

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call: Present** - Supervisor James Nankervis, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Clerk Cory Beth Grigg, Trustee Curtis Sjöholm and Trustee Charles Johnson
2. **Salute to Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Johnson All Ayes, Motion Carried.
4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes** from February 11, 2020: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg and passed to dispense with the reading of above minutes. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. **Reading of Expenditures:** Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Johnson and passed to accept the bills and order them paid.  
 Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Grigg- Aye, Johnson – Aye with the abstention of the Auto Value bill.

	<b>CHECKS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Township Operating	44029-44086	\$55,525.44
Township Payroll	31927-31948	\$54,336.28
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$29,869.39
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$139,731.11</b>
General Fund		\$70,726.63
Police		\$6,720.77
Fire Fund		\$6,736.90
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,284.41
Water Fund		\$17,290.71
Sewer Fund		\$33,971.69
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$139,731.11</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, B, C, D, E, & G:** Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **Public Comment:** Jon Palomaki, 245 S. Lilac Street, Ishpeming addressed the Board regarding his sewer backup and slow drainage letter to the Township and his concerns, Supervisor Nankervis said DPW could put in a pvc stand pipe at road right of way for a clean out and camera inspection location.

8. **Communications:**

- a. Review of John Heikkila’s resignation letter.
- b. Review of Cory Beth’s email resignation letter. The Township has ads running in the Mining Journal on March 14, 18, and 21, 2020 as well as on Ishpeming Township website and the Facebook page to fill the Clerk position.
- c. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Trustee Johnson to approve the Cross-Connection Control Program Professional Services Agreement. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- d. Discussed Ishpeming Township Office, Hall, and Fire Department hours due to the Coronavirus, a decision was made to continue with the same office hours but limiting the customer contact by using the window and reminding the resident that they can use the drop box, mail, and website for payments, including postponing or cancelling hall rental. The Fire Department will not be open to the public but take care of Emergency work only.

9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Motion by: Clerk Grigg, Support by: Supervisor Nankervis to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield New Business Prior Cost Share Credit Authorization. Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Grigg- Aye, Johnson – Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Review letter from Ely Township regarding Fire Retainer fees.
- c. Review letter to Tilden Township regarding Fire Retainer fees.
- d. Motion by: Trustee Johnson, Support by Clerk Grigg to approve the new Officers of the Ishpeming Township Fire/Rescue Department as presented. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

11. **New Business:**

- a. Discussed Letter from O’Dea, Nordeen, Burink, and Pickens, PC regarding Attorney services.
- b. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Clerk Grigg to approve Purchase order #2020-08 for 36 Orange Survivor Lights for the Fire Department. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Motion by: Clerk Grigg, Support by: Treasurer Thornton to approve Purchase order #2020-11 for 8 Power Towers and batteries for the Fire Department. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- d. Motion by: Trustee Johnson, Support by: Trustee Sjöholm to approve Purchase order #2020-12 for 9 Globe Leather Supreme Arctic Grip Boots for the Fire Department. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- e. Fire Chief Mann discussed Fire Department By Laws and Constitution, Treasurer Thornton will review IRS Resolution.
- f. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Clerk Grigg to approve purchasing Fire Department Turn Out Gear this spring using the 2020 Budget. Fire Chief Mann will call to see if there is a savings benefit of buy 8 versus 4. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- g. Motion by: Trustee Johnson, Support by: Clerk Grigg to approve Marquette County Road Commission 2020 Dust Control Agreement. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- h. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Clerk Grigg to approve Wage Chart – Effective April 1, 2020 with the one change to increase the summer student to \$11.00 an hour instead of \$10.50. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- i. Motion by: Trustee Sjöholm, Support by: Trustee Johnson to replace James LaFreniere on the Planning Commission with Karl Lehmann. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- j. Supervisor Nankervis stated that Nathan Beckman will be our summer student and will start working the first part of May 2020.
- k. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Clerk Grigg to approve the (2) 906 Technologies estimate. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- l. Motion by: Trustee Johnson, Support by: Trustee Sjöholm to approve a 1 year subscription to lamResponding.com. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- m. Motion by: Clerk Grigg, Support by: Treasurer Thornton to approve purchase of new conference tables for the board meetings. 4 Ayes, 1 No. Motion Carried.
- n. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Trustee Johnson to adopt Resolution #2020-4 Budget Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Grigg- Aye, Johnson – Aye. Motion Carried.
- o. Motion by: Clerk Grigg, Support by: Treasurer Thornton to adopt Resolution #2020-5 Monthly Board Meetings. Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Grigg- Aye, Johnson – Aye. Motion Carried.
- p. Motion by: Trustee Johnson, Support by: Trustee Sjöholm to adopt Resolution #2020-6 Resolution to Appoint Department Officials Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Grigg- Aye, Johnson – Aye. Motion Carried.
- q. Motion by: Clerk Grigg, Support by: Treasurer Thornton to adopt Resolution #2020-7 Legal Depositories. Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Grigg- Aye, Johnson – Aye, Thornton – Aye with the abstention of the TruNorth Credit Union. Motion Carried.
- r. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Trustee Sjöholm to adopt Resolution #2020-8 Buy/Sell Real Estate. Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Grigg- Aye, Johnson – Aye. Motion Carried.
- s. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Trustee Sjöholm to adopt Resolution #2020-9 Garbage Rates. Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Grigg- Aye, Johnson – Aye. Motion Carried.
- t. Motion by: Clerk Grigg, Support by: Trustee Sjöholm to adopt Resolution #2020-10 Water Rates. Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Grigg- Aye, Johnson – Aye. Motion Carried.

**12. Board Comment:**

- a. Clerk Grigg stated that 697 ballots were cast in last week's election and thanked Billie and Tammie for putting in all the hard work in the last month.
- b. Treasurer Thornton stated the Tax Settlement went to the County. She also said she will be going to Colorado May 7<sup>th</sup> through May 17<sup>th</sup> if flights do not get cancelled.

**13. Public Comment:** Jon Palomaki, 245 S. Lilac Street, Ishpeming asked for a written letter from the Township stating what will be done with sewer lateral. Supervisor Nankervis will write a letter.

**14. Adjournment:** Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by: Treasurer Thornton and passed to adjourn. 5 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Time: 7:39p.m.

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Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS  
FOR March 17, 2020 BOARD MEETING

1. Worked on the budget for fiscal year April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.
2. Attended the Michigan Township Association Board of Directors meeting in Lansing on Friday, February 21, 2020.
3. Attended the Democratic Party meeting that was held on Sunday, February 23, 2020.
4. Attended the Marquette County Township Association meeting February 26, 2020 at Negaunee Township Hall. The County Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds and Equalization Director gave presentations on what happened over the last year.
5. Started on the grant applications for Grants for Recycling Carts. One grant for the Recycling Partnership and another for EGLE Recycling Quality Improvement Grant Program.
6. Attended the Board of Review meetings on March 9 and 11, 2020. We had 5 petitions submitted.
7. Will be working on the Grant Application for playground equipment. Will be submitting it to the West End Health Foundation.
8. Meeting with Superiorland Electronics on cameras for the Township. They will review his quote from October and make adjust as requires for camera output.
9. With everything going on with the Coronavirus I plan on having DPW paint the walls in the hall.