

ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP MINUTES

**1575 U. S. Highway 41 W
Ishpeming, MI 49849**

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call: Present** - Supervisor James Nankervis, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Curtis Sjöholm, Trustee Charles Johnson **Absent**- Clerk Cory Beth Grigg

2. **Salute to Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by: Treasurer Thornton

4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Johnson and passed to dispense with the reading of last month's minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

5. **Reading of Expenditures:** Motion by: Trustee Sjöholm Support by: Trustee Johnson and passed to accept the bills and order them paid.

Roll Call Vote: Grigg - Aye, Sjöholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton - Aye, Johnson – Aye, with the abstention of the Auto Value bill. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	42329-42365	\$65,317.78
Township Payroll	30842-30877	\$18,977.95
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$10,044.33
Total		\$94,340.06
General Fund		\$42,250.88
Police		\$1,889.58
Fire Fund		\$4,675.36
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,670.64
Water Fund		\$13,229.04
Sewer Fund		\$26,624.56
Total		\$94,340.06

6. **Consent Agenda- Department Reports:**

- 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 Support by: Trustee Johnson. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **Public Comment:** None

8. **Communications:**

- a. Ron Pihlainen- Cannabis Dispensary Law- No action taken
- b. Health Insurance rate will increase by 14% next year. Trustee Sjöholm looked at comparing the current plan of Simply Blue versus the Gold plan. Supervisor Nankervis will look into this.

9. **Supervisor's Comments:** See Attached

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. J & N Electric will upgrade electrical and start in approximately a month per Supervisor Nankervis.

11. **New Business:**

- a. Deputy Clerk, Kari Dunphy, will receive a \$1.00 raise effective October 30th. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Trustee Sjöholm. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Trustee Sjöholm inquired about putting something in employee files about job performance.
- b. Board agrees to get rid of old guns, no longer in use by Police Officer.
- c. Fire Department
 - i. Approve applicant Kevin Aho, as a probationary fire fighter. Motion by: Trustee Johnson, Support by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

- ii. One t-shirt and one polo will be purchased for each member of the fire department. The t-shirt and polo are to be worn for fire department functions only, if any member would like a shirt to wear at their leisure, it can be purchased separately, by them, and it will be a different color than the official t-shirts. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton, Support by: Trustee Johnson, All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- iii. Chief Mann wanted the board to know that Toys for Tots donated 380 toy firetrucks for Fire Prevention Week at Aspen Ridge School.
- iv. Pump Testing and Service conducted this month.
- v. Back-up cameras are working fantastic, thank you!

12. **Board Comments:**

- a. Treasurer Thornton said the carpet looks great!
- b. Trustee Sjöholm questioned what the status is of Officer Williams getting in the system at the State level. Supervisor Nankervis will contact Post Commander, Clint Michelin. Trustee Sjöholm also had questions regarding the 2016-2017 Audit; is there adequate funds in the sewer fund to cover foreseeable situations and does the fire equipment fund have enough for future purchases. Trustee Sjöholm also questioned about the sewer lines, their longevity, whether we should look into televising all lines.
- c. Supervisor Nankervis hired UPEA to do the Water System Assessment Management Planning, required by the State.

13. **Public Comment:** None.

16. **Adjournment:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Johnson and passed to adjourn. Ayes 4 No's 0 All Ayes. Time: 6:44 p.m.

Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

Supervisor Comments

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1. Sent letter of support for funding for a roundabout at the intersection of US-41 and Lakeshore Drive in the city of Ishpeming.
2. Attended the Marquette County Landfill meeting on September 20, 2017. Landfill had 8 employees three years ago, now they have 15 employees. 560 tons of recycling rigids collected, 160 tons shipped.
3. Attended the Marquette County Township Association Meeting at Negaunee Township hall on September 27, 2017. Jim Iwanicki MCRC- Engineer Manager gave a presentation on Marquette County Roads.
4. Attended the Township/Road Commission relations committee meeting on October 5, 2017. Jim Iwanicki explained the winter operation manpower 20-22 temporary employees and 56 full-time employees which 36 are union members. Township should get same level of service as last year.
5. Attended the Ishpeming Township Planning Commission meeting on October 5, 2017. Waiting on new zoning map from Marquette County Resource Management.
6. County Road GGG (Camp 9 Road), work by the MCRC is almost completed. Approximately 5 miles of upgrade was completed. Approximately 6 miles still remain to be completed.