

**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 12, 2022 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: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Bosio  
 All Ayes, Motion Carried

4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes** from June 12, 2022: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Yunker 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 Sjoholm; 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.

|                             | CHECKS      | AMOUNT              |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Township Operating          | 45601-45657 | \$72,528.35         |
| Township Payroll            | 32981-33018 | \$30,143.94         |
| Township Payroll Voided     |             | \$-1,895.01         |
| MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc. |             | \$18,578.81         |
| <b>Total</b>                |             | <b>\$119,356.09</b> |
|                             |             |                     |
| General Fund                |             | \$58,904.05         |
| Police                      |             | \$4,506.11          |
| Fire Fund                   |             | \$14,202.77         |
| Street Improvement          |             | \$0                 |
| Recreation Fund             |             | \$0                 |
| Capital Improvement Fund    |             | \$0                 |
| Street Lighting Fund        |             | \$26.05             |
| Water Fund                  |             | \$9,691.50          |
| Sewer Fund                  |             | \$32,025.61         |
| <b>Total</b>                |             | <b>\$119,356.09</b> |
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6. **Consent Agenda- Department Reports:**

- A. Animal
- B. Assessor
- C. DPW/Water
- D. Fire
- E. Police – No report (on vacation)
- F. Zoning
- G. Revenue/Expenditure Account Balance

**Approval of Consent Agenda Items A-D & F-G:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Yunker. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **Public Comment:** Dave Miron, 925 N. Westwood Drive, Ishpeming, complained about 2 homes that have numerous dogs in neighborhood making noise, barking excessively, fighting, smells on humid days, owner is disposing of dog poop by burning it, and digging. He is worried about someone getting hurt if they were to get loose. He discussed the problem with under age kids on dirt bikes with no mufflers driving in neighborhood, and asked if there was a fence permit for 1060 School Street. Supervisor Nankervis believes the Officer has been working on it and will follow up with Officer Kohler when he is back from vacation.

William Jalonen, 2013 Washington Avenue, Ishpeming, complained about fences (good side facing wrong way), trees growing into right away making it difficult for access and delivery trucks. Blight brush not being taken care causing rodents taking over in the Deer Lake area. He believes it is de-valuing property. He asked the Township Board to take action on blight and fence ordinance. Supervisor Nankervis stated the Road Commission owns the right away and will have them take a look at it. Treasurer Thornton stated that this is something that needs to be addressed.

The Board did not vote on anything but will follow up on the concerns.

Rick Watson, 1015 N. Westwood Drive, Ishpeming, complained about the barking, burning of dog crap, can't open windows. He asked about if the ordinance says how many dogs you can have, if the dogs have shots. Supervisor Nankervis said he will have the Officer check into it. He believes there is something in the ordinance regarding noise and talked about a neighborhood watch that the neighborhood had in the past. Treasurer Thornton stated we will do what we can.

8. **Communications:**

- a. Reviewed letter from Jim Gray regarding adopting a golf cart ordinance.
- b. Reviewed State of Michigan letter regarding Assessing. No action needed.
- c. Reviewed MERS Update. Trustee Sjöholm asked about looked into 10 years versus 5 years of vesting. Supervisor Nankervis will look into.
- d. Reviewed State of Michigan letter regarding Charter Township. No action needed.
- e. Review Fire Department request of \$240 for 24 rostered members to attend the Calumet Tournament. Motion by Trustee Bosio; Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- f. Motion by Treasurer Thornton; Support by Trustee Bosio to approve Fire Departments request to bring new fire truck to the Calumet Tournament to display from Thursday through Saturday. Red Power Diesel will provide all the fuel. The truck will be kept in the Calumet Fire Station overnight. 4 Ayes. 1 No. Motion Carried.

9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Discussed shared Police Officer with NICE School. Supervisor Nankervis will ask NICE Superintendent to attend the next meeting to discuss
- b. Discussed garbage out North. Board will obtain an actual count from the database the number of parcels.

11. **New Business:** None

12. **Board Comment:**

- a. Treasurer Thornton stated summer taxes collection has started, they were uploaded on July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Clerk Yunker stated he is getting ready for the upcoming election.
- c. Trustee Sjöholm discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of the ARPA funds, he also stated we should check on a couple ordinances from the residents' complaints and up our game plan on the alleys.
- d. Trustee Bosio thanked all the residents that attended the board meeting.

13. **Public Comment:** None

14. **Adjournment:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Bosio and passed to Adjourn. 5 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Time: 7:16 p.m.

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Aaron Yunker, Township Clerk

### **Supervisor Comments**

July 12, 2022 Board Meeting

1. Met with Jake Skewis (property owner on south side Ellsworth Street in Harris Hill Subdivision area), Moyle Construction, Drain Commissioner Mike Ferrell, and MCRC Engineer Kurt Taavola to discuss the storm sewers on the property. Owner wants to move them to the back of the lot in the area of the sanitary sewers which I opposed.
2. Attended the WMCSA meeting on June 20, 2022, and the Transfer Station employees attended requesting raises and a new truck, etc. I decided after the meeting I was going to resign as the Manager effective July 11, 2022. The WMCSA Board met and hired Kristin Thornton as the new manager. I was there, I believe for 30 years, that's long enough.
3. I met members from the Recycling Partnership at the Marquette County Landfill to be interviewed about recycling in Ishpeming Township. They have recommended Ishpeming Township for a Recycling Award. Maybe Ishpeming Township will be recognized for recycling.
4. Attended the Michigan Township Association meeting in Port Huron, MI on June 23 and 24, 2022.
5. Attended the Public Hearing on Ishpeming Township Project Plan for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund – EGGLE. It was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at Ishpeming Township.
6. Ishpeming Township will be having a Board of Review on July 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at Ishpeming Township Hall.
7. We received the second ARPA payment of \$184,586.24.
8. We sold the 1996 International Fire Truck to Ben Yelle for \$10,000.