

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call: Present** - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Grigg, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Curtis Sjöholm and Trustee Charles 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 August 13, 2019: 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: Trustee Sjöholm and passed to accept the bills and order them paid.
Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm - Aye, Grigg – Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton – Aye, Johnson – Aye, with the abstention of the Auto Value bill All Ayes. Motion Carried.

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	43671-43727	\$181,412.04
Township Payroll	31733-31760	\$24,966.85
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$11,521.17
Total		\$217,900.06
General Fund		\$65,974.45
Police		\$2,235.44
Fire Fund		\$25,361.30
Street Improvement		\$84,929.49
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,324.35
Water Fund		\$13,065.38
Sewer Fund		\$22,009.65
Total		\$217,900.06

6. **Consent Agenda- Department Reports:**

- A. Animal
- B. Assessor – no report
- C. DPW/Water
- D. Fire
- E. Police
- F. Zoning
- G. Revenue/Expenditure Account Balance

Approval of Consent Agenda Items A, C, D & G: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **Public Comment:** Mark Ketchum, 160 Tulip Street, Ishpeming made a verbal complaint regarding the bad language, garbage, and side by side and 4-wheeler usage at the Township basketball court, he stated that in his opinion it would be better for the Police Officer to work a 2-10 shift not a 8-5 shift, and also questioned the possibility of putting security cameras outside of the Township Hall. Judy Senske, 950 Cottage Street, Ishpeming made a verbal complaint regarding the junk cars and barking dogs in North Lake. Jane Mariuzza, 940 Cottage Street, Ishpeming questioned the work the Police Officer is working on as well as where the marijuana corporate headquarters were. Richard Harvala, 175 Copper Street, Ishpeming made a verbal complaint regarding junk cars and chickens in Copper Street area. Pat Harvala, 175 Copper Street, Ishpeming made a verbal complaint regarding the disgusting, unhealthy, filthy, and the burning of chicken parts, as well as long grass and the speed limit in the Copper Street area. Missy Wickstrom, 245 Marble Street, Ishpeming stated she has called the courts regarding the chickens, she also addressed her concerns with the marijuana facility. Bob Clark, 1140 Cooper Lake Road stated how friendly the Police Officer is and his great appearance, and commended the Board. Nancy Langness, 1480 S. Westwood, Ishpeming thanked the Township for painting the pickle ball court lines and also discussed her opinion on the marijuana facility in the Township. Pizziola, 235 N. Rose Street, Ishpeming discussed her opinion on the marijuana facility. Karen Champion, 1545 N. Westwood Circle, Ishpeming had questions regarding the opting in of have a marijuana facility.

8. Communications:

- a. Review of letter from Langness's regarding marijuana
- b. Review of letter regarding County Road GT – Road 10.

9. Supervisor Comments: See Attached**10. Unfinished Business:**

- a. An update was given regarding the Marble Street – Chicken problem
- b. Marijuana – Township opted out in February 2019 and nothing has changed

11. New Business:

- a. Review of Ishpeming Area Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility Budget.
- b. Review of Ely Township – First Responder. Supervisor Nankervis will have further discussion with Ely Township.
- c. Lindsay from Anderson Tackman provided a review of the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2019.
- d. Discussed the Resolution for Embers and will bring to October board meeting.
- e. Discussed Northern Michigan Public Service Academy Active Shooter/Defense Training.
- f. Review of Urban Cooperation Act. Supervisor Nankervis will prepare a letter not to support it.
- g. Review of Tokio Marine HCC Estimate Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by Clerk Grigg to sign letter for estimate of \$6,000.00 for the recycling building. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- h. Review Fire Department for new tool cart quote Motion by Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg to approve Auto Value estimate of \$695.92. 4 Ayes, 0 No, 1 Abstain.

12. Board Comment:

Motion by Trustee Johnson Support by: Trustee Sjöholm to approve low bidder for the demolition of the old sewer building in Deer Lake which will also include a bid from Moyle Construction. Treasurer Thornton discussed how great Neighbors Night Out, she will be contacting Linda Andriacchi regarding flowers and the last day to collect summer taxes is on September 16, 2019 without penalty. Trustee Johnson discussed replacing the parking lot, Supervisor Nankervis will put it back in the budget for next year, and he also discussed having the Chief of Police look into security cameras for outside of the Township Hall. Trustee Sjöholm discussed adding discussion with Ely Township for police work the Chief of Police does in Ely Township and getting reimbursed, he discussed having the Chief of Police spend time in North Lake regarding the junk car issues, the chickens ordinance fee possible being not enough at \$500.00 a ticket, and he also discussed his discussion with Tera from MERS and the upcoming Experience Report and the possibility of change the MERS plan for new employees.

13. Public Comment: Mark Ketchum, 160 Tulip Street, Ishpeming discussed the possibility of having cameras at the Township. Jane Mariuzza, 940 Cottage, Ishpeming questioned if it was legal for kids to ride motored vehicles on the streets and who would be responsible for the cleanup at 1600 US Hwy 41 W. Travis Allen, 1745 North Lake Drive, Ishpeming discussed the Township parking lot and the waste of money it would be to test each cement load and also questioned Curt's concerns that have been on the agenda and the possibility of him coming up with an idea or a solution, including the discussion on what bad shape the Ted's Paint and Drywall building is. Judy Senske, 950 Cottage, discussed the Townships backhoe parked by a fire hydrant and not having cones, safety things or reflectors around it, Supervisor Nankervis said he would put cones around tractor after the meeting. Richard Harvala, 175 Copper Street, Ishpeming questioned if union contractors were contacted to build Tranquility Fields. Karen Champion, 1545 N. Westwood Circle, Ishpeming questioned the opting in on the sales of marijuana before November 2019. Bob Clark, 1104 Cooper Lake Road, Ishpeming expressed his concerns regarding the sales of marijuana in the Township.

14. Adjournment: Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton and passed to adjourn. 5 Ayes 0 No. All Ayes. Time: 7:17 p.m.

Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

FOR September 10, 2019 BOARD MEETING

1. Attended the Neighbors Night Out on August 12, 2019. It was a nice get together and a large crowd turned out.
2. E-mail information to Hannula Agency on the damage to the paper shack. Claim number 193883, Insurance will pay \$6,000. Also sent cost estimate to repair the International Fire Truck from the tire blow out. Estimate was from Bartanen.
3. Attended the Iron County Township Association meeting on August 22, 2019 at Mansfield Township Hall. Ed McBroom State Senator was a guest speaker.
4. WMCSA has a new truck driver/employee at the Transfer Station Jim Chaperon. Kurt Schultz quit effect August 23, 2019.
5. Cleaned up garbage on the ground behind Snyder Drugs. Some residents thought it was Meth-Making materials. It was just garbage.
6. DPW relocated the circular planter in front of the office to around the lighted Ishpeming Township sign foundation.
7. Michigan Township Participating Plan gave us a dividend check for \$935.19.
8. The new HVAC roof top units (2) were installed by Central Heating during the month.
9. We are out for bids on demolition of old sewer plant building in Deer Lake area. Caterpillar want \$25,000 for a hammer for the backhoe. A. Lindberg and Oberstar will be submitting bids.
10. Pre-Trial Hearing will be held on September 30, 2019 on the chickens in West Ishpeming.