

TOWNSHIP OF ISHPEMING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call: Present - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Nicole Hyry, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Curt Sjöholm, and Trustee Dave Bosio.
2. Salute to the Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda as amended: Motion by: Trustee Bosio Supported by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Reading of March 10, 2026, meeting and Special Meetings on March 13 & 17, 2026: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Trustee Sjöholm. All Ayes. Motion passed to dispense with the reading of the above minutes.
5. Reading of Expenditures: Motion by: Trustee Bosio Supported by: Trustee Sjöholm All Ayes. Motion passed to accept the bills and order them paid as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Hyry, Aye

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	48313-48363	\$156,760.39
Township Payroll	34657-34714	\$46,218.31
Void Payroll checks		\$0
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$22,302.52
Total		\$225,281.22
General Fund		\$94,732.59
Fire Fund		\$75,057.75
Police Fund		\$12,502.58
Street Lighting Fund		\$1,825.38
Recreation Fund		\$0
Sewer Fund		\$31,182.74
Street Improvement Fund		\$0
Water Fund		\$9,980.18
Capital Improvement		\$0
Total		\$225,281.22

6. Consent Agenda Department Reports: (Attached)
 - 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 Supported by: Clerk Hyry.
7. Public Comment: Patrick Tansey, Ishpeming Township attended the meeting to discuss the correspondence he sent regarding the conditions of County Road 510 and the recreation trails, drainage, gravel. He and other residents have repeatedly complained to the County and would like our Board to press the matter with them. They have several recreational trails; ski, hiking, and snowmobile trails and have individuals that park on the side of the road, especially in the winter which creates it difficult for the County to plow. He would like the Board to create, generate, or enforce a no parking ban on Co. Rd. 510 in the winter months. The road cannot get plowed and the drainage becomes an issue and is hard

for essential workers and EMS to get in and out. He also discussed the snowmobile and hiking trail signage need to identify the trail crossings to let people know. He also believes there are section that can be widened. Supervisor Nankervis will address the concerns with the Mqt. Co. Rd. Commission. Mr. Tansey will provide the Township with a map of the area.

8. Communications:

- a. Discussed MTCA Spring Banquet

9. Supervisor's Comments: See Attached

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussed the ticket created with LeelInt to review Ishpeming Township website
- b. Reviewed Curt's email and questions
 - i. Cleveland Cliffs Land Purchase – Supervisor Nankervis spoke to Gabe Johnson at Cleveland Cliffs; Gabe will be putting it on the front burner.
 - ii. IT Facebook notice for meetings – Twp. will start posting special meetings on Facebook, this will not include the agenda.
 - iii. Web Design – LeelInt will be working on Twp. website to have it ADA compatible and review how much space we have.
 - iv. Seasonal Garbage – Tabled - Township will have a Special Meeting regarding this
 - v. Invest Policies – Invest Policy does need to be updated. Meeting with Michigan Class and a few other investors and 2 other depositories.
 - vi. Fire Department Emergency Response Ordinance – Trustee Sjoholm spoke with Ross Olson at Mqt. Co. Rd. Commission regarding who is responsible for accident cleanup on the highway in Ishpeming Township. Ross is looking into it. Supervisor Nankervis stated Chief Mann will follow the Ordinance.
 - vii. River Street Housing – Trustee Sjoholm discussed the Land Bank Purchase Agreement saying nothing about tax collection or the 550; he believes this should be a factor. Supervisor Nankervis stated he received a new agreement as of the morning (April 14, 2026). Trustee Sjoholm also requested sewer backups be reported on Supervisor Nankervis' Supervisor Comments each month going forward.

11. New Business:

- a. Approval of Pest Badger Service Agreement. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Clerk Hyry to approve \$5,195.55. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Fire Department Comments – None
- c. Approval of Negaunee Ishpeming Water Authority water line easement as shown on sketch. Motion by; Trustee Bosio; Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

12. Board Comments: None

13. Public Comments: David Huetter, Ishpeming Township attended the meeting and discussed the Ishpeming Township minutes being released for the last month and not seeing his comments in them. He is concerned about the sewer issues and surface water. He is concerned about the new development putting water on his property and that being an issue or problem that did not exist in board meeting minutes. Mr. Huetter would not like to see River Street Housing go in, right across the street from River Street is easily available, on the other side of the road, and getting rid of the nicely wood area and walk through space and wants to make note he is against that. Deputy Clerk Leece explained to Mr. Huetter his comments were in the minutes that were approved at tonight's meeting. Patrick Tansey, Ishpeming Township stated that if the Township called the Road Commission maybe they would come out and do the work. Supervisor Nankervis said we will see what the Road Commission says, and if we need, we will have a meeting with them. Supervisor Nankervis stated there is a Special Board Meeting on April 23, 2026, at 7:00 regarding Mqt. Co. Land Bank Authority Purchase Agreement for River Street Property

14. Adjournment: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by Supervisor Nankervis
All ayes. Motion passed. Time: 6:52p.m.

Nicole Hyry, Clerk

**Supervisor Comments
For April 14, 2026**

1. Attended the Marquette County Road Commission/Township Relation Committee meeting at Negaunee Township Hall on 3/12/2026. Discussion on Road Commission funding due to the changes in gas tax on fuel.
2. Finish up the Township Budget for Fiscal year April 1, 2026, thru March 31, 2027.
3. Attended the Material Management work meetings on March 19, 2026. Discussion on Solid Waste Recycling & Composting activities in the 6 County planning area.
4. Attended a work session at the courthouse on the thought of purchasing recycling bins for the cities of Ishpeming and Negaunee on 4/2/2026.
5. Attended the Respect Marquette meeting at the Library in Marquette. Discussions on learning how you can be a responsible steward of Marquette County on 4/1/26.
6. Worked with CUPPAD on the Recreation Plan and got it submitted before the April 1, 2026.
7. Attended the Pipeline Safety meeting at the bowling alley on April 7, 2026.
8. Lenoard Pizziola will be starting after May 19th, Tuesday through Friday as our summer student again.
9. CUPPAD finish Chapter 10 of the Master Plan and will be working on the last 2 chapters. The Planning Commission moved to have CUPPAD to start on revising the Zoning Ordinance and map once the Master Plan is completed.
10. I'll be in Traverse City from April 19-23 attending the Michigan Township Association Educational Conference.