

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Wednesday, September 13, 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 August 8, 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	46457-46518	\$110,380.88
Township Payroll	33484-33530	\$53,788.72
Township Payroll Voided		\$
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$27,100.94
Total		\$191,270.54
General Fund		\$99,973.29
Police		\$14,492.25
Fire Fund		\$19,100.21
Street Improvement		\$1,706.14
Recreation Fund		\$0
Capital Improvement Fund		\$0
Street Lighting Fund		\$1,769.93
Water Fund		\$26,479.77
Sewer Fund		\$27,748.95
Total		\$191,270.54

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-E & G:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Yunker. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
7. **Public Comment:** Mike Nardi, 175 Four Corner Drive, Ishpeming asked about County Road GGG. How much to fix? What would it cost for the road not to have blacktop? What would it take to be taken off seasonal road status? Mr. Nardi stated he is talking a 1 mile of the road and not 2 miles as the letter he received stated. Mr. Nardi would like the road to be taken out of seasonal status and bank pushed bank in winter.

Supervisor Nankervis discussed having a Special Assessment and believes there should be a joint meeting with the Marquette County Road Commission. Treasurer Thornton stated there needs to be clarification.

8. **Communications:**

- a. Reviewed Ishpeming Senior Center Letter to support the facility needs.
- b. Reviewed NMU Letter regarding replacement of equipment for its educational LTE broadband facilities at Westwood Tank.

9. **Supervisor Comments:** See Attached

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Approval for 100% PRE residents to be charged for garbage collection at the present time. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Trustee Bosio to approve. 4 Ayes, 1 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Approval to accept the Ishpeming Township Employee Proposed Anytime Fitness Reimbursement Program as stated. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by; Treasurer Thornton to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Discussed MCRC cost estimate for County Road GGG

11. **New Business:**

- a. Approval of Fire Department Fire Prevention support of \$1,500 for materials. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Trustee Bosio to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Approval of 2023 Tax Rate Form L-4029. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Supervisor Nankervis to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Reviewed Ishpeming Area Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility 2024 Budget.
- d. Approval to purchase aluminum bleachers. Motion by; Trustee Sjöholm; Support by; Trustee Bosio to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- e. Reviewed Cross Connection Control Program Contract Amendment.
- f. Discussed 2024 Chip Seal.
- g-i. Approval of Police Department purchase of new vehicle tires, radar dash mount unit, laser device and battery, and MACP Winter Professional Development Conference. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Trustee Sjöholm to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- j. Approval to purchase a 2nd monitor for the Police Department.
- k. Approval of Resolution #2023-11 State of Disaster Contingency Fund Grant Application. Motion by; Trustee Bosio; Support by; Clerk Yunker to approve.
Roll Call Vote: Yunker – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Sjöholm – Aye, Bosio – Aye, Nankervis – Aye
5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- l. Discussed Peninsula Solar. Board Members had many questions and will need more information.
- m. Discussed Marquette Count Road Commission 2024 HMA Paving Program. Board Members will prepare a list for next board meeting.

12. **Board Comment:**

- a. Trustee Sjöholm was glad to hear the Township checked on more interest on bank accounts.
- b. Clerk Yunker discussed upcoming Election Training, 9 days early voting that will be held at Negaunee Township for Ishpeming Township residents and the Township election workers working the early voting for a couple of days.

13. **Public Comment:** Mike Nardi, 175 Four Corner Drive, Ishpeming, requested the information for Special Assessment for County Road GGG, per the letter he received.

14. **Adjournment:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Bosio and passed to Adjourn. 5 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Time: 7:13 p.m.

Supervisor Comments

October 10, 2023 Board Meeting

1. Attended the Michigan Township Par Plan Meeting in Mount Pleasant on September 21, 2023. We selected John Lesinski as Zone 9 Director.
2. Attended the Michigan Township Association Meeting in Frankenmuth on September 22, 2023. Discussions on Early Election Voting, State Wide Septic System Inspection, and \$2.00 per water customer fee to fund for residents that can't afford to water bill.
3. Attended the AWWA – Water Meeting in Harris on September 26 and 27, 2023.
4. Sent in the application and paperwork on the State Disaster Contingency Funds for the roads we had problems with due to the flooding due to the quick spring runoff.
5. Received a grant that I applied for, for the Fire Department of \$10,000 from the Michigan Fire Equipment Grant Program.
6. Worked on the Recreation Plan with Kristin and working with CUPPAD to update.