

**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 9, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call: Present** - Supervisor James Nankervis, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Curtis Sjöholm and Trustee Charles Johnson. **Absent** - Clerk Grigg
2. **Salute to Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by: Trustee Sjöholm  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes** from June 11, 2019: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Johnson and passed to dispense with the reading of above minutes. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. **Reading of Expenditures:** Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by: Trustee Sjöholm and passed to accept the bills and order them paid.  
Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Johnson – Aye.  
All Ayes. Motion Carried.

	<b>CHECKS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Township Operating	43529-43574	\$69,972.21
Township Payroll	31659-31684	\$24,520.72
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$14,976.99
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$109,469.92</b>
General Fund		\$54,375.51
Police		\$259.83
Fire Fund		\$14,733.27
Capital Improvement		\$2840.00
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,303.36
Water Fund		\$11,434.95
Sewer Fund		\$21,523.30
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$109,469.92</b>

6. **Consent Agenda- Department Reports:**
  - A. Animal
  - B. Assessor – no report
  - C. DPW/Water
  - D. Fire
  - E. Police – no report
  - F. Zoning – no report
  - G. Revenue/Expenditure Account Balance**Approval of Consent Agenda Items A, C, D & G:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Supervisor Nankervis All Ayes, Motion Carried.
7. **Public Comment:** Judy Senske, 950 Cottage Street, Ishpeming made a verbal complaint regarding dogs barking all day long and additional junk cars in the neighborhood. Supervisor Nankervis asked for her to come to hall and put a complaint in and he will follow up.
8. **Communications:** Tranquility Fields Presentation from Scott Dianda and Attorney Matt Roman
9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached
10. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. Discussion of Fire Department Constitution and By-laws – after discussion, will add to next month’s agenda
11. **New Business:**
  - a. Review of letter from Tom & Luanne Skrenes
  - b. Review of letter to Tom & Luanne Skrenes Motion by: Supervisor Nankervis Support by Trustee Sjöholm to send letter and a copy of letter to Lighthouse Nursing Home. 4 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
  - c. Review of letter and invoice from CUPPAD Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by Supervisor Nankervis to pay invoice. 4 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

- d. Review of fax from Daniel Schmier, Supervisor Nankervis will draft an email regarding safety concerns and questions.
- e. Review letter regarding naming of logging roadways Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by Trustee Johnson to have approve the naming of Feltner Trial and Tansy Trial. 4 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- f. Review request to add to the tennis court, pickle ball court lines Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Johnson to contact Westwood High School and to obtain price bids on paint for court. 4 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- g. Review letter of resignation from Kurt Gravedoni resigning from the Board of Review.
- h. Review of Trustee Sjoholms' concerns – See Attached

12. **Board Comment:**

- a. Treasurer Thornton discussed Neighborhood Night Out on August 12, 2019. Supervisor Nankervis will contact Marquette County Road Commission to have mound of dirt removed where ORV accident occurred.

13. **Public Comment:** Jane Mariuzza, 940 Cottage Street, Ishpeming made a verbal complaint regarding dogs barking, blight, hot water tanks, junk cars in the neighborhood and also the enforcing of the township ordinances.

14. **Adjournment:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Johnson and passed to adjourn. 4 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Time: 7:29 p.m.

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Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

## SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

### FOR JULY 9, 2019 BOARD MEETING

1. Met with David Puskala, Account Executive for UPPCO. Dave stopped by to discuss the smart meters that they will be installing this year and next. It appears that they will be starting in the Copper Country. He also mention that the street lights cost for the township will not be lowered as much as original thought since the MPSC did not allow lowering it that much.
2. Attended the Superior Trade Zone meeting in Rock on June 18, 2019. Discussion on the Proposed Michigan Launch Initiative Project, Gladstone Waterfront Project approximately 58 acres, and Marquette and Delta County Master Plan.
3. Attended the Michigan Township Association Board of Directors meeting on June 13th and 14<sup>th</sup> in Kalamazoo, MI.
4. Chickens in West Ishpeming continue to be a problem. Issued a resident a citation for having approximately 20 chickens and 10 ducks on July 1, 2019.
5. A semi-truck and trailer hit the paper shack on Thursday evening June 27, 2019. A neighbor heard the truck hit and was a red truck with white trailer leave the parking lot. I notified central dispatch and they we going to notify the Marquette County Sheriff Department
6. Met with Greg Markkanen State Representative 110<sup>th</sup> District on July 8, 2019, at Ishpeming Township. Discussion on gas tax, school aide, Line 5 gas line, roads, etc.

Sjoholm's Concerns for July 9<sup>th</sup>

Township website: Added June 2019 board meeting minutes to website.

Garbage turn on fees: Township is following the resolution on garbage fees.

Recycling and garbage pickup North of Cooper Lake Road:

- a. Individuals must bring recyclables to WMCSWA Transfer Station
- b. Garbage pickup – DPW pick up the garbage

Travis Water's lawsuit: Township does not have a lawsuit on fence. Travis paid two tickets. Township fence ordinance do not state fence has to be the same type.

Fences blocking utility easements: Per Sjoholm's request Supervisor will contact Township Attorney to see what can be done to remove fences, buildings, etc. in utility easement.

Fire Department Bank Account: Treasurer Thornton and Fire Department are working on the item.

Old sewer plant: Deer Lake Building schedule for demolition

- a. None at this time
- b. Supervisor will be working on this
- c. Trustee does not like looking at the building

MERS Options: for the Township employees covered by MERS, the plan is a defined benefit B-2.

UPPCO & LED Lights - the amount the Township pays for lights will not be going down much, MPSC set the rate on street lights.

Water Pipe Inspection/State requirements: DPW is working on the information we need to send to the State.

West Ishpeming Streets - ditching will be done when water line work is done.

Ditching on Cooper Lake Road – Supervisor will contact MCRC.

5 cars parked in backyard in North Lake – Township does not issue orange tickets.

Why did guard rails along Deer Lake get removed before paving – MCRC is replacing the guard rails.