

TOWNSHIP OF ISHPEMING
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, July 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: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Trustee Bosio. All Ayes. Motion passed.
- 4. Reading of June 9, 2026, meeting and Special Meeting on June 16, 2026: Motion by: Clerk Hyry 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; Nankervis, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Hyry, Aye; Bosio, Aye

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	48463-48527	\$102,018.57
Township Payroll	34768-34823	\$68,830.30
Void Payroll checks		\$0
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$35,930.04
Total		\$206,778.91
General Fund		\$80,741.84
Fire Fund		\$27,339.62
Police Fund		\$16,645.24
Street Lighting Fund		\$1,826.39
Recreation Fund		\$0
Sewer Fund		\$33,119.02
Street Improvement Fund		\$23,707.03
Water Fund		\$23,399.77
Capital Improvement		\$0
Total		\$206,778.91

- 6. Consent Agenda Department Reports: (Attached)
 - a. Animal
 - b. Assessor
 - c. DPW/Water/Sewer
 - d. Fire
 - e. Police
 - f. Zoning
 - g. Revenue/Expenditure Account BalanceApproval of Consent Agenda Items A-G. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Clerk Hyry.
- 7. Public Comment: None
- 8. Communications:
 - a. Discussed Semco Energy Waste Reduction information. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton; Support by; Trustee Bosio to not support putting the information on Ishpeming Township’s website. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

9. Supervisor's Comments: See Attached

- a. Motion by; Trustee Bosio; Support by Treasurer Thornton to change September 8, 2026, Board Meeting to September 9, 2026, due to Supervisor Nankervis being out of town. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. Web Design – recommendation to go with LeelInt. Board Members would like examples of websites LeelInt has designed, and questioned if we will be working with LeelInt or an offshore company.
- b. Approval of Ishpeming Township Investment Policy and Resolution #2026-11 to Adopt the Investment Policy. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton; Support by; Clerk Hyry to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
Roll Call Vote: Sjöholm, Aye; Nankervis, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Hyry, Aye; Bosio, Aye
- c. Ishpeming Township Master Plan – a Public Hearing is scheduled on 8/6/26.
- d. Reviewed the River Street Parcel Survey completed by Larry Bussone.
- e. Antonia Adan provided the Landbank update of River Street Property Development process going on.

11. New Business;

- a. Approval of Negaunee Public School Form L-4029 Tax Rate Request. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton; Support by Supervisor Nankervis to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Approval of Kushner & Company Benefit Plan. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton; Support by Trustee Bosio to accept. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Approval of Decker Agency Renewal. Motion by; Trustee Sjöholm; Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- d. Reviewed Marquette County Road Commission Neighborhood Road Fund Policy (NFR)
- e. Approval of Ahern Kitchen Ansul System Replacement. Motion by; Trustee Bosio; Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve \$1,060. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- f. Fire Department Comments – None.

12. Board Comments:

- a. Treasurer Thornton talked about it being tax collection season and discussed residents' concerns of how long garbage carts are being left out after garbage collection has been collected, and the Board may need to consider some guidance and restrictions.
- b. Trustee Bosio discussed the Transfer Station Board meeting with EGLE for the West End Transfer Station regarding the old landfill and the damage being done.

13. Public Comments: John Massie, Ishpeming Township discussed his concerns with the River Street Development and how we can resolve the difference between EGLE and Fishbeck, including the data he's seen that EGLE and Fishbeck uses for the aerial photo which is not an accurate survey and the survey from Larry Bussone and Stanaway (UP Engineering) with a difference of 10' and there stacks being 10' away, if the wetland plays as a factor you can get how many surveys and they're going to differ, we should use a map that is accurate. He discuss the berms and culverts that have been disturbed.

Dave Huetter, Ishpeming Township discuss aerial photo versus the survey and the discrepancy he believes is at least 20' between EGLE and Fishbeck. He discussed Fishbeck putting a flag on a dead tree, which could just fall down when there are several trees that could be used. He noted with the hard and fast rain they did not have any problems at the house and haven't over the years with the way the drainage sits right now, it doesn't create any issues. He stated action speak louder than words. He's seen of the property being developed there are Stanaway's, Nelson's, Brouillette's, his and Moose's, 4 major property owners. Out of Stanaway's, Brouillette's and his 2 have sold since this has been talked about. Stanaway's is up for sale, Brouillette's now Karki's has sold because of this talk, they knew earlier than I did because the board was talking about it. He believes the people in the area, the actions are what's being done at least is not good, whether it is developed or not, the proposed plan is not being well received, not heard with words but these are actions. Words and actions, the Landbank did a lot of words, what was going to be done, is now changing and switching and stringing us along.

14. Adjournment: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by Clerk Hyry and passed.
All ayes. Motion passed. Time: 7:33 p.m.

Nicole Hyry, Clerk

**Supervisor Comments
For July 14, 2026**

1. Rob Tervo, MDOT stopped by to discuss the letter I sent to MDOT requesting them to look at the intersection at North Lake Drive and US 41 and also North Westwood Drive and US 41. Rob said they don't meet the criteria for roundabouts at this time.
2. Attended the USDA Rural Opportunity Zone meeting on June 23, 2026. The two areas which received financing in Marquette County was the City of Marquette and the City of Ishpeming. Rollies Furniture Store and Moyle Building were the projects in the City of Ishpeming.
3. Attended the Material Management meeting in Marquette on June 11, 2026. Discussion on composting and where it will be located.
4. Attended the Michigan Township Association meeting in Midland, MI on June 18 and 19, 2026.
5. I will be attending a conference on Sept 8th & 9th. Can we move the meeting date of Sept 8th to a different date? Maybe Sept 9, 2026.
6. Had a Township resident ask about the Township restricting the number of dogs they can have is a residential house.
7. Ordered the fence slats and screening for the tennis courts from Marquette Fence.
8. Project Jade is making and installing (2) signs for the playgrounds at the Township.
9. It's getting down to the final 2 months on the Drinking Water Asset Management Grant. Both Ishpeming Township and UPEA have work to complete and use up the grant dollars. Work needs to be completed by September 15, 2026.
10. I'll be working on the Street Lighting Budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2027 to March 31, 2028. Will be reviewing in August at the Board Meeting.
11. We need to look at raising the garbage rates due to the increase cost at the Landfill. Garbage Containers are \$53.73
12. Board of Review will be meeting on July 21, 2026 to correct errors and omissions on the tax statements.