

**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 8, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call: Present** - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Aaron Yunker, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Dave Bosio, and Trustee Curtis Sjolholm
2. **Salute to Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Yunker  
All Ayes, Motion Carried
4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes** from May 11, 2021: 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 Sjolholm and passed to accept the bills and order them paid for May Expenditures.  
Roll Call Vote: Yunker – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Sjolholm – Aye, Bosio – Aye, Nankervis – Aye  
Motion Carried.

	<b>CHECKS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Township Operating	44841-44890	\$108,024.52
Township Payroll	32523-32541	\$27,299.76
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$24,074.33
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$159,398.61</b>
General Fund		\$118,517.55
Police		\$4,811.31
Fire Fund		\$2,005.33
Street Improvement		\$0
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,230.23
Water Fund		\$9,232.50
Sewer Fund		\$20,601.69
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$159,398.61</b>

6. **Consent Agenda- Department Reports:**
  - A. Animal
  - B. Assessor
  - C. DPW/Water
  - D. Fire
  - E. Police
  - F. Zoning – No Report
  - G. Revenue/Expenditure Account Balance**Approval of Consent Agenda Items A-E & G:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Sjolholm. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
7. **Public Comment:** Daniel Sleeman, 265 N. Rose Street – Transfer station fees and paying more than actually dump. What are FWP funds for? Future Water Projects. Plans are to use the funds to replace the West Ishpeming neighborhood water infrastructure.
8. **Communications:** Reviewed quotes from the Mqt. Co. Rd. Commission for paving sections of N. Rose St. and Southwood Dr. and Jim will try and re-negotiate original quotes.
9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached
10. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. Discussed Water Ordinance – Draft changes to Water Ordinance  
Motion by Thornton; Support by Bosio; Motion carried – To approve as presented.  
Roll Call: Sjolholm – Aye; Bosio – Aye; Thornton – Aye; Nankervis – Aye; Yunker – Aye
  - b. Discussed Short Term Rentals – No limits from residential to rentals. Board agreed to wait for the results of the two state bills before moving forward on short-term rentals.

c. Discussed Playground equipment ground cover – Recommendation was to go with Penchura Redwood Rubber cover for the playground at a cost of \$6,950.

Motion by Nankervis; Support by Yunker; Motion Carried; All Ayes

d. The Recycling Partnership Grant Reimbursement will be awarded soon. The township is currently waiting for the EGLE grant to be amended.

e. Reviewed Fire Department Constitution By-laws for approval which were approved by a 2/3 majority of the Fire Department.

Motion by Thornton; Support by Sjoholm to approve the Constitution and By Laws.

Roll Call Vote: Bosio – Aye; Yunker – Aye; Thornton – Aye; Sjoholm – Aye; Nankervis – Aye

Motion carried.

#### 11. **New Business:**

a. Discussed the Ishpeming Township Covid-19 Response & Preparedness Plan.

Motion by Trustee Bosio; Support by: Trustee Thornton to approve the Ishpeming Township Covid-19 Response & Preparedness Plan.

Roll Call Vote: Sjoholm – Aye; Bosio – Aye; Yunker – Aye; Thornton – Aye; Nankervis – Aye  
Motion Carried

b. Motion by: Clerk Yunker; Support by: Trustee Sjoholm to approve U.P.S.E.T Agreement for Law Enforcement Services, and approve payment of \$1,000. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

c. Motion by: Supervisor Nankervis Support by: Clerk Yunker to approve MTA Dues. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

d. Discussed subscribing to MTA Online Training and decided to hold off and see if the classes would be utilized.

e. Motion by: Trustee Bosio Support by: Trustee Sjoholm to approve future hall rentals to include kitchen use based on CDC guidelines. 4 Ayes, 1 No. Motion Carried

f. Motion by: Trustee Bosio Support by: Treasurer Thornton to approve a change in the MERS Defined Benefit Contribution from 12.3% to 13.39%. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried

g. Motion by Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Bosio to approve a quote for new hoses and fittings for the Fire Department from Pomasl for the amount of \$7,438. 5 Ayes. 0 No. Motion carried.

h. Motion by Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Yunker to approve the Fire Department voting in Edward Dobija as a Probationary Firefighter and Gordy Stone as a full-fledged member. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion carried.

i. Motion by Clerk Yunker Support by: Supervisor Nankervis to approve a renewal of 30 year franchise for UPPCO to conduct business in Ishpeming Township. Roll Call Vote: Sjoholm – Aye; Yunker – Aye; Thornton – Aye; Bosio – Aye; Nankervis – Aye Motion Carried

#### 12. **Board Comment:**

a. Trustee Bosio brought up the possibility of watering the ball fields before games to reduce dust.

b. Treasurer Thornton is working on taxes for July 1 and our annual audit begins June 14<sup>th</sup>.

13. **Public Comment:** Dan Sleeman, 265 N. Rose Street - asked about the redistricting meeting that was held at NMU in early May. Supervisor Nankervis attended and recommended that the Townships not be split up from other in their counties.

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

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Aaron Yunker, Township Clerk

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS  
FOR June 8, 2021 BOARD MEETING

1. We relocated the Township Police Officer to the Assessor's office to provide more security from the public. Also moved the Assessor's office to the Police Office.
2. I hired Olson's Lawn & Pest to do the fertilizing of the recreation area and the Fire Department area. Rec. area \$4,450.50 and Fire Dept. area \$596.25. Only bid received.
3. Attended the Redistricting Meeting at NMU @ 6 p.m. on May 18, 2021. I stated that I thought each unit of government in a County should be in the same district if possible.
4. Had a virtual meeting with UPPCO Representative on May 26 to discuss energy usage at Ishpeming Township Buildings. Discussed LED lighting, HVAC, etc. They are supposed to credit our account for a \$100 for me attending this meeting.
5. I will be attending the Michigan Township Association Board of Directors Meeting in Lansing on June 18, 2021.
6. I attended the June 3, 2021 Supervisor/Manager Meeting at Marquette Township. Discussion of Covid-19 and wished Mike Angeli the best in his retirement.
7. Attended the Superior Trade Zoning Meeting on June 2, 2021. Discussions on Economic Development, Workforce Development Presentation by CUPPAD
8. Attended a zoom meeting on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Sounds like water infrastructure is eligible for funding.