

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call: Present** - Supervisor James Nankervis, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Clerk Cory Beth Grigg, Trustee Curtis Sjöholm and Trustee Charles Johnson
2. **Salute to Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** With addition of 11 e. R&R Truck Repair Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Johnson All Ayes, Motion Carried.
4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes** from January 14, 2020: 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, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Grigg- Aye, Johnson – Aye

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|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Township Operating | 43982-44028 | \$66,181.27 |
| Township Payroll | 31927-31948 | \$25,154.34 |
| MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc. | | \$18,012.30 |
| Total | | \$109,347.91 |
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| General Fund | | \$51,446.66 |
| Police | | \$5,867.33 |
| Fire Fund | | \$9,512.43 |
| Street Lighting Fund | | \$4,311.87 |
| Water Fund | | \$14,993.36 |
| Sewer Fund | | \$23,196.26 |
| Total | | \$109,347.91 |
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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, B, C, D, E, & G:** Motion by: Supervisor Nankervis Support by: Clerk Grigg All Ayes, Motion Carried.
7. **Public Comment:** None
8. **Communications:**
 - a. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Clerk Grigg to have Scott (Earl) Mann as the Chief of the Ishpeming Township Fire Department and to take Andrew Herriman off as probationary member. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
 - b. Review BCBS document provided by Brian Miller, will bring back to March 2020 board meeting.
 - c. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Clerk Grigg to provide copy of minutes to mBank to take Brittany off of accounts and add Billie Pohlman to the accounts as Deputy Treasurer.
 - d. Motion by: Trustee Johnson, Support by: Trustee Sjöholm to send letter and rates to Ely and Tilden Townships. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. Motion by: Clerk Grigg, Support by: Treasurer Thornton to adopt Resolution #2020-1-Poverty Exemption. Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Grigg- Aye, Johnson – Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Clerk Grigg to adopt Resolution #2020-2- Waiver of Penalty and Interest from Untimely Filed Property Transfer Affidavits. Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Grigg- Aye, Johnson – Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Motion by: Trustee Johnson, Support by: Treasurer Thornton to adopt Resolution #2020-3-To Establish Township Officers Salary. Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Grigg- Aye, Johnson – Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- d. Review Board of Review Dates.
- e. Review of MTPP Risk Reduction Grant Approval Letter/Agreement

11. New Business:

- a. Review of letter from Mead & Hunt – Discontinue Cross-Connection Control Services and will go with CCRA.
- b. Review Thank You letter from U.P.S.E.T for donation of \$1,000.00.
- c. Motion by: Clerk Grigg, Support by: Trustee Johnson to approve Chief Kohler’s paid invite to attend the Michigan Township Participating Plan Law Enforcement Committee on March 19 & 20, 2020. Chief Kohler will be off approximately 2 days to attend. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried
- d. Review of the West End Health Grant Application, Clerk Grigg will work on Recreation Grant
- e. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Clerk Grigg to review the following: 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried
 1. Start specing out new truck.
 2. Bring truck to Crossroads Truck Repair for MDOT Certification.
 3. Get pricing on frame repair on truck and also price to fix the pump.
 4. Get a rental price on fire truck to replace the International truck. Rental cost per month for 1 ½ to 2 years until new truck can be delivered.

12. Board Comment:

- a. Treasurer Thornton discussed Real Estate taxes due February 14, 2020, with no penalties. The last day to collect taxes at Ishpeming Township is March 2, 2020.
- b. Clerk Grigg discussed the upcoming March 10, 2020, Presidential Primary Election and absent voter ballots are available at Ishpeming Township Hall

13. Public Comment: Anthony Foster, 1725 Cindy Street, Ishpeming said he thought the LED street lamps were a great idea and are a nice improvement, he and his wife are interest in the Fire Department Auxiliary, and he said he is a service mechanic for Oberstar and volunteered to give his opinion on the frame of the fire truck, but will not be a M.D.O.T. inspection. Scott (Earl) Mann, 1795 Glendora Lane, Ishpeming also agreed that the street lights were nice.

14. Adjournment: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg and passed to adjourn. 5 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Time: 7:08 p.m.

Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS
FOR February 11, 2020 BOARD MEETING

1. Met with Lori Burton, Par Plan Risk Manager, she talked with Mike Kohler, DPW employees and myself. She just sent her reports to me.
2. Kristin and I interviewed Billie Pohlman for Deputy Treasurer/Billing Clerk position. We hired her for the position and started work on January 20, 2020.
3. The Superior Trade Zone meeting was on January 21, 2020, in Rock. Discussion on the City of Negaunee's plan to develop the Mather B Mining Property into a recreation area.
4. Attended the Marquette County Township Association meeting on January 22, 2020, at Negaunee Township. The discussion was on climate change and conserving electricity. Also a discussion on the 2020 Census.
5. Attended the Miss Dig meeting in the City of Marquette on January 28, 2020.
6. Attended Greg Markkanen State Representative meeting at Ishpeming Township on January 31, 2020. Had discussion on what they are working on in Lansing, roads, sand and gravel pits, Enbridge Line 5, etc.
7. Working on the Budget for Fiscal year April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.
8. Working on dates for the Board of Review for Ishpeming Township. The Board of Review will meet in the Assessor office on Monday, March 9, 2020, from 3:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. and Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.
9. Held a meeting with Ely and Tilden Township on February, 5, 2020, regarding the Fire Department rates for services provided by Ishpeming Township Fire Department.
10. Attended the Manager/Supervisor meeting at Negaunee Township on February 6, 2020. Discussions on recycling, marijuana, recruiting to bill positions.
11. Started working on grants for recycling carts. Hopefully we will get the EGLE Grant and the Recycling Partnership. Each Grant is for \$15.00 each carts and approximately \$40.00 each.
12. Northern Michigan University has installed the antennas on the water tank handrails. They will relocate them in the spring.
13. Attended the West End Health Foundation grant information session on February 10, 2020, at Bell Hospital. The grant information was given to Cory the Board Representative on the Recreation Committee.
14. DPW started painting the restrooms at the Township Hall. Bartanen's will paint the partitions.