

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, May 12, 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 March 17, 2020 and April 3, 2020 – Special Meeting: Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton 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 for April and May Expenditures.
 Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Grigg- Aye, Johnson - Aye

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	44143-44186	\$54,058.64
Township Payroll	32010-32055	\$28,825.49
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$16,286.19
Total		\$99,170.32
General Fund		\$45,124.32
Police		\$5,112.11
Fire Fund		\$11,369.00
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,344.89
Water Fund		\$9,000.65
Sewer Fund		\$24,219.35
Total		\$99,170.32

6. **Consent Agenda- Department Reports:**
 - A. Animal
 - B. Assessor-no report
 - C. DPW/Water
 - D. Fire
 - E. Police
 - F. Zoning – no report
 - G. Revenue/Expenditure Account Balance**Approval of Consent Agenda Items A, C, D, E, & G:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg All Ayes, Motion Carried.
7. **Public Comment:** None
8. **Communications:**
 - a. Review of Website Maintenance. Township Board will review additional quote and will bring it back to our next meeting.
 - b. Review of Letter from Peter Heikkila. Supervisor Nankervis spoke with the Marquette Road Commission and they will do work on ditching along the road to help and correction the problem.
9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached
10. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Clerk Grigg to purchase 4 computers as well as the software from 906 Technologies in the amount of \$4,963.77. Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Grigg- Aye, Johnson – Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
 - b. Discuss the progress with the Animal Control Ordinance.

11. New Business:

- a. Motion by: Clerk Grigg, Support by Trustee Johnson to pay the Library bill from the City of Ishpeming for \$3,809.03. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Discuss MERS Retirement, Township Board will place on hold and review in the future.
- c. Discuss Attorney. Township Board will discuss more at the next meeting.
- d. Review of Ishpeming Township Operations, see attached.
- e. Discussed Nathan Beckman our summer student starting work on May 18, 2020.
- f. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Trustee Johnson to post park closure on website and Facebook pages due to the Covid-19, park will stay closed until the Govern lifts restrictions. DPW will maintain the parks while closed. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- g. Discussed Recreation area plans with the new playground equipment to be installed.
- h. Fire Chief Mann reported that there is no progress with the new fire truck and there will be an upcoming meeting via Zoom to discuss, he also discussed that the Fire Department is completely closed to the public due to the Covid-19 and that the Fire Department will not be participating in any birthday drive byes. The Board also discussed July 4, 2020 and further information will be coming.
- i. Motion by: Trustee Johnson, Support by: Trustee Sjoholm to hire Bacco Construction to do paving work on Westwood Drive for \$21,145.00. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- j. Motion by: Trustee Johnson, Support by: Trustee Sjoholm to approve hiring Moyle Trucking and Excavating to install concrete on north side of Township building replacing the bit asphalt parking lot. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- k. Discuss Archiving Social Media, Township Board will review again next month after further reviewing and obtaining opinions and recommendations from the Attorney and Michigan Township Association.

12. Board Comment:

- a. Clerk Grigg discussed her communication with Linda Talsma the Marquette County Clerk regarding the possibilities of having all absentee voters ballots in future elections. Township will have 1 Precinct open for handicap residents to vote, and plexi glass around elections workers. The Township will be sending out its Absentee Voter Application at the end of May 2020 for our Permanent Absentee Voter List.
- b. Treasurer Thornton stated the 2019 Final Tax Distribution is complete.
- c. Trustee Sjoholm discuss his concern with the junk cars in North Lake, making alleys passable and putting gravel on them, and the North and South Camp Roads garbage regarding seasonal residents and the turn on/off fees for garbage.

13. Public Comment: None

14. **Adjournment:** Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton and passed to adjourn. 5 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Time: 7:36p.m.

Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS
FOR May 12, 2020 BOARD MEETING

1. Prepared the Grant Application for Recycling Carts through Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy. Grant amount requested \$56,971.
2. Received notice from the Recycling Partnership letting me know they received Ishpeming Township Grant Application for Recycling Carts. They looked very favorable on our application for co-granting with Michigan EGLE but there is concern with financing due to the Covid-19 conditions. Received notice that our Grant was approved for the Recycling Partnership.
3. Applied for a Grant from the West End Health Foundation for \$10,000 for playground equipment for the Fit Core Extreme addition to the playground equipment. Plan on purchasing fill for the area. We were not selected.
4. Worked on the Animal Control Ordinance and sent it to the Board Members for their review and then sent it on to John Heikkila to make the necessary changes. Like rescinding the previous ordinance, etc.
5. Started looking for Attorney's interested in working for Ishpeming Township. Not too many do work for Governmental units.
6. Starting working on a new Water Ordinance for Ishpeming Township.
7. Review Covid-19 email, etc.
8. Attend the Managers/Supervisor via Zoom on May 7, 2020. Discussions on opening up the cities in Townships in an orderly manner as the Governor lifts the restrictions.
9. Attended a Zoom Meeting with the Michigan Township Association Board of Directors and Governor Whitmer on Township issues due to Covid-19. State shared revenue could be reduced by as much as 50% for the next two payment.
10. The Michigan National Guard and the Health Department will be performing Covid-19 testing for residents of the Light House Nursing Home in the near future.

Restarting of Township Operations

On May 18, 2020

1. Bring DPW workers back.
2. If workers do not want to come back until Governor lifts the stay home stay safe, we will place them on unemployment or vacation, which ever employees wants.
3. Office worker's go to 3 days each, per week.
4. Workers maintain social distancing (6' min)
5. One person in vehicle at a time (maintaining this at least through the summer)
6. Provide employees with PPE's.
7. Order temperature gun and check employees as they come into work.
8. Summer worker can start.

Parks

1. Stay closed until Governor lifts order
2. Clean parks, cut grass, clean sod chucks and rubbish.
3. Start working on area for Extreme Fitness Equipment. Have sand hauled in.