

ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025



ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP BOARD

- Jim Nankervis- Supervisor- (906)485-5417- by appointment, in office most mornings
- Nicole Hyry- Clerk • Kristin Thornton- Treasurer
- Curt Sjoholm- Trustee • Dave Bosio- Trustee

OFFICE STAFF

- Tammie Leece -Deputy Clerk/Billing Clerk
- Billie Pohlman - Deputy Treasurer/Billing Clerk

GENERAL

- Ishpeming Township Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday - Friday
- Closed for lunch 12:00 P.M.-12:30 P.M.
- Contact us at: (906)485-5411; email – ishtwp@ishpemingtownship.com; Website - Ishpemingtownship.com; and our Facebook Page
- In some of the residential neighborhoods, the residents have encroached on the alleyways and utility easements, making it impossible for the utility companies to get to the area to maintain their lines. Buildings and fences must be moved off of alleyways and utility easements
- Residents, when selling your home, provide a forwarding address to send a final bill if necessary and be certain your utility bill is paid in full

STREETS & ROADS

Work done in 2025

- Resurfacing of Steel Street from S. North Lake Drive beyond Center Street

TAXES

- Winter Property taxes are due by February 17, 2026, without penalty
- Property Taxes paid between February 17 and March 2, 2026, will be subject to a 3% penalty
- Beginning March 3, 2026, taxes must be paid at the Marquette County Treasurer's office
- Summer Property Taxes will be out around July 1, 2026, and due by September 14, 2026, without penalty
- Delinquent utility bills can become a lien on the winter tax bills
- **When paying Taxes and Utility Bills together, please make two separate checks**

ELECTIONS

- At this time, there are a minimum of 2 elections scheduled for 2026

DPW - WATER & SEWER

- **Trevor Burke**-Foreman •**Darien Dauphinais**-Water/Laborer •**Taylor Dellangelo**- Laborer
- DPW phone number: (906)485-5415
- **If you experience a sewer backup at your residence, day or night, contact DPW before you call a plumber, they can determine if it's in your line or the township main line.**
- Contact Ishpeming Twp. DPW if you notice a backup or overflow in our sewer system
- Residents should have homeowners' insurance for sewer back-ups
- If you experience a back-up, file a claim with your insurance company & with the Township within 45 days. Ishpeming Township recommends homeowners have check valves in their sewer lines to prevent sewer backups in their homes
- DO NOT dispose diapers, diaper wipes, sanitary products etc. into the sewer system
- Residents must keep alleys and utility easements open so the DPW can maintain water and sewer lines. If we cannot get to the lines, we cannot maintain or repair them.
- You will notice there is WP on your water bill, it stands for Future Water Projects. Michigan, EGLE, is requiring more testing for lead and copper lines, which will be costly. Some water lines in the township have to be replaced in the next 10 years, so we are starting to save money now for future projects.
- Per State Statute, DPW will need to verify service-line material coming into the home. Access to your meter will be required. Due to this mandate, the cost of water will be going up in the near future since we have to dig up the water shut off to check for lead pipe connections. Five percent per year of the hook-ups need to be checked.
- Due to increases at the IAJWWF Facility, Insurance, Sewer Line Inspections, and Labor sewer rates will be increased by 11%.
- Due to State regulations, we will continue verifying what materials resident's water services are made of.

ZONING/PLANNING COMMISSION

- **Fred VanLuven**- **Zoning Administrator** - Phone: (906)250-2699
- Zoning Compliance Permits are available at the Ishpeming Township office
- Marquette County Building Codes - Phone: (906)225-8189
- Before building a structure, you must apply for a zoning compliance permit, and then a county building permit. Make sure you are aware of the setbacks required regarding alleyways, utility easements, and side lot lines.
- Before building or replacing a fence, residents need to purchase a zoning compliance permit which are available at the township office.
- Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance are being revised.

ASSESSING

- **Nicole Merlo- Assessor** - Phone: (906)225-8405; or email – mqtequalization@mqtco.org
- Working on reassessing the Township
- Marquette County Equalization is overseeing our township assessing. Any questions regarding tax assessments will be directed to their office

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **Scott Earl Mann- Fire Chief - Emergency # 911**
- Fire Department recycles newspapers in metal building behind the township hall
- Change batteries in smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors & keep chimneys clean
- Keep roads clear of snow & brush for Emergency Vehicles to access
- Make sure to keep the furnace and water heater exhaust clear of snow

POLICE

- **Steve Kangas, Police Chief/School Resource Officer • Jeff Stampee, Police Officer**
- Call **911** for all police emergencies and Central Dispatch **(906)475-9912** for all non-emergency police services.
- **DO NOT plow snow across the roadways**
- Winter Parking Ban Ordinance between 1 am and 6 am December 1 thru April 1 is in effect
- Nuisance & Vehicle/Trailer Parking Ordinances will be heavily enforced throughout Ishpeming Township. Please visit the Ishpeming Township website and review these ordinances.
- Police are reminding motorists not to text/operate cell phone while driving, Michigan Motor Vehicle Code Section 257.602b

RECREATION

- Report all vandalism to the Ishpeming Township Police Officer
- Keep vehicles off grass at all times
- Recreation Committee is working on new Recreation Plan

ANIMAL CONTROL

- Dogs must be licensed, contact your Vet or Marquette County Treasurer
- Pick up after your pets and keep them under your control
- Please keep your pets from barking
- Please make sure your pet stays in your yard if unattended

SOLID WASTE

- Call North Country Disposal 1-906-249-4500 for any garbage questions or concerns
- Maximum weight for Garbage Bags is 35 lbs.
- No SHARP OBJECTS or NEEDLES are to be put in the garbage bags without first being put in a solid container
- Blue recycling carts are owned by the Township (if the owner sells the house the cart stays at the property)
- Red garbage bins are owned by North Country (if homeowner loses the can, they will need to purchase a new one from North Country and if they move, the can stays at the residence)
- Replacement carts will be the property owners' responsibility
- Residents have recycled 177 tons this year, the more you recycle the more you save on tipping fees.
- Keep up the good work with recycling! The more you recycle, the more you save!
- Go to the website **recycle906.com** for all your recycling questions
- **Tipping Fees at the Landfill and Collection Fees will be increasing this coming year. Garbage rates will be reviewed at that time**
- **MI Recycling Law – Recycling rates by 2029 – 30%, by 2045 45%, at present Ish Twp is 17%, we need to increase recycling**

GLASS RECYCLING

- **The 1st Wednesday of every month from 1 pm - 6 pm**, a **GLASS ONLY** recycling trailer will be available at 1575 U.S. Hwy 41 W near the newspaper recycling building behind the Township Hall
- **The Township will not allow early drop offs for glass recycling**
- Please visit our website ishpemingtownship.com or our Facebook page for additional information
- No windows or porcelain will be accepted

WEST MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSFER STATION

- Summer Hours of Operation: April-October Monday 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Thursday 8:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Hours may change due to holidays)
- Winter Hours of Operation: November-March Monday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Thursday 8 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. (Hours may change due to holidays)
- Some metal and grass clippings can be disposed of for no cost
- There is no motorized vehicles allowed on the old landfill—please stay off per MDEQ rules
- The Transfer Station is off limits to residents when the gate is closed
- Dumpster rentals are available at the Transfer Station. Call (906)486-8191 during business hours for scheduling.
- Driving on the old Landfill is prohibited

SENIOR CITIZENS

- Greater Ishpeming Commission (GIC) on Aging assists seniors. Call (906)485-5527 for more information. The Township representatives on this Commission are Thomas Lucas and Steve Roberts
- Senior residents are welcome