

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, October 13, 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 Sjolholm.
2. **Salute to Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton All Ayes, Motion Carried.
4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes** from September 8, 2020: 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 Johnson and passed to accept the bills and order them paid for September Expenditures.  
 Roll Call Vote: Nankervis – Aye, Grigg – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Sjolholm – Aye, Johnson - Aye

	<b>CHECKS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Township Operating	44425-44482	\$154,971.76
Township Payroll	32178-32215	\$39,164.81
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$24,064.83
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$218,201.40</b>
General Fund		\$109,422.09
Police		\$6,903.13
Fire Fund		\$5,652.27
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,344.18
Recreation Fund		\$14,633.40
Capital Improvement		\$41,207.00
Water Fund		\$11,714.82
Sewer Fund		\$24,324.51
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$218,201.40</b>

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

7. **Public Comment:** Reggie Lipp, 144 North Shore Drive, Ishpeming discussed his concern with the short-term rental still operating on North Shore Drive, he stated that there are parties, fireworks going off after 11:00, and lots of vehicles. Supervisor Nankervis discussed the Zoning Administrator not working due to health issues and will have it addressed at the next Planning Commission Meeting on November 5, 2020.  
 Shylo Hyry, 1005 School Street, Ishpeming introduced herself and is running for Ishpeming Township Clerk, she stated she is a hardworking and is looking to work long term.

8. **Communications:**

- a. Reviewed Marquette County Road Commission (MCRC) Crack, Chip, Fog Seal 2021 – Supervisor Nankervis discuss wanting 300 ft. of new blacktop on Southwood Drive and on Rose Street from Randall Drive to U.S 41. Clerk Grigg asked about an additional mile of blacktop on County Road 573. Supervisor Nankervis will contact MCRC.
- b. Lindsey Besonen from Makala, Toutant, Hill, Nardi and Katona, PC to review Ishpeming Township Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2020.
- c. Motion by: Clerk Grigg, Support by: Trustee Johnson to approve signing EGLE Recycling and Organics Infrastructure Grant Agreement. 5 Aye, 0 No. Motion Carried. Supervisor Nankervis will begin work to obtain a trailer for collecting glass to be recycled at the Township.

9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached

10. **Unfinished Business:**

A. Discussed Township Hall Rental/Office, the Township Office will continue to work through the window access in November and December 2020 and there will be no hall rentals for November and December 2020.

11. **New Business:**

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

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. Motion by: Clerk Grigg, Support by Treasurer Thornton to change Trick-or-Treating hours from 5-7p.m. to 4-7p.m. due to the holiday falling on a Saturday. 5 Ayes, 0 No.

Motion Carried.

c. Reviewed the Local Audit and Finance Division Letter.

d. Reviewed the State of Michigan Department of Treasury Letter.

e. Reviewed Northern Pipe's 2020 Sewer Repairs and Grouting Quote.

f. Discussed moving the utility billing due date when it falls on a weekend to the following Monday. Board members agreed to this.

g. Reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter MERS Review.

h. Discussed MERS defined contribution or defined benefits, Trustee Sjolholm suggested the Board members look at the MERS website regarding options. Will review next month.

i. Reviewed Preliminary Capital Improvement. Supervisor Nankervis will continue working on it now through budget time.

j. After much discussion of Red Power Diesel Service, Inc. design specifications on a new fire truck a Motion by: Trustee Sjolholm, Support by Trustee Johnson to obtain additional bids for a new fire truck. 3 Ayes, 2 No. Motion Carried.

k. Board members received the Red Power Diesel Service, Inc. estimate for loose equipment for the fire truck equipment. No action was taken.

l. Discussed cameras for the baseball field dugouts and restrooms. Board members will make recommendations on how many cameras and possible location of cameras.

12. **Board Comment:**

a. Clerk Grigg discussed the \$5,000 Grant the Township received to spend on election equipment.

b. Trustee Johnson questioned the Township water and issue with junk cars. Supervisor Nankervis explained that DPW chlorinated the water due to a bad water sample coming back from the Township Hall and mBank. Water is good now. Supervisor Nankervis gave an update regarding junk cars explaining that Chief Kohler had given citations on some of them.

c. Trustee Sjolholm asked if the Township submits a report on lead pipes. Supervisor Nankervis reported that DPW is working on it and is not aware of any lead pipes at this time but would submit a report as necessary.

13. **Public Comment:** None

14. **Adjournment:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Supervisor Nankervis and passed to Adjourn. 5 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Time: 7:32p.m.

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Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS  
FOR October 13, 2020 BOARD MEETING

1. Vandalism at the Little League Field Dugout. Graffiti on the interior of the dugout and knock the patio blocks off on the north end. Restrooms also had vandalism over the summer, sink broke toilet kicked off of flange, interior partition door kicked in.
2. Approved Northern Pipe to clean the pipes with roots and repair the joints and also cut the protrusion into the pipes.
3. DPW replaced the blacktop in front of the garage with concrete. Paisano Paving resurfaced the back parking lot.
4. JCS, Inc. painted the lines on the parking lot and basketball court. Total cost \$2,325.00.
5. It's time to start negotiations with the Township employees. How do you want to handle it? Same as last time when I did the negotiations with the employees?
6. DPW cleaned up the graffiti at the Little League dugouts.
7. With the new Covid-19 rules we are allowed to have gatherings of 32 people in the Township Hall. 20 people/1000 ft., 1600 ft. x 20 people/1,000 ft. = 32 people