

TOWNSHIP OF ISHPEMING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call: Present - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Aaron Yunker, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Curt Sjolholm, Trustee Dave Bosio
2. Salute to the Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Trustee Bosio to add an agenda item regarding office update and then to approve agenda as presented.
All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Reading of October 10, 2023 Minutes: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Trustee Sjolholm
All Ayes. Motion passed to dispense with the reading of the above minutes.
5. Reading of Expenditures: Motion by: Trustee Bosio Supported by: Trustee Sjolholm
All Ayes. Motion passed to accept the bills and order them paid as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Yunker, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjolholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye

| | CHECKS | AMOUNT |
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| Township Operating | 46565-46635 | \$160,579.01 |
| Township Payroll | 33561-33616 | \$ 42,413.65 |
| MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc. | | \$ 21,799.62 |
| Total | | \$224,792.28 |
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| General Fund | | \$ 83,278.32 |
| Police | | \$ 15,781.03 |
| Fire Fund | | \$ 57,529.84 |
| Recreation Fund | | \$ 15,494.00 |
| Street Lighting Fund | | \$ 1,779.15 |
| Water Fund | | \$ 23,111.25 |
| Sewer Fund | | \$ 27,818.69 |
| Total | | \$224,792.28 |
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6. Consent Agenda Department Reports: (Attached)
 - 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 Supported by: Trustee Sjolholm All Ayes. Motion passed

7. Public Comment : (Limit 3 Minutes Per Person)
 1. Pat Manley – Interested in the Recreation Committee. Voiced concerns of the state of the baseball fields, the bridges and overall dilapidated conditions of the playground area.
8. Communications:
 - a. Aspen Ridge School – Letter from Ashley Allen – Ishpeming Township cannot donate money
 - b. Hannula Agency insurance renewal – Motion by Trustee Bosio Supported by Treasurer Thornton to pay Hannula Insurance Renewal. All ayes. Motion passed
 - c. Ishpeming Area Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility amended budget - Placed in file.

9. Supervisor's Comments: See Attached

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. Solar Panels – Ben Schimpf, Peninsula Solar, talked about qualifications, references and customer service of the company. Will adjust rates to current market rate of panels.
Motion by Treasurer Thornton Supported by Clerk Yunker to have solar panels installed at Ishpeming Township
Roll Call Vote: Yunker, Aye; Nankervis, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Bosio, Abstained; Sjolholm, Nay
Motion passed
- b. Ishpeming Township Recreation Plan 2024-2029 – Supervisor Nankervis has talked with CUPPAD regarding the Recreation Plan. We need an updated Recreation Committee to move forward with the Recreation Plan. Treasurer Thornton and Trustee Bosio will take over the Recreation Committee. Recreation Plan must be completed by February 1, 2024
Motion by Treasurer Thornton supported by Trustee Bosio to develop Recreation Committee
All Ayes. Motion passed
- c. Motion by Trustee Sjolholm supported by Treasurer Thornton to give meeting per diem of \$25 per recreation committee member up to seven members. All ayes. Motion passed

11. New Business:

- a. Board Appointments for 2024 – Motion by Treasurer Thornton supported by Trustee Bosio to approve Board Appointments for 2024. All ayes. Motion passed
- b. Anonymous Letter regarding the Township – Discussed and filed
- c. Small Business Association Membership Renewal - Motion by Trustee Bosio supported by Treasurer Thornton to approve Small Business Membership Renewal for \$269.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- d. Recreation Committee Applications – Motion by Treasurer Thornton supported by Trustee Bosio to appoint the three applicants to the Recreation Committee, Bobby Reichel, Kurt Corcoran, and Jim Gray. All ayes. Motion passed
- e. Safety Awards Banquet approval for December 1, 2023 – Motion by Treasurer Thornton supported by Trustee Bosio to have Safety Awards Banquet at the Ishpeming Township Hall on December 1, 2023; Brisket provided by Lake Superior Smokehouse and sides purchased from Super One.
Roll call vote: Bosio, Aye; Sjolholm, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Nankervis, Nay; Yunker, Aye
Motion passed
- f. Prime Contracting quote for Fire Department Furnace – Motion by Supervisor Nankervis supported by Treasurer Thornton to have Prime Contracting replace Fire Department furnace for \$4,500
Roll call vote: Yunker, Aye; Nankervis, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjolholm, Nay
Motion passed
- g. Office update. Motion by Treasurer Thornton supported by Trustee Bosio to have the front office window replaced and to look into key fob entrance for back door.
All ayes. Motion passed

12. Board Comments:

Treasurer Thornton – Attended BS&A seminar and December 1, 2023 winter tax season
Trustee Bosio made motion to have Pat Manley on Recreation Committee

13. Public Comments: (Limit 3 Minutes Per Person)

1. Pat Manley – Discussed glass recycling. Was out of town and upset it's only once a month. Feels the window issue is a disgrace and not good public service that it's not open.
2. Ben Schimpf thanked the Board for agreeing to have solar panels installed and will get an adjusted payment schedule to Supervisor Nankervis as point of contact for the Township.
3. Chief of Police Chris Croley spoke on behalf of the security issues in the building and agrees with secure points of entry.
4. Chief of Fire Department Scott "Earl" Mann stated the fire department will be changing Class A Uniform companies from Grand Rapids, MI to a firm out of Green Bay WI. Will have more information for December 2023 Board Meeting

14. Adjournment: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by Trustee Bosio
All ayes. Motion passed. Time: 7:10 pm.

Aaron Yunker, Clerk

Supervisor Comments

November 7, 2023 Board Meeting

1. Attended Fahoy's meeting for Robert's Rule of Order Webinar on October 18, 2023
2. Attended Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Director's meeting in Kalamazoo on October 20, 2023
3. Attended Marquette County Township Association meeting on October 25, 2023 at Negaunee Township. Guest speakers were Thyra Karlstrom, Marquette County Planning, to discuss recreation-based tourism in Marquette County and Rich Johnson & John Kovar, Detective Lieutenants, NMU, to discuss SMART 911 in Marquette County.
4. Started working on the Recreation Committee. Tammie put a request for members on our website.
5. Working with Julia Cogger at CUPPAD to update our Recreation Plan. We need to get input from the public, the recreation committee, the Planning Commission and the Township Board. We need this completed by February 1, 2024.
6. Board of Review scheduled for December 12, 2023 at 4:00 pm