

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call: Present** - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Cory Beth Grigg, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, And Trustee Charles Johnson, Trustee Curtis Sjöholm.
2. **Salute to Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Sjöholm All Ayes, Motion Carried.
4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes** from October 13, and October 28, 2020: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Johnson and passed to dispense with the reading of above minutes. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. **Reading of Expenditures:** Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Supervisor Nankervis and passed to accept the bills and order them paid for October Expenditures.
 Roll Call Vote: Nankervis – Aye, Grigg – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Sjöholm – Aye (all except Red Power Bill), Johnson - Aye

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	44483-44542	\$765,938.69
Township Payroll	32216-32262	\$26,673.32
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$18,882.87
Total		\$811,494.80
General Fund		\$68,860.96
Police		\$ 11,866.59
Fire Fund		\$682,293.32
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,341.95
Recreation Fund		\$258.50
Capital Improvement		\$1,925.00
Water Fund		\$15,155.54
Sewer Fund		\$26,792.03
Total		\$811,494.80

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: Trustee Johnson Support by: Clerk Grigg All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **Public Comment:** None

8. **Communications:**

- a. Reviewed UPEA - Letter Ishpeming Township Clean Water Act Grant Application. Matt Trudeau and Kevin Nancarrow will complete the DWAM Grant while coordinating with EGLE at no charge to Ishpeming Township. EGLE will do the cost analysis to make sure the cost is comparable. Motion by Clerk Grigg, Support by Treasurer Thornton, All ayes, except Trustee Sjöholm – Motion to approve Application Passed.
- b. Ishpeming Public School – Annual Tax Collected – No action needed.

9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached

10. **Unfinished Business:**

a.

11. **New Business:**

a. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Clerk Grigg to adopt the No. 6-2020 Animal Control Ordinance and rescind prior reading.

Roll Call Vote: Nankervis – Aye, Grigg – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Sjolholm – Aye, Johnson - Aye
Motion Carried. Supervisor Nankervis will have Clerk Grigg publish it in the Mining Journal.

b. Discussed MERS defined contribution or defined benefits, Trustee Sjolholm made Motion to submit to MERS for a study of comparison between the two with the current employees and future ones. Supported by Trustee Johnson. All ayes, except Clerk Grigg. Motion Carried.

c. Reviewed Hannula Agency invoice dated October 20, 2020. Reviewed cost between Hannula and Gauthier insurance. Add \$672 for Cyber Liability to Premium. Motion by Clerk Grigg to continue with Hannula, Supported by Treasurer Thornton, all Ayes. Motion carried.

d. Agreed to send donation back to the individual who donated money for ball field cameras. Not cost effective to have cameras.

e. Employee health insurance – BCBS Renewal. Motion by Treasurer Thornton to renew with Blue Cross Blue Shield opting out of hard cap and keep insurance as is. Supported by Clerk Grigg. All Ayes. Motion carried

f. Board appointments. Motion by Trustee Johnson to accept Board Appointments, Supported by Trustee Sjolholm. All ayes. Motion carried.

g. 1) Budget adjustments for election. Motion by Treasurer Thornton to adjust \$881.50 using Trust and Agency Grant Fund money, supported by Clerk Grigg. All ayes. Motion carried.
2) Vehicle replacement for Fire Department account fund. Added \$248,750 from prior year balance for new firetruck. Motion by Treasurer Thornton, supported by Clerk Grigg. All ayes. Motion carried.

h. Equipment list for new firetruck. Review fire budget before approval by board.

i. Motion by Treasurer Thornton to accept resignations from Fire/Rescue of Jeremy Laakso, Claudia Johnson and Charlie Johnson, supported by Clerk Grigg. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. **Board Comment:**

a. Treasurer Thornton getting ready for the Winter Tax Bills

b. Clerk Grigg Talked about the 2020 Presidential Election. We had 965 walk-in voters and 1167 Absentee Ballots. 3,019 registered voters.

c. Trustee Johnson thanked the board.

d. Trustee Sjolholm made comments about getting Road 9 graded.

e. Supervisor Nankervis talked about getting a trailer for the glass recycling.

13. **Public Comment:** Earl Man, Fire Chief, thanked Clerk Cory Grigg and Trustee Johnson for their service to the board.

14. **Adjournment:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg and passed to Adjourn. 5 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Time: 7:15 p.m.

Aaron Yunker, Township Clerk

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS
FOR November 10, 2020 BOARD MEETING

1. Received the signed contract from EGLE for the Recycling Carts. The recommendation was to wait until April – May 2021 for purchasing the carts.
2. I will be working on getting a trailer for glass. Looking at get prices for a 6x12 trailer with dual axles.
3. Worked on paperwork for the new Fire Truck (Pearce).
4. Department of Public Works flushed hydrants during the month on the west water system. We had a few complaints on the water being dirty.
5. Reviewed the Township Insurance Renewal Policy from Par Plan and a new quote from Gauthier Insurance.
6. Started negotiations with the employees.
7. Would like to thank Cory Grigg, Clerk, for her 6 ½ years of service and Charlie Johnson, Trustee, for his 4 years of service to the Ishpeming Township Board.
8. Congratulations to Aaron Yunker, new Clerk and Dave Bosio, new Trustee.