

## TOWNSHIP OF ISHPEMING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call: Present - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Nicole Hyry, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Curt Sjolholm, Trustee Dave Bosio
2. Salute to the Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Trustee Bosio. All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Reading of May 14, 2024: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Trustee Sjolholm. All Ayes. Motion passed to dispense with the reading of the above minutes.
5. Reading of Expenditures: Motion by: Trustee Bosio Supported by: Trustee Sjolholm All Ayes. Motion passed to accept the bills and order them paid as presented.  
Roll Call Vote: Hyry, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjolholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	47028-470084	\$94,025.34
Township Payroll	33871-33906	\$40,022.82
Voided Checks PR		\$
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$17,461.99
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$151510.15</b>
General Fund		\$80,498.27
Police		\$21,927.67
Fire Fund		\$9,985.79
Recreation Fund		\$0
Street Lighting Fund		\$1,766.07
Water Fund		\$14,576.35
Street Improvement Fund		\$0
Sewer Fund		\$22,756.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$151,510.15</b>

6. Consent Agenda Department Reports: (Attached)
  - 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 Supported by: Trustee Bosio All Ayes. Motion passed.

7. Public Comment: 285 Marble Street, Ishpeming MI talked to the board members regarding 2 items.
  1. He received a letter from the Land Bank in January 2022 regarding purchasing 75' of land for \$7,500, due to it being an unbuildable site. He did not purchase it. Anne Giroux then sold 150' to Habitat for Humanity for \$5,000. There was 30' left, he reached out to Anne Giroux and she sold all of it. He stated he would have bought it and Anne was very hard to work with.
  2. He would like his curb stop dug up and would like it changed out before fall. Supervisor Nankervis will follow up with DPW.

940 Cottage Street, Ishpeming MI discussed the Townships new ordinance not being enforced, there are trailers behind houses, unregistered cars, a deer blind, plows in front yards, 8" long grass, and unseemly areas. Police Chief Kangas is currently working on these issues and has sent blight/nuisances letters including a copy of the ordinance(s) to many residents.

8. Communications:

- a. Ken from North Country Disposal was here to discuss garbage collection so far.
- b. Approval of Appointing Steve Kangas as Interim Police Chief. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by; Treasurer Thornton. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Discussed Marquette County Solid Waste Management Agreement.
- d. Review letter from Todd Backlund, 135 Lawrence Ave regarding garbage pickup.
- e. Discussed Peninsula Solar Panels being installed flat on lower roof. Supervisor Nankervis will follow up with Peninsula Solar Panel.

9. Supervisor's Comments: See Attached

10. Unfinished Business: None

11. New Business:

- a. Approval of CCRA Contract Amendment. Motion by; Trustee Sjöholm Support by; Treasurer Thornton to approve \$2,985. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Approval of Greater Ishpeming Commission on Aging donation. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by; Treasurer Thornton to approve \$1,000. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Approval of Ishpeming Township offices closed additional day of July 5<sup>th</sup>. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Trustee Bosio to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- d. Approval of DPW Drilling Machine for tapping water. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Trustee Sjöholm to approve \$3,225. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- e. Approval of DPW to purchase a tablet/iPad for meter reading. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Trustee Bosio to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

12. Board Comments:

- a. Supervisor Nankervis welcomed new Clerk Nicole Hyry.
- b. Clerk Hyry stated she is glad to be here and thanked everyone for their input and help.
- c. Treasurer Thornton believes the Township needs a cleaning service for the Hall for once a week. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Clerk Hyry to seek services. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.  
She also stated that CUPPAD lost their original grant writer, Emily from CUPPAD will be taking over and it will still be on the same time frame to complete.
- d. Trustee Bosio stated he was glad Nicole's here.
- e. Trustee Sjöholm asked that the North Lake Blight/Nuisance complaints, Grant Water Update, Ted's Paint & Drywall property, and River Street lots be put on the agenda for unfinished business to follow up on. He talked about adding Ordinances onto our website. Also, he wanted to know if we have been billing for the Fire Department calls for out of town residents. Deputy Clerk Leece will add follow up items to July agenda. Nuisance and Solid Waste Ordinances are on the Township website. Supervisor Nankervis will follow up on Fire Department billing calls.

13. Public Comments: 285 Marble Street, Ishpeming MI asked about the West Ishpeming future water project. Supervisor Nankervis is trying to obtain grant money so that the Township does not have to raise the utility rates.

14. Adjournment: Motion by: Supervisor Nankervis Supported by Treasurer Thornton  
All ayes. Motion passed. Time: 7:08 p.m.

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Nicole Hyry, Clerk

## For June 11, 2024 Board Meeting

1. Bacco Construction will be starting work on Northshore Drive on June 11, 2024 to June 19, 2024, for preliminary ditching and grade improvements to get ready for resurfacing later in the year.
2. Attended the Marquette County Intergovernmental Housing Task Force Meeting on May 23, 2024 at NMU. Ishpeming Township could support an additional 14 houses per year if we had lots available.
3. Attended the Marquette County Township Association Meeting at Negaunee Township on May 22, 2024. Dotty LaJoye from CUPPAD was the guest speaker to give a review of what CUPPAD does to help out the community.
4. Attended the Marquette County Road Commission/Township Committee Meeting on May 30, 2024 @ 6 p.m. at the Road Commission Office. Discussed contractors and road commission work to be formed this year. Dust Control will be mid-June.
5. Spent time making sure that residents were getting garbage carts and some were getting 2 where duplexes were changed to single family.
6. I'll be attending the Michigan Township Association Board of Directors Meeting on June 13 and 14, 2024 in Mears, Michigan.
7. Marquette County Road Commission has scheduled the chip sealing from June 17-28, 2024