

TOWNSHIP OF ISHPEMING
MINUTES

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

- 1. Roll Call: Present - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Nicole Hyry, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Curt Sjöholm, 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 January 14, 2025: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: . 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: Hyry, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjöholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	47507-47575	\$149,478.29
Township Payroll	34191-34212	\$37,073.45
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$24,554.84
Total		\$211,106.58
General Fund		\$95,231.71
Fire Fund		\$33,004.97
Police Fund		\$9,678.09
Street Lighting Fund		\$3,578.74
Recreation Fund		\$0
Sewer Fund		\$54,482.58
Street Improvement Fund		\$0
Water Fund		\$15,130.49
Total		\$211,106.58

- 6. Consent Agenda Department Reports: (Attached)
 - a. Animal
 - b. Assessor – no report
 - c. DPW/Water
 - d. Fire
 - e. Police
 - f. Zoning
 - g. Revenue/Expenditure Account BalanceApproval of Consent Agenda Items A, C-G; Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by: Clerk Hyry All Ayes. Motion passed.
- 7. Public Comment: Fire Department Chief Mann discussed disposing of non-compliant face masks; they will remove the netting before disposing. Chief Mann also gave an update from Red Power on the fire truck and provided an email and photos of the progress. He stated that if the Township is looking for a Capital Outlay project, they may consider updating the kitchen in the fire hall.
- 8. Communications:
 - a. NMU Professor Jelili Adebisi, request for addresses of Ishpeming Township residents. Board Members approved.
 - b. Discussed Rochelle Dale, Executive Director, Yellowdog Watershed Preserve email
- 9. Supervisor's Comments: See Attached

10. Unfinished Business: None

11. New Business:

- a. Approval of Resolution #2025-1 Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by; Trustee Sjöholm to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote: Hyry, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjöholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye
- b. Approval of Resolution #2025-2 to Establish Township Officers Salary. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Trustee Bosio to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote: Hyry, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjöholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye
- c. Approval of Resolution #2025-3 to Establish Board of Review Dates. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Clerk Hyry to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote: Hyry, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjöholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye
- d. Approval of City of Ishpeming Library Renewal for \$4,646.75. Motion by; Trustee Sjöholm Support by Trustee Bosio to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote: Hyry, Aye; Thornton, Aye; Sjöholm, Aye; Bosio, Aye; Nankervis, Aye
- e. Approval of Turf Badger Services for \$5,195.55. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Clerk Hyry to approve. 4 Ayes, 1 No. Motion Carried.
- f. Approval of U.P.S.E.T. Agreement for \$1,000. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- g. Approval of 2025 Utility Rate Increase as of May 1, 2025. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by Treasurer Thornton to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.
- h. Approval of Ordinance #2025-1 SEMCO Energy Grant of Franchise. Motion by; Treasurer Thornton Support by Clerk Hyry to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried
- i. Discussed the Greater Ishpeming Commission on Aging donation. Tabled until next meeting.
- j. Approval of Fire Department Fire Hose Direct purchase requisition form. Motion by; Trustee Bosio Support by Clerk Hyry to approve. 5 Ayes, 0 No. Motion Carried.

12. Board Comments: Trustee Sjöholm reviewed and discussed the Fire Department Ordinance #4-2 to Establish Charges for Fire Department Emergency Extraction Services under Michigan Public Act 102 of 1990 and to provide methods for collection of such charges. Tabled until next meeting.

13. Public Comments: Fire Department Chief Mann discussed Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) which is a state agreement that allows fire departments to provide mutual aid to each other. He encouraged the board to review and pass along to the Township Attorney. His recommendation was not to participate in it due to the fees that are involved.

14. Adjournment: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Supported by Clerk Hyry
All ayes. Motion passed. Time: 6:59 p.m.

Nicole Hyry, Clerk

**Supervisor's Comment
For February 11, 2025**

1. Attended Michigan Township Par Plan Board of Directors Meeting in Midland, MI on January 17, 2025. It appears the cost of insurance will be going up. Hurricanes in the South and wildfires in California will have an effect on the rates.
2. Attended the Marquette County Township Association Meeting in Negaunee Township on January 22, 2025, Brian Hummel, Marquette County Emergency Management Coordinator and Bruce Moore, Highline the Fiber Office Cable Installer discussed areas they will be installing the cable. The MCTA Spring Banquet will be held in Michigamme Township, tentative date is May 14, 2025.
3. Met with Chris Holmes from UP Engineers and Architects on the West Ishpeming water line replacement. Chris will be our contact since Kevin Nancarrow left the company. He will be putting together a project timeline for West Ishpeming Water Line Replacement Project.
4. I have been in contact with Susan Walker, Tokio Marine, our Insurance Company. They sent a check for \$151,392.08 for the firetruck repairs.
5. Working on negotiations with the employees for a 2-year wage agreement.
6. Ishpeming Township Board of Review dates for March 2025 at Ishpeming Township Hall, Organization Meeting, March 4, 2025, at 4 p.m. and the Taxpayer Appeal Meetings, Monday, March 10th, 3-9 p.m., Wednesday, March 12th, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
7. Worked on water, sewer, and garbage rates which we will review later in the meeting.
8. Worked on the budgets for fiscal year April 1, 2025, thru March 31, 2026.
9. Submitted the time sheets and the cost for the lead lines, checked by DPW in 2024 to UPEA to submit to State for reimbursement \$48,140.92.
10. Matt Treado, Pres. Treado Engineering called and would like to do engineering work for the Township. We meet with him to discuss what he is proposing.
11. The new garbage truck and rear loader should be ready for us this week. Than we will bring the truck for undercoating.
12. I attended a meeting at the Ishpeming Area Wastewater Treatment Plant along with City Representatives to discuss redoing the Interlocal Agreement for another 50 years. Also discussed turning ownership to the plant. All were in favor of the same Interlocal Agreement
Billing at this time: Ishpeming Township 22.1%
City of Negaunee 32.1%
City of Ishpeming 44.8%