

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 9, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call: Present** - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Aaron Yunker, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Dave Bosio, and Trustee Curtis Sjöholm
2. **Salute to Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Bosio
All Ayes, Motion Carried
4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes** from July 12, 2022: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Sjöholm and passed to dispense with the reading of above minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
5. **Reading of Expenditures:** Motion by: Trustee Bosio Support by: Clerk Yunker; Motion passed to accept the bills and order them paid as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Yunker – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Sjöholm – Aye, Bosio – Aye, Nankervis – Aye
Motion Carried.

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	45658-45715	\$70,741.68
Township Payroll	33019-33067	\$39,271.95
Township Payroll Voided		\$0
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$18,088.05
Total		\$128,101.68
General Fund		\$60,717.24
Police		\$5,293.13
Fire Fund		\$21,692.09
Street Improvement		\$1,488.32
Recreation Fund		\$0
Capital Improvement Fund		\$0
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,251.77
Water Fund		\$10,780.77
Sewer Fund		\$23,878.36
Total		\$128,101.68

6. **Consent Agenda- Department Reports:**
 - 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 Support by: Trustee Bosio.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
7. **Public Comment:** Scott Santti, 2805 Deer Lake Road, Ishpeming had questions regarding the Township's Zoning and the June 14, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes regarding the definition of RR2 and he does not understand the term Conditional Use. Supervisor Nankervis discussed and provided a Conditional Use is a compatible use that the Planning Commission deems that it won't have a negative effect on the property or neighbors and it is not listed as a primary use for the land. John Korpi, 4010 Deer Lake Road, Ishpeming voiced his concerns regarding the number of storage units being built north of the Township, he believes there is not much of a barrier and no one knew anything about it.
8. **Communications:**
 - a. Approved letter from Anderson, Tackman & Company regarding audit fees for the next 3 years. Motion by Treasurer Thornton; Support by Trustee Sjöholm to approve. 5 Ayes 0 No. Motion Carried.
 - b. Reviewed letter from Marquette County Road Commission regarding Managerial Staff.

9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Approved asking voters for a millage for a shared Police Officer with NICE School. Motion by Trustee Bosio; Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve. 5 Ayes 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Discussed garbage out North. Treasurer Thornton stated that Cameron from Marquette County Equalization Department is working on the GIS. This will be put on next month's agenda to follow up.

11. **New Business:**

- a. Approved Street Lighting Budget for Fiscal Year April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. Motion by; Supervisor Nankervis; Support by Trustee Sjoholm to approve. 3 Ayes 0 No, Treasurer Thornton and Clerk Bosio with abstention. Motion Carried.
- b. Approved 906 Technologies computer quote for \$1,483.24. Motion by Trustee Bosio; Support by Clerk Yunker to approve. 5 Ayes 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Approved Northern Pipe 2022 quote for up to \$50,000.00. Motion by Trustee Sjoholm; Support by Trustee Bosio to approve. 5 Ayes 0 No. Motion Carried.
- d. Approved Cattron's Lumber quote of \$1,200.00 for materials for concession stand roof. Motion by Treasurer Thornton; Support by Clerk Yunker to approve. 5 Ayes 0 No. Motion Carried.
- e. Approve Fire Department Lambeau Field Stair Climb. Motion by Treasurer Thornton; Support by Trustee Bosio to approve to pay for entrance fee and 2 motels rooms for 2 nights. 4 Aye, 1 No Motion Carried.

12. **Board Comment:**

- a. Trustee Sjoholm asked the Board to consider putting the Ordinances on the website and suggested seeing how it would go to turn off the fire alarm at 10:00 p.m. for one month.
- b. Trustee Bosio asked how long Chief Kohler is working. Supervisor Nankervis Chief Kohler is continuing work until he gets hired at the Federal Courthouse in Marquette. He will then be part-time until we hire a full time Officer.
- c. Clerk Yunker discussed the Primary Election last Tuesday. The Township had 739 voters which included absentee and in person voting and is now getting ready for the November election.
- d. Treasurer Thornton said taxes payment have been coming in. Tammie and Billie have been doing a great job. She also discussed UPPCO's energy efficiency, rebate and recycling program for appliances with a credit applied to future UPPCO billings.

13. **Public Comment:** John Korpi, 4010 Deer Lake Road, Ishpeming, he would like to receive the Newsletter again. Supervisor Nankervis stated it is expensive to mailing them. They are available at the Township Hall and on the Township website.

Earl Mann, 1795 Glendora Lane, Ishpeming said he thought it would be a huge benefit to have an additional Police Officer and applauded the efforts for the schools and residents, he also stated the picnic tables need a coat of paint.

Wendy Pederson, 2159 Woodland Drive, Ishpeming discussed the Township Hall front entrance and when there will be a time to come in to pay bills. She believes its unwelcoming, not heated, and with peoples mental health it should be a bit more welcoming and people should come in and gather.

14. **Adjournment:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Supervisor Nankervis and passed to Adjourn. 5 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Time: 7:25 p.m.

Aaron Yunker, Township Clerk

Supervisor Comments

August 9, 2022 Board Meeting

1. Attended the July 19, 2022 Board of Review meeting at Ishpeming Township Hall. There were 5 applications that were approved.
2. Attended the EGLE Grant Question and Answer Meeting at 10:00 am on July 26, 2022 at Marquette Township Hall
3. Talked with resident on Prairie Avenue regarding car parked in alley. He removed it the same day.
4. Sent e-mail to the Marquette County Road Commission regarding a fence in the alley between Jackson Ave and Washington Ave in the Deer Lake location.
5. Attended Township/Road Commission Relations meeting on August 4, 2022. Discussed average contractor construction costs to do various work on the roads. Local road ratings will be out this fall.
6. Dixon Engineering was here on August 3, 2022 to televise the interior of our water tanks to look for trouble areas.
7. Attended the Superior Trade Zone meeting in Rock on August 3, 2022. Discussion on a proposed solar farm in Sands Township. Size of the proposed solar farm over 1,000 acres.
8. Attended the Planning Commission meeting on August 4, 2022. Gary Beltrame, re-zoning request passed to change the zoning to Commercial from Rural Residential-2 and a conditional use permit to use the land for a construction lay-down area. A conditional use permit was granted to Robert Lammi to construct two commercial storage buildings in Rural Residential- 2 area.