

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 12, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call: Present** - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Grigg, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, and Trustee Curtis Sjöholm. **Absent:** Trustee Charlie Johnson.

2. **Salute to Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg
 All Ayes, Motion Carried.

4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes** from October 8, 2019: 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 Sjöholm and passed to accept the bills and order them paid.

Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Grigg – Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye
 All Ayes. Motion Carried.

| | CHECKS | AMOUNT |
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| Township Operating | 43770-43851 | \$190,533.12 |
| Township Payroll | 31790-31845 | \$41,173.66 |
| MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc. | | \$19,974.17 |
| Total | | \$251,680.95 |
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| General Fund | | \$107,329.11 |
| Police | | \$45,783.05 |
| Fire Fund | | \$29,587.05 |
| Recreation Fund | | \$9,830.00 |
| Street Lighting Fund | | \$4,333.77 |
| Water Fund | | \$24,735.89 |
| Sewer Fund | | \$30,082.08 |
| Total | | \$251,680.95 |

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 Grigg All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **Public Comment:** Judy Senske, 950 Cottage Street, Ishpeming commented on how North Lake is looking better.

8. **Communications:**

- a. Review of Life Line Screening Email Motion by: Supervisor Nankervis Support by Clerk Grigg to allow the use of the Township Hall in March 2020 4 Ayes, 0 No.
- b. Review of School of Choice Proclamation Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton to approve the Proclamation Commemorating Ishpeming Township School Choice Week for January 26 through February 1, 2020.
- c. Review of Ishpeming Public School Letter of 2020 Summer Property Taxes, it will be placed on file.
- d. Review of opting out PB152 Hard Caps or 80/20 Motion by Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton to opt out of the PB152 Hard Cap or 80/20. 4 Ayes, 0 No. Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm – Aye, Grigg – Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- e. Review of Curt Sjöholm – Open Meeting Act Motion by: Supervisor Nankervis Support by: Trustee Sjöholm to limit agenda public comments to 3 minutes per person 4 Ayes, 0 No.
- f. Review of MCSWMA – 2020 fee schedule

- g. Review of State of Michigan – Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR)
- h. Review of Letter from Ely Township on First Responders, Supervisor Nankervis will be re-negotiations the fire rates and also negotiate upgrading resolution and obtain the negotiations in writing.
- i. Ryan Iacovacci – Marijuana sales, Mr. Iacovacci did not attend meeting to discuss, Supervisor Nankervis will advise him to talk to the Planning Commission.
- j. Discuss Christmas lights on power poles, was decided to not put lights on power poles.
- k. Review of Ishpeming Twp. of 2020 Board Meetings and Planning Commission Meetings
- l. Review of Northern Michigan Public Service Academy (NMPSA) – Reading, Using and Understanding Financial Statements Motion by: Supervisor Nankervis Support by: Clerk Grigg to send Clerk Grigg and Treasurer Thornton to attend the presentation.

9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached

10. **Unfinished Business:** Discussed the NMU LTE on County Road GPC water tank, Supervisor Nankervis will give them a call to follow up.

11. **New Business:**

- a. Review of Budget Adjustment Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by Clerk Grigg to make a \$22,000 adjustment from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Recreation Fund for the dugouts and playground equipment 4 Ayes, 0 No.
- b. Review of MERS Reduction Grant Application Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Sjöholm to apply for the Risk Reduction Grant Resolution and pass a Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm – Aye, Grigg – Aye, Thornton – Aye. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Supervisor Nankervis to accept Superior Lock & Security’s bid of \$2,249 less the taxes for 4 camera, 3 cameras to be placed in the back of build and 1 camera to be places towards pavilion. 4 Ayes, 0 No.
- c. Re-appointment of Kurt Gravedoni to Ishpeming Township Board of Review. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg to re-appoint Kurt Gravedoni to the Ishpeming Township Board of Review.
- d. Review to Re-appoint Jim Prophet to the Ishpeming Area Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility for 3 year term. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg to re-appoint Jim Prophet to the Ishpeming Area Wastewater Authority Board. 4 Ayes, 0 No.

12. **Board Comment:**

Clerk Grigg said the next Marquette County Township Association will be December 4th at Ishpeming Township. Treasurer Thornton discussed the CUPPAD meeting she attended in October regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes. Trustee Sjöholm stated that it looks good without the old sewage building.

13. **Public Comment:** None

14. **Adjournment:** Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton and passed to adjourn. 4 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Time: 6:55 p.m.

Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

FOR November 12, 2019 BOARD MEETING

1. Met with Brian Miller, Superior Health and Life on health insurance for the employees.
2. Attended the MTA on the road meeting in Houghton on Tuesday, October 22, 2019. Discussions on fixing the roads and also capital improvement plans for the Townships.
3. Attended the Marquette County Township Association meeting at Negaunee Township on October 23, 2019. The League of Women Voters had discussion on Election rule changes, Census and Redistricting.
4. Attended the Managers/Supervisor meeting at The City of Marquette on October 31, 2019. Discussion on November election, marijuana ordinance.
5. The new 2019 Chevy Tahoe was received on October 21, 2019. Waiting on interior guards, lighting, etc. Before it's put into operation.
6. Attended the Planning Commission meeting on November 5th. They had a Conditional Use Application for a rustic campground up on County Road 510 and also a rezoning application to change from Industrial to Residential 1. The Planning Commission approved both applications.
7. As of November 1, 2019, the tickets for the tipping fee at the West Marquette County Transfer Station has increased to \$7/100 lbs. from \$6/100 lbs. due to the increase at Marquette County Landfill.
8. Brittany and I met with Connie Walt Census Specialist to review how to make sure how all Ishpeming Township residents are counted.
9. The old Deer Lake Sewer Plant Clarifier Building was demolished on October 23, 2019, by Oberstar Construction. The roofing was checked for asbestos and lab results were negative for asbestos. The lead base paint test was also negative.
10. The new Paper Shack is being worked on and the old paper shack was demolished and hauled to A&L. The new paper shack is being used. Roofing and siding is remaining to be completed.
11. Attended the Marquette County Road Commission/Township Officials Public Relations meeting on November 7, 2019. Discussion on road projects for 2020 and also the winter maintenance crew is being hired and start working.
12. Attorney John Heikkila will be at the Township on November 18, 2019, to discuss the chicken issue on Marble Street. Judge Weber will hear the case on November 25 and hopefully will make a decision quickly.
13. Reviewed the cleanup of vehicles in North Lake with the Police Officer Mike said there is approximately 12 vehicles removed.