

**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 14, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call: Present** - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Aaron Yunker, Treasurer Kristin Thornton,  
Trustee Dave Bosio, and Trustee Curtis Sjoholm
2. **Salute to Flag**: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Approval of Agenda**: Motion by: Trustee Bosio Support by: Treasurer Thornton.  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes** from January 10, 2023: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support  
by: Trustee Sjoholm and passed to dispense with the reading of above minutes. All Ayes.  
Motion Carried.
5. **Reading of Expenditures**: Motion by: Trustee Sjoholm Support by: Trustee Bosio; Motion  
passed to accept the bills and order them paid as presented.  
Roll Call Vote: Yunker – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Sjoholm – Aye, Bosio – Aye, Nankervis – Aye  
Motion Carried.

	<b>CHECKS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Township Operating	46036-46094	\$103,779.57
Township Payroll	33254-33278	\$46,757.38
Township Payroll Voided		\$
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$32,596.45
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$183,133.40</b>
General Fund		\$85,783.93
Police		\$17,131.98
Fire Fund		\$15,551.47
Street Improvement		\$33,031.72
Recreation Fund		\$0
Capital Improvement Fund		\$0
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,265.75
Water Fund		\$17,757.43
Sewer Fund		\$9,611.12
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$183,133.40</b>

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

- A. Animal (no report)
- 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: Clerk Yunker. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **Public Comment:** Charlene Lusardi, 200 Marble Street, Ishpeming discussed her concerns with fireworks going off during New Years and Christmas and at other times, the partying outside on Friday and Saturday nights in an empty house on Silver Street until 12-1:00 a.m., and the bark boxes in the neighborhood that are constantly on, never shut off, and controlling other people dogs and that is also affecting her granddaughter and she is waking up crying and screaming.
8. **Communications:**
- Review email from Curt Sjolholm regarding Funding for School Resource Officer
  - Approval of Ishpeming Township Police Officer patch design. Motion by Treasurer Thornton; Support by Trustee Bosio to purchase new patches for \$206.00. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached
10. **Unfinished Business:**
- Discussed Garbage North of Ishpeming
  - Discussed Ishpeming Township Recreation Plan 2023-2028
11. **New Business:**
- Approval of Resolution #2023-1 Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test. Motion by Treasurer Thornton; Support by Trustee Sjolholm to approve. Roll Call Vote: Yunker – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Sjolholm – Aye, Bosio – Aye, Nankervis – Aye 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
  - Approval of Resolution #2023-2 to Establish Township Officers Salary. Motion by Trustee Bosio; Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve. Roll Call Vote: Yunker – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Sjolholm – Aye, Bosio – Aye, Nankervis – Aye 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
  - Approval of Resolution #2023-3 Board of Review Dates Resolution. Motion by Treasurer Thornton; Support by Trustee Sjolholm to approve. Roll Call Vote: Yunker – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Sjolholm – Aye, Bosio – Aye, Nankervis – Aye 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
  - Approval of 2023 Wage Chart. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Trustee Sjolholm to approve wage chart. Roll Call Vote: Yunker – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Sjolholm – Aye, Bosio – Aye, Nankervis – Aye 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
  - Approval to appoint Tom Lucas as alternate for the Board of Review. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by Trustee Sjolholm to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
  - Approval of Prime Specialty Contracting purchase order for new roof top unit.
  - Approval of Wolf River Volunteer Fire Department purchase order for 12 Scott Air Bottles. About ½ the bottles were used once and remaining are new.
  - Approval of Elcom Systems Fire Department purchase order for 4 new radios, 4 remote speakers and 1 desktop charger. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton; Support by Trustee Bosio to approve the purchase for \$24,114.16. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
12. **Board Comment:**
- Trustee Sjolholm stated after working on the Zoning Board of Appeals there is room for improvement and the MTA books were enlightening.
  - Trustee Bosio stated there was a lot of interest at the Zoning Board of Appeals.
  - Treasurer Thornton discussed February 14, 2022, was the last day of tax collection without penalty and tax payers have 2 weeks before it goes to Marquette County.
13. **Public Comment:** None
14. **Adjournment:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Yunker and passed to Adjourn. 5 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Time: 6:45 p.m.

**Supervisor Comments**

February 14, 2023 Board Meeting

1. Attended Government Days Panel discussion on January 12, 2023 at Marquette Township sponsored by Lake Superior Community Partnership.
2. Special Board Meeting on January 17, 2023 to interview the two Police Officers applying for the Police Chiefs position at Ishpeming Township. Chris Croley & Steve Kangas applied for the position and the Township Board approved Chris Croley for the position. Mike Kohler resigned as Ishpeming Township Police Chief on January 20, 2023. Chris Croley official start date is February 1, 2023. Mike and Chris will be working part-time in February to familiarize Chris with Ishpeming Township.
3. Attended the Marquette County Township Association Meeting on January 25, 2023 at Negaunee Township. Tim Sholander UPSET was the guest speaker on drugs in the Upper Peninsula and surrounding areas. It certainly was an eye opening.
4. Attended webinar on storm water review and delegation put on by Attorneys from Fayhe and Associates on 1/26/2023.
5. Attended the Marquette County Landfill Meeting on February 1, 2023 at Negaunee Township to discuss a PFOs Wastewater Treatment Plant. Capital cost \$3.8 million and yearly operating cost of \$880,000. Will have to increase garbage rates.
6. A smoke detector went off in the Township Office last month. Fire Department didn't locate the detector. I asked two vendors to give me a cost on upgrading the detectors and the panel which would call Central Dispatch to notify the Fire Department. At present the serial just goes off.
7. Attended Michigan Township Association Meeting in Frankenmuth, MI on February 10, 2023 discussions on the Educational Conference in April 2023 in Traverse City.
8. Worked on the budgets for fiscal year April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.