

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, July 11, 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 Sjöholm
2. **Salute to Flag**: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Approval of Agenda**: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Bosio. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes** from June 13, 2023 as amended: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Sjöholm and passed to dispense with the reading of above minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
5. **Reading of Expenditures**: Motion by: Trustee Bosio Support by: Trustee Sjöholm; Motion passed to accept the bills and order them paid as presented.
 Roll Call Vote: Yunker – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Sjöholm – Aye, Bosio – Aye, Nankervis – Aye
 Motion Carried.

| | CHECKS | AMOUNT |
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| Township Operating | 46344-46405 | \$81,295.64 |
| Township Payroll | 33403-33434 | \$40,586.52 |
| Township Payroll Voided | | \$ |
| MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc. | | \$26,480.52 |
| Total | | \$148,362.68 |
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| General Fund | | \$78,835.69 |
| Police | | \$13,349.21 |
| Fire Fund | | \$15,884.76 |
| Street Improvement | | \$0 |
| Recreation Fund | | \$0 |
| Capital Improvement Fund | | \$0 |
| Street Lighting Fund | | \$4,280.12 |
| Water Fund | | \$12,408.38 |
| Sewer Fund | | \$23,604.52 |
| Total | | \$148,362.68 |
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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: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Bosio. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
7. **Public Comment:** None

8. **Communications:** None

9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached

10. **Unfinished Business:**

a. Approval of no Reduced Garbage Fees. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Trustee Bosio to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

b. Fire Department 2023 Constitution – will review in August 2023.

c. Approval to adopt Ishpeming Township Nuisance Ordinance #2-96. Motion by; Trustee Sjöholm Support by; Trustee Bosio to adopt.

Roll Call Vote: Yunker – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Sjöholm – Aye, Bosio – Aye, Nankervis – Aye
5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

d. Approval of Ishpeming Township Nuisance Ordinance Summary. Motion by; Clerk Yunker Support by; Trustee Sjöholm to submit to The Mining Journal and have it published. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

11. **New Business:**

a. Approval of Fire Department Red Power Diesel hose quote. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Trustee Bosio to purchase from Red Power Diesel. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

b. Reviewed and accepted Board of Review Resignation from John Harrington. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Clerk Yunker to accept Tom Lucas as a permanent member of the Board of Review. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

c. Discuss Marquette County Road Commission chip seal. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton to chip seal both Cooper Lake Road and Woodland Drive. No Support. Motion Failed. Motion by; Supervisor Nankervis; Support by; Trustee Bosio to chip seal Woodland Drive. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

d. Discussed Central Dispatch Calls.

e. Approval of Fire Department Sparky. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by; Clerk Yunker to purchase costume for \$328.44. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

f. Discuss Fire Department Neighbors Night Out – Night Out will be held on August 7th, 6-8 p.m. Ishpeming Township Board will provide a sheet cake.

g. Discuss Fire Department Fitness – Chief Mann will get cost amount.

h. Approval Fire Department Lambeau Field Stair Climb. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Trustee Bosio to approve to pay for entrance fee, 5 motels rooms for 2 nights for 10 Fire Department members to attend for \$2,640. 4 Aye, 1 No. Motion Carried.

12. **Board Comment:**

a. Trustee Sjöholm asked if Marquette County will be doing the 9 day early voting. Clerk Yunker stated they are still working on the new laws.

b. Trustee Bosio said he got to see the Fire Department in action and they did a good job.

13. **Public Comment:** None

Chief Croley discussed putting the Police Department Sign and Logo on the building to identify the location of the Police Department. He did receive a price quote from Signs Unlimited. Supervisor Nankervis will look into it and review other options.

Chief Croley discuss the Live Training Execution that was performed today. It went well.

14. **Adjournment:** Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by; Treasurer Thornton and passed to Adjourn. 5 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Time: 6:55p.m.

Aaron Yunker, Township Clerk

Supervisor Comments

July 11, 2023 Board Meeting

1. Attended the Michigan Township Association Board of Directors Meeting in Rochester, MI. Lot of discussion on the new Election Laws, Nine Day early voting, etc. Some counties downstate will be handling early elections.
2. Tire collection by Marquette County will be at the West Marquette County Sanitation Authority on July 19, 2023, from 3 pm – 7 pm.
3. Marquette County Road Commission hauled gravel to County Road GGG and graded the road. This is what we told the residents what we would get done.
4. Worked with the Attorney on the modifications to the Nuisance Ordinance.
5. I was elected to the Board of Directors of the Michigan Township Participating Plan. My first meeting is July 20, 2023, in Boyne Falls, MI. I'll be representing Zone 1 which consist of the Nine Western Counties in the Upper Peninsula.
6. Tax bills for summer taxes are out. Residents are complaining about the increase in taxes. 1.5 Mill increase for MARESA. Also increase in water, sewer and garbage.
7. Board of Review will be on July 17, 2023 at 4:00 pm.
8. Attended the Marquette County Intergovernmental Housing Task Force Meeting on 7/7/23. Discussion on types of housing which is needed in County.
9. Will be working on the Street Lighting Budget for Fiscal Year April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Need worksheets for the budget.