

ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, June 13, 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: Trustee Bosio Support by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes** from May 9, 2023 as amended: Motion by: Trustee Sjöholm Support by: Treasurer Thornton 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
Township Operating	46276-46343	\$75,243.66
Township Payroll	33374-33402	\$36,089.40
Township Payroll Voided		\$
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$24,414.97
Total		\$135,748.03
General Fund		\$75,947.56
Police		\$10,684.37
Fire Fund		\$6,959.50
Street Improvement		\$0
Recreation Fund		\$0
Capital Improvement Fund		\$0
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,296.59
Water Fund		\$15,185.36
Sewer Fund		\$22,674.65
Total		\$135,748.03

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: Clerk Yunker. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **Public Comment:** None

8. **Communications:**

- a. Reviewed MCSWMA Seasonal Hours of Operation
- b. Reviewed letter from MCSWMA Randy Yelle
- c. Reviewed Elections Director for Marquette – Update on Election Changes
- d. Reviewed letter from Jeremy Pickens regarding Dollar General Tax Appeal

9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Discussed reduced garbage fees.
- b. Discussed garbage fees for 100% PRE residents.
- c. Approval of refund to Richard Farley for Zoning/Appeal permit. Motion by Trustee Sjöholm; Support by; Supervisor Nankervis to refund \$500.
Roll Call Vote: Yunker – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Sjöholm – Aye, Bosio – Aye, Nankervis – Aye
Motion Carried.

11. **New Business:**

- a. Approval of City of Ishpeming 2023 Library Renewal. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Trustee Bosio to pay \$4,401.36. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Approval of Superiorland Electronics quote for Fire Alarm System Update. Motion by Treasurer Thornton; Support by Clerk Yunker to pay \$4,876 including cell line annual cost of \$180 and COPS monitoring service annual cost of \$230. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Approval of (2) Township Office logo polo shirts. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by; Treasurer Thornton to purchase for \$96.24. 5 Ayes. 0 No. Motion Carried.
- d. Approval of MTA Membership Dues for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Trustee Bosio to pay \$2,665.29. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- e. Approval of Drinking Water Asset Management Grant Agreement. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by; Treasurer Thornton for \$410,611. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- f. Review Marquette County Road Commission letter regarding Southwood Drive drainage issue.
- g. Approval of Housing TMA donation. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Trustee Bosio to donation \$1,000.
Roll Call Vote: Yunker – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Sjöholm – Aye, Bosio – Aye, Nankervis – No.
Motion Carried.
- h. Discussed Fire Department hose testing performed.
- i. Approval to send Draft Copy of Amended Nuisances Ordinance to Township Attorney for review. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Clerk Yunker. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

12. **Board Comment:**

- a. Trustee Sjöholm gave Supervisor Nankervis and DPW an “atta boy” on passing the water test.
- b. Supervisor Nankervis asked if the Police Department would email weekly work schedules and asked about summer hours now that there is no school. Chief Croley agreed to email work schedule for both Officers and is open to various summer hours and will talk to Officer Kangas.

13. **Public Comment:** Charlene Lusardi and Breanna Lusardi, 200 Marble Street, Ishpeming asked what the Township was going to do about bark boxes. Breanna said they are effecting the little one and they feel drunk, and that if something wasn't done they will take the Township to court for child abuse. They also asked what the Township was going to do about fireworks. Charlene said the fireworks are landing in the yard and on the roof of the house. Supervisor Nankervis expressed the Township is not aware of any bark boxes, and that Andrew Lusardi was supposed to provide information and the Township has not received anything. He also said the Township follows State Law regarding fireworks and to call Central Dispatch, the Township does not have a full time 24 hour Police Officer on duty. Chief Croley said he checked with the Prosetutors Office regarding bark boxes and they do not typical effect humans, they are not transmitted through walls or houses, and transmittal is 300 feet. He also provided the State Law regarding fireworks to the Lusardi's.

14. **Adjournment:** Motion by: Trustee Bosio Support by: Treasurer Thornton and passed to Adjourn. 5 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Time: 7:01 p.m.

Aaron Yunker, Township Clerk

Supervisor Comments

June 13, 2023 Board Meeting

1. Attended a meeting of Respect Marquette County in the City of Negaunee on May 5, 2023. Had a presentation by the Manager of the City of Negaunee on upgrade to the downtown of Negaunee.
2. Kristin and I looked at North Lake location after the May board meeting and noticed some blight in the area. Turned it over to the Police Chief for him to notify the property owners.
3. Went out to County Road GGG with our Police Office on Thursday, May 11, 2023, to look at the condition of the road. A big water hole at one location and couple of soft spots and a lot of pot holes. Talked with the Marquette County Road Commission about gravel and grading the road. The road was graded on May 12, 2023. The graveling of the bad spots should be done by mid-June.
4. Attended the Dickinson County Township Association meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, in Bruiting Township at 7:30 p.m. e.s.t.
5. Met with Pete Duex, Ross Olson, and Kurt Taavola from the Marquette County Road Commission to review the work on County GGG to bring it up to the standards for year around road. We also looked County Road GGT (Red Road) so they can develop a cost estimate to upgrade the west 1 mile of road by building up the road bed, ditching and graveling the road.
6. Attended the Marquette County Township Association meeting at Negaunee Township on May 24, 2023. Pete Duex Marquette County Road Commission was the guest speaker.
7. Attended the Township/Road Commission meeting on June 1, 2023. Pete Duex discussed the road work that's going on in Marquette County this year. June 12th they will start with the dust control on the roads we specify. Street sweeping in Ishpeming Township was completed this week. They might get \$500,000 from FEMA for damage done with the quick snow melt in May. Working with UP Engineering on the paperwork for DWAM Grant (\$410,611) that we received.
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9. Trevor and Darien passed the S-4 water test and I passed the S-3 water test.
10. Received a call from Dan (UP Solar) would like to give us a price on solar.
11. Marquette County Road Commission did some spot grading on County Road GGG and also brought out one load of 22A gravel. Hopefully more loads next Wednesday.