

**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 12, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call: Present** - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Cory Beth Grigg, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Curtis Sjolholm, Trustee Charles Johnson
2. **Salute to Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** With addition of 12. b. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg All Ayes, Motion Carried.
4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg and passed to dispense with the reading of last month's 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: Grigg - Aye, Sjolholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton - Aye, Johnson – Aye, with the abstention of the Auto Value bill. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	43264-43319	\$66,067.42
Township Payroll	31464-31521	\$31,857.43
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$14,696.74
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$112,621.59</b>
General Fund		\$57,341.18
Police		\$7,321.30
Fire Fund		\$9,270.45
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,212.65
Water Fund		\$11,263.27
Sewer Fund		\$23,212.71
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$112,621.59</b>

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: Trustee Johnson Support by: Clerk Grigg All Ayes, Motion Carried.
7. **Public Comment:** None
8. **Communications:**
  - a. Letter received from UPPCO regarding converting UPPCO owned high pressure sodium, dusk to dawn, outdoor security lighting to LED over the next several years.
9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached
10. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. Two additions have been made to the Miscellaneous Debris Ordinance by Supervisor Nankervis. Section III Letter C. Section IV Number 7 and 8. Board will review the ordinance and adopt at a later date.
  - b. Direct Deposit is being worked on for payroll. Clerk Grigg and Treasurer Thornton will meet with BS&A to finish up the process.
11. **New Business:**
  - a. Ishpeming Township Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance to opt out. Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by: Trustee Sjolholm All Ayes, Motion Carried.
  - b. 2019 Employee negotiations were discussed. Employees will receive a 3% raise in April 2019 and a 2.5% raise in April 2020. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

- c. A resolution on Township Officials Salary was approved by roll call vote. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- d. A water rate increase was approved by roll call vote. Rates will go into effect May 1, 2019. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- e. The Great American Disposal contract will be extended effective April 1, 2019 for 60 months. Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Supervisor Nankervis 4 Ayes, 1 No, Motion Carried.

**12. Fire Department:**

- a. An EMT Training Agreement has been drafted for Ishpeming Township Fire Fighters and Employees. The township will pay for the training with employee agreement to rules. Some revisions will be made and it will be reviewed by the Township Attorney. It will be presented to the board when it is completed.
- b. Chief Mann would like to see the Thermal Imaging Cameras replaced for the Ishpeming Township Fire Department. The current cameras are no longer in working order. They are old and replacement batteries and chargers are no longer available. He will be receiving quotes for a new camera and will present the quotes to the board at the next board meeting.
- c. The Fire Department is working on getting the contract and references from a Grant Writer to help with future grant applications.

**13. Board Comment:**

- a. Treasurer Thornton commented that the last day to pay 2018 taxes at Ishpeming Township is February 28, 2019. The tax bills will be sent to Marquette County after that date. She asked the board if the March meeting could be changed from Tuesday, March 19, 2019 to Wednesday, March 20, 2019. The board approved the meeting change.
- b. Trustee Johnson asked about the new police radar equipment. Officer Williams is working on getting to NMU to get that set up.
- c. Trustee Sjolholm asked about the new Ishpeming Township website. It is in the beginning stages and will be up and running soon.

**14. Public Comment:**

- a. Travis Allen at 1745 North Lake Drive has had garbage complaints in the past. He has spoken to GAD and they did advise him that there was a new driver and they didn't come down North Lake Drive that day. Mr. Allen also said that the traffic coming out of Westwood High School parking lot isn't stopping at the stop sign. Asked if the police officer could look into a fix for this.

- 15. Adjournment: Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton and passed to adjourn. Ayes 5 No's 0 All Ayes. Time: 6:59 p.m.**

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Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

Supervisor Comments

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- 1. Attended the Marquette County Road Commission Township Relations meeting on January 3. Discussion on road work the township wanted done this year.
- 2. Attended the Medial First Responders meeting at Humboldt Township Hall on January 15. The group is trying to get a group of first responders to respond to the calls for the following townships: Ely, Humboldt, Champion, Michigamme and Republic.
- 3. Attended a meeting at Marquette Township on Climate and Health Adaption due to climate warming on January 29.
- 4. Attended a meeting at Marquette County Road Commission on Ishpeming – Negaunee Small Urban Project Selection Committee. The committee selected County Road 583 (Randall Drive) as an alternate project if additional funding is available.
- 5. Working on the budget for fiscal year April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.
- 6. Working on changes to the various ordinances and making changes to the ordinances the Township Board has been reviewing.
- 7. Attended the Michigan Township Association meeting in Lansing on February 8, 2019.
- 8. Attended the Clean Energy Initiative Dinner hosted by The Community Foundation of Marquette County at NMU on February 6, 2019. The three solar demonstration sites which were established. Range Bank in Marquette, a residence in Marquette and a residence in Ishpeming where solar panels are being installed.
- 9. DPW is looking at painting the meeting room and restroom as long as it's okay with the board.