.
- c. Review of 906 Technologies estimate for new file server Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg to approve the estimate of \$7377.21 plus labor charges. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- d. Review Street Lighting Budget Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by Trustee Johnson to approve the budget as presented. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- e. Review Sewer Budget Adjustments Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg to approve sewer budget adjustments. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- f. Discuss Fire Prevention Week Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton to approve the request to spend \$1,500.00 on Fire Prevention Week at Aspen Ridge Elementary School. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- g. Review of Bartanen's Auto Body Estimate Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by Clerk Grigg to approve the Bartanen's Auto Body Estimate between the amount of \$1,400.00 and \$1,500.00 to repair damages to the fire truck. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- h. Discuss Stair Climb Cancer Fundraiser at Lambeau Field Motion by Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg to approve the lodging and \$40.00 per person for 8 people with 3 rooms at \$100-\$200 per room. 5 Ayes, 0 No.
- i. Trustee Sjolholms' concerns – See Attached

12. **Board Comment:**

a. Trustee Johnson discussed Northern Pipe repair and how long the work would last, Supervisor Nankervis is hopeful it would be 10 years. Treasurer Thornton stated how excellent Neighbors Night Out was and announced the Planning Commission's Public Hearing on September 3, 2019, at 5:00 that is opened to the public regarding Tranquility Fields recreational marijuana facility. Clerk Grigg discuss the possibility of discussing Trustee Sjolholm's concerns at a different time do to the lengthy board meetings

13. **Public Comment:** Bob Saxwold, 1901 Prairie Avenue, Ishpeming committed on how great Neighbors Night Out was and how happy he is to see the appearance of the Police Chief in his neighborhood. Rose Saxwold, 1901 Prairie Avenue, Ishpeming discussed her concerns with fire pits when Township is reviewing new ordinances and adding them to the website. Ann Haseltine, 220 Marble Street, Ishpeming made a verbal complaint regarding having to close her windows at her house because of the fire pit burning in the neighborhood.

14. **Adjournment:** Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by: Clerk Grigg and passed to adjourn. 5 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Time: 7:16 p.m.

Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

FOR August 13, 2019 BOARD MEETING

1. Sent out a few letters to residents in North Lake location to clean-up their yards and also for barking dogs
2. Problems with chickens, ducks, turkeys, etc. on Marble Street in West Ishpeming. They are in violation of the Township Animal Control Ordinance.
3. Checked with Township attorney, register of deeds, and Assessor on the definition of "utility easement", haven't found the exact wording, but the Township Assessor said that the access needs to be clear for utility companies to get into maintain their utilities.
4. Contacted the Department of Agriculture on the birds on Marble street and they sent their inspector there. Erin said Lusardi's residence does not fall under the Right to Farm Act.
5. Attended the Supervisor/Managers meeting at the City of Marquette. Discussions were held on new business in Marquette (recycling, hospital, etc.).
6. Mike Kohler, Ishpeming Township's new Police Chief, started work on August 5, 2019. He was busy on the first day.
7. Attended the Planning Commission meeting on August 6, 2019. Discussion on the proposed marijuana store in Ishpeming Township.
8. Attended the meeting at the senior center in Ishpeming, with Senator Peters on August 8, 2019. A new senior center will be constructed in Ishpeming at 121 Greenwood Street.
9. Northern Pipe finished the sewer repair work which we had contracted with them for this year. Repair work went well.
10. ATV & side by side are speeding on Cooper Lake Road, destruction of mailbox. Mr. Maki would like Ishpeming Township Board to send letter to editor of Mining Journal stating speed limit is 25mph and it's a federal offense to destroy a mailbox.
11. WMCSA is looking for a truck driver with CDL to haul waste to landfill.
12. Preliminary audit was sent out. Do you want the auditor's to come to the September 10th board meeting.
13. Looking at getting a price from Marquette County Road Commission on repairing a section of S. Westwood Drive by Dollar General.

Sjoholm's Concerns for August 13th

Website-

Planning Commission meeting on August 6th was missed and not updated on website before as meeting changed date

Planning commission meeting notes are they going to be added?

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Garbage policy included?

Old Sewage plant, Quotes on demo? Will be working on it

How about more repairs on fence/structure?

MERS – any information received on other pension options? “Request for Projection Study” for MERS to do the study? Curt will fill out Project Study and bring it back to board for approval

UPPCO and the LED lights installation, July 2019 bill went down about \$200 from Aug 2016, yet was wattage about (percentage?) of old sodium vapor lights? Need a little clarification on wattage of lights which does seem to appear in bill easily. I thought you gave me some history in an email before, but can't find it to reference. Michigan Public Service Commission determines this

Police report – I'd like to see similar to old Sheriff report, Can a section be added for time spent out of our township and for at the school? Yes

“PAR magazine” received last month mentioned about a free Fire department review? Should we consider this? GOG's have been completed 2 years ago, Fire Department is fine with GOG's. Fire Department doesn't think it's necessary

Fire department balance, do we need to charge millage on next tax bill? Is \$800,000 enough? Consensus of Board continue as we have been

Garbage billing, any discrepancies from the review of Deer lake/Dead river customers. Is it worth reviewing how many Residences don't pay, how many of these go to the transfer station, if they don't go there -where does there garbage go. Turn on/off fee seems excessive for seasonal camps/snowbirds. Does our auditors look into this? Supervisor will look into rate structure

Did a letter get sent to Lighthouse about sewer/grinder/maintenance? They received a copy of the letter to Mr. and Mrs. Skrenes

Sewer review- should the dip be fixed on Southwood? Final cost above original price? Fixed spots? Township has not heard back from Marquette County Road Commission

Ordinance review, plan going forward? Yes

Audit. Treasurer Thornton will take a look at options for the water/sewer fund