

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 9, 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 April 11, 2023: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Sjöholm 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	46199-46274	\$93,597.00
Township Payroll	33331-33373	\$34,981.66
Township Payroll Voided		\$
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$14,998.79
Total		\$143,577.45
General Fund		\$66,254.00
Police		\$10,320.49
Fire Fund		\$9,038.92
Street Improvement		\$0
Recreation Fund		\$0
Capital Improvement Fund		\$0
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,314.30
Water Fund		\$14,291.27
Sewer Fund		\$39,358.47
Total		\$143,577.45

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:** 940 Cottage Street, Ishpeming and 950 Cottage Street, Ishpeming talked about the blight issue in North Lake. They stated there is garbage, junk, vehicles not licensed, and garbage bags at many residents. They are sick and tired of this. They pay taxes and want to be treated the same as everyone else on the South side. They believe the Township is not following the Ordinances and not fining residents and wanting the Township to enforce the Ordinance. Treasurer Thornton stated that the

previous Police Officer Kohler was active in North Lake and the Township has new Officers that have been transitioning into their positions. Supervisor Nankervis stated the Township know has 2 new Police Officers and will have them respond to the complaints.

Susan Hill, 1720 North Lake Drive, Ishpeming, Fred Anderson, 1715 North Lake Drive, Ishpeming and Travis Allen, 1745 North Lake Drive, Ishpeming complained about their neighbor Cody Weinberg at 1705 North Lake Drive, Ishpeming. He has threatened them. He is carrying a knife or a hatchet saying he will chop off their fingers, will kill them, spits at them telling them and he hopes they gets AIDS, He is playing extremely loud music and putting it in the window towards the Anderson's house, and is screaming and throwing rocks. Ms. Hill stated he attacked Mr. Allen and asked if the Township will re-visit the ordinance. They would be sincerely happy. Mr. Anderson stated there is a pending stalking charge against him. He has started calling 911 and has sent videos to the Township Officer and Sheriff Department 7 times in 2 weeks. He used to see kids going to the ice cream shop all the time and no kids go there because of him. Mr. Allen stated Cody circles around his house, and he has to be outside with his kid. Something needs to be done and doesn't know what. He would like the Township to take a look at the business the grandparents are running out of their house, ABC Embroidery. Supervisor Nankervis said he will turn it over to the Township Police and will re-visit a Noise Ordinance that the Township is not taking this lightly. Treasurer Thornton stated Township will look into an Ordinance but it may be bigger issue than an Ordinance.

8. **Communications:**

- a. Reviewed U.P.S.E.T thank you letter.
- b. Reviewed Randy Yelle's Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority. Waiting on what Marquette County Township Association recommends.

9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Approval to purchase a new garbage truck. Motion by Treasurer Thornton; Support by Trustee Bosio to purchase from Fox Marquette, Chev-CK56403 Silverado and Loadmaster Elite 8 yard rear load for \$124,543.60. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Discuss Curt Sjöholm's zoning change. Supervisor Nankervis will consult with the Township Attorney.

11. **New Business:**

- a. Approval to purchase 3 LED Stop Signs for the Fire Department. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by; Treasurer Thornton to purchase for \$1,084.80. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Approved Probationary Fire Fighters, Nicole Kautz and Kenneth Hill. Motion by Treasurer Thornton; Support by Clerk Yunker. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Discuss new employee Taylor Dellangelo
- d. Discuss Road 9/County Road GGG letter request.

Mike Nardi, 175 Four Corner Drive, Clark Gravedoni, 650 County Road GGG, Pete Heikkila, 660 County Road GGG, Cindy and Paul Heino 1140 County Road GGG, and Rich Tynnismaa, 273 Four Corners Drive all of Ishpeming Township attended the meeting to discuss their request to remove County Road GGG from its current status as a "seasonal road". Below are statements made by the residents. They said there are 10 families that now live out there. The road is terrible and is tearing up vehicles. The County will not plow or push back snow banks and the nearest street light is 1 mile away. They are worried emergency vehicles would not make it out there, and pot holes are bad. Mr. Heikkila stated he submitted a letter to the County and that they have added 2 culverts. He said Govern Whitmer declared a state of emergency as a disaster. Mr. Gravedoni asked to put in gravel to bring up the road. It takes 15 minutes to go 1 mile. The County will not let the residents work on it, unless they have a permit. Mr. Heino stated he would call the County to have them push back the snowbanks but they do not come out anymore. Mrs. Heino asked what are the 1st steps they should take to resolve this problem. Supervisor Nankervis stated that the Township has put over \$150,000 into that road. He has a call into Ross Olsen at the Marquette County Road Commission to discuss. The paved roads in the Townships subdivision were paid by the resident. County Road GGG was a 2 track road. We are waiting to hear from the MCRC. The consensus is there are 3 bad parts on the road that

everyone would like fixed; gravel would work, and then gradually work on the road in the future. They will have one spokesperson, Mike Nardi for the Township to contact to communicate with and provide updates

e. Review DWAM Grant Water System.

12. Board Comment:

a. Trustee Sjöholm confirmed Treasurer Thornton was working on Township CD at the bank. Treasurer Thornton confirmed she is working on it.

b. Trustee Bosio thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

c. Treasurer Thornton stated the Supervisor Nankervis and herself are working on the Master Plan and Recreation Plan for the Township.

13. Public Comment: Richard Tynismaa, 273 Four Corners Drive, Ishpeming asked Supervisor Nankervis when will he go out to County Road GGG to look at it. Supervisor Nankervis stated he will try to take Pete Duex or Ross Olson from Marquette County Road Commission with him this week.

14. Adjournment: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Bosio and passed to Adjourn. 5 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Time: 7:09 p.m.

Aaron Yunker, Township Clerk

Supervisor Comments

1. Attended a webinar put on by Michigan Tech on maintaining water quality on April 11, 2023.
2. Attended the Michigan Township Association Education Conference in Traverse City from April 17 to April 20, 2023.
3. Attended the AWWA water seminar in Harris, Michigan on April 25 & 26, 2023.
4. Attended the Marquette County Township Association Meeting in Negaunee Township on April 26, 2023. Guest speakers were Amy Poirier, Great Lakes Recovery and Ashley Roberts, Ishpeming Senior Center.
5. Working with a resident in the Bear Lake area on a lot split. Original 2 lots and he combined them together for tax purposes. He now wants them split again.
6. On May 3, 2023, Trevor and Darien took the S-4 Water Operator Test and I took the S-3 Water Operator test at NMU.
7. Working on the DWAM (Drinking Water Asset Management) grant application with UP Engineering.
8. Attended a meeting in Negaunee on Respect Marquette County on May 5, 2023. Discussion on Tourism in Marquette County. Making Marquette Tourist Friendly.
9. Received Wellhead Protection Report from the Negaunee/Ishpeming Water Authority.