

TOWNSHIP OF ISHPEMING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Wednesday, November 11, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call: Present - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Nicole Hyry, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Curt Sjoholm, and Trustee Dave Bosio.
2. Salute to the Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda modified to add 10d. Solar Panel: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Trustee Bosio. All Ayes. Motion passed.
4. Reading of October 15, 2025: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Clerk Hyry. All Ayes. Motion passed to dispense with the reading of the above minutes.
5. Reading of Expenditures: Motion by: Trustee Bosio Supported by: Trustee Sjoholm All Ayes. Motion passed to accept the bills and order them paid as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Sjoholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Hyry, Aye

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	48051-48100	\$173,098.68
Township Payroll	34503-34522	\$33,603.57
PR Adjustment		\$0
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$17,472.53
Total		\$224,174.78
General Fund		\$68,228.29
Fire Fund		\$91,755.77
Police Fund		\$10,249.55
Street Lighting Fund		\$1,799.73
Recreation Fund		\$0
Sewer Fund		\$29,182.17
Street Improvement Fund		\$0
Water Fund		\$22,959.27
Capital Improvement		\$0
Total		\$224,174.78

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 All Ayes. Motion passed.
7. Public Comment: None
8. Communications:
 - a. Ishpeming Township will be closed December 24 -26, 2025, and January 1-2, 2026, due to the holidays.
 - b. Discussed Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority.
9. Supervisor's Comments: See Attached

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. Approval of Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Renewal. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by; Trustee Bosio to approve keeping the same coverage. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Discussed Cleveland Cliffs Properties in Ishpeming Township. Supervisor Nankervis will contact Cleveland Cliffs regarding purchasing 2 pieces of property.
- c. Discussed River Street property and reviewed a map of the sewer lines.
- d. Reviewed the Solar Panel savings.

11. New Business:

- a. Approval of 2026 Board Appointments . Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Approval of Restated Interlock Agreement to create the Ishpeming Area Joint Wastewater Treatment Board. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Trustee Sjoholm to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- c. Approval of Hannula Agency Inc. Policy Invoice. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Supervisor Nankervis to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- d. Approval of Sewer Rates effective January 1, 2026. Motion by; Supervisor Nankervis Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve residential rates from \$36 to \$40 per month. Commercial rates will be increased at comparable rate. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
Approval of Water Rates effective January 1, 2026. Motion by; Trustee Sjoholm Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve residential Ready to Service charge \$7 to \$8 per month and cost for water of from \$7 to \$8 per 1,000 gallons with \$6 for operations and \$2 for future water project per month. Commercial rates will be increased at comparable rate. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- e. Fire Department Comments

12. Board Comments: None

13. Public Comments:

- a. Trustee Bosio discussed residents on Braastads Road requesting to continue garbage pickup through the winter. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve garbage pickup by Ishpeming Township DPW as long as road is passable. 4 Ayes, 1 No. Motion Carried.
- b. Clerk Hyry discussed the Wex Gas Card that can be used at multiple gas stations, each vehicle would have its own card, and each employee would have their own pin for the cards.

14. Adjournment: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by Clerk Hyry

All ayes. Motion passed. Time: 7:02 p.m.

Nicole Hyry, Clerk

**Supervisor Comments
For November 11, 2025**

1. Attended the Michigan County Township Association meeting on October 22, 2025, at Negaunee Township. Pete Duex, Marquette County Road Commission was a guest speaker.
2. Attended the Material Management on October 16, 2025, discussion on siting processes for CUPMMPC Facility.
3. Met with Brian Miller and Township employees to discuss Medical Insurance for the employees. Four Options were discussed.
4. Attended the Michigan Township Board of Director meetings in Kalamazoo on October 23 and 24, 2025. Cost of insurance is on the rise due to losses due to storms, fires, etc.
5. Attended online classes on Asset Management put on by the Michigan Infrastructure Council approximately 25 hours.
6. Talk with Antonio Alan on River Street property that they would like to have property turned over to Land Bank for development. He will be forwarding information from other units of government that is transfer property to the Land Bank.
7. Talked with Doug Smith from Penchura regarding the playground equipment, he will be coming back with recommendation in a couple weeks. Talked with Doug Smith from Penchura regarding the playground equipment, he will be coming back with recommendation in a couple weeks.
8. Annual Christmas Party for the Marquette County Township Association will be held on December 3, 2025 at 5:30 pm, at Ishpeming Township Hall, RSVP by November 25, 2025.