

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call: Present** - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Cory Beth Grigg, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Curtis Sjöholm and Trustee Charlie Johnson.
2. **Salute to Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg with an amendment to add Communications 8 a. Fire Department All Ayes, Motion Carried.
4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes** from November 12, 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 with the abstention of the Auto Value bill All Ayes. Motion Carried.

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	43852-43905	\$111,774.03
Township Payroll	31846-31872	\$26,661.74
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$16,465.94
Total		\$154,901.71
General Fund		\$47,121.14
Police		\$9,038.04
Fire Fund		\$4,822.07
Street Improvement		\$52,631.85
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,443.66
Water Fund		\$13,118.32
Sewer Fund		\$23,726.63
Total		\$154,901.71

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

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

Approval of Consent Agenda Items A-E and G: Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Johnson All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **Public Comment:** None

8. **Communications:**

a. Fire Chief Mann discussed Fire Truck #2151 and the pack rust problem on the frame of the truck and boundary limits for Fire Fighters.

9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Discuss Animal Control, Ishpeming Township is in the process of reviewing.
- b. Discuss Ely Township First Responder & Fire Rates, Supervisor Nankervis will sign Ely Townships Letter of Understanding for First Responder Coverage. Supervisor Nankervis will mail letters to Ely and Tilden Township regarding Ishpeming Township Fire rates to start negotiations.

11. **New Business:**

- a. Discuss Violations Bureau, will revisit after Ishpeming Township Ordinances are updated.
- b. Review of Board Appointments Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg to accept Ishpeming Township Supervisor recommendation for Board Appointments. 5 Ayes, 0 No.

- c. Review Revised Board Meeting Dates for 2020 for the Township Board and Planning Commission Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Johnson to accept the revised Ishpeming Township Board Meeting Dates. 5 Ayes, 0 No.
- d. Review of 2019 Ishpeming Township Newsletter, will make recommended changes provided by the Ishpeming Township Board Members.
- e. Discuss water rates, Ishpeming Township Board decided on a \$0.50 increase for future water projects.
- f. Discuss garbage rates, Supervisor Nankervis will work on new rates.

12. **Board Comment:** Treasurer Thornton discussed being a guest speaker at the Lake Superior Leadership Academy. Trustee Johnson commended Chief Mike Kohler for the work he is doing, Supervisor Nankervis stated that Northern Michigan University will be working on the antennas on the water tower.

13. **Public Comment:** None

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

Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

FOR December 10, 2019 BOARD MEETING

1. Attend a lead and copper rules revision class put on by Joe Little, Michigan Rural Water Association at Marquette Township on November 20, 2019.
 2. Started working on the newsletter for the Township. Please review and let me know if there is anything you want added.
 3. Met with the Township attorney, police officer, clerk, and zoning administrator to discuss the chicken and other bird problem on Marble Street. They met with the judge on November 25, 2019, and the judge ruled in the Townships' favor. The occupants have a week to get rid of the birds.
 4. Attended the Senior Citizen Christmas Party sponsored by the Ishpeming Township Fire Department on December 1, 2019. Due to the snow storm and terrible driving conditions only 12 residents showed up.
 5. Attended the Marquette county Township Association Christmas party at Ishpeming Township on December 4, 2019.
- I will be in Lansing on December 12 and 13 for the Michigan Township Association Meeting