

ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP MINUTES

1575 U. S. Highway 41 W
Ishpeming, MI 49849

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, January 8, 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:** Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton
4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Johnson 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	43216-43263	\$95,643.22
Township Payroll	31436-31463	\$29,144.33
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$18,171.05
Total		\$142,958.60
General Fund		\$85,224.41
Police		\$8,481.16
Fire Fund		\$15,427.52
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,212.20
Water Fund		\$7,818.34
Sewer Fund		\$21,794.97
Total		\$142,958.60

6. **Consent Agenda- Department Reports:**
 - A. Animal
 - B. Assessor - None
 - C. DPW/Water
 - D. Fire
 - E. Police
 - F. Zoning-None
 - G. Revenue/Expenditure Account Balance

Approval of Consent Agenda Items A, C-E & G: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **Fire Department:**
 - a. The Fire Department would like to retain a Grant Writer to write grants for equipment needed for the department. The Grant Writer requires a \$500 retainer and would write as many grants as the fire department would like and also for as long as we contract him for. If denied a grant, he would resubmit as many times as needed. He has a 95-97% approval rate and is very knowledgeable about what grants are available to Fire Departments. The board would like to review a contract and references before voting to hire the grant writer. Chief Mann will get this information to the board before the February board meeting.
 - b. The Fire Department currently has no replacement batteries for the portable radios. The board feels this is a safety issue and recommends buying new ones as soon as possible.
 - c. The Ishpeming Township Fire Department has voted Sophie Delongchamp as a probationary member of the department pending Physical and Drug testing. Motion by the board to approve: Trustee Johnson Support by: Clerk Grigg. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
8. **Public Comment:** None
9. **Communications:** None
10. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached

11. Unfinished Business:

- a. At the December board meeting it was voted to use Elegant Seagulls as the new Township website designer. Under review of the quotes received it was found that quote voted on belonged to Gery Shelifoe Designs and not Elegant Seagulls. Motion to update the name to Gery Shelifoe Designs by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton All Ayes, Motion carried.
- b. The board is still in discussions on what the Township will do about the Marihuana Regulations. The board will research and discuss further at next month's meeting.

12. New Business:

- a. The Budget for fiscal year April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 will be worked on. The first workshop will be in February.
- b. The 2003 Ford F25 truck including plow was advertised for bids. 5 bids were received. The highest bidder is 41 Auto Sales at \$2165.00. Motion to sell truck to highest bidder: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Sjolholm. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- c. Information about Marquette County Recycling from the December 6, 2018 meeting was discussed.

13. Board Comments:

- a. Trustee Sjolholm recommends having an ordinance workshop this month. It is scheduled for January 22, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. The Blight ordinance will be worked on. He also asked about the budget and whether the former Deer Lake sewer plant can be torn down. Supervisor Nankervis said that it will be done this year. He asked about whether the junk car issues has been progressing. Officer Williams stated that with all the mechanical issues with his patrol car it has been on hold. He does have the patrol back and is working on the issue.

14. Public Comment:

- a. Judy Senske of 950 Cottage St, Ishpeming, MI stated that there is a car 2 houses down from her that is leaking gas on the road. Officer William will look into this. Judy had spoken to a guy about hauling junk cars out of the township. She is waiting to hear back with his information to give to residents that might be interested in getting rid of junk cars.

16. **Adjournment:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg and passed to adjourn. Ayes 5 No's 0 All Ayes. Time: 7:00 p.m.

Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

Supervisor Comments

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1. Worked on the newsletter for the Township for the end of the year, 2018.
2. Marquette County assessing is all ready to take over Ishpeming Township assessing on April 1, 2019. They will be here in March to start making copies of the assessing cards.
3. Reviewed Negaunee Townships Miscellaneous Debris Ordinance.
4. Went to Escanaba and picked up the new F-250 pick-up truck from Riverside. DPW brought the truck to Marquette Automotive to have a new plow installed.
5. Reviewed the Township marijuana regulation after Proposal 1 passed in the November 2018 election.
6. Attended the Township/Road Commission meeting January 3, 2019. Discussions on status of Legislative Bills. Township roads for paving this year and chip seal.
7. Received an invite from Humboldt Township to attend a meeting for West End Townships for first responders. I plan on attending the meeting on January 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.