

ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg

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

5. **Reading of Expenditures:** Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Sjöholm 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	42540-42607	\$71,593.42
Township Payroll	31013-31061	\$26,506.56
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$15,640.10
Total		\$113,740.08
General Fund		\$53,858.81
Police		\$4,058.58
Fire Fund		\$19,203.95
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,640.98
Water Fund		\$12,491.46
Sewer Fund		\$19,486.30
Total		\$113,740.08

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

- A. Animal
- B. Assessor
- C. DPW/Water
- D. Fire
- E. Police
- F. Zoning- No Report
- G. Revenue/Expenditure Account Balance

Approval of Consent Agenda Items A-E & G: Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **Public Comment:**

- a. Presentation by Mike Carey

8. **Communications:**

- a. Approved donation of \$1000.00 to U.P.S.E.T to help in drug law enforcement. Motion by: Trustee Sjöholm Support by: Trustee Johnson All Ayes, Motion Carried
- b. Received letter from Michigan Economic Development Corporation stating the grant received in 2015 is closed out.
- c. The board will review the social media policy and park ordinance and any changes will be made to go over at the March board meeting.

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

10. **Unfinished Business:**

11. **New Business:**

- a. A resolution on Township Officials Salary was approved with the addition of the total annual salary stated by roll call vote. Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton. Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Nankervis - Aye Clerk Grigg - Aye, Treasurer Thornton - Aye, Trustee Johnson - Aye, Trustee Sjöholm - Aye. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- b. Supervisor Nankervis will contact the attorney about training.

12. Fire Department:

- a. Robert Uren resigned as an officer of the Ishpeming Township Fire Department
- b. Board members will review the Constitution and Bylaws for the Fire Department.
- c. Approved Fire Retainer Rates for Ely and Tilden Townships. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg. All Ayes, Motion Carried
- d. Approved Fire Catt 3 year contract. Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes, Motion Carried
- e. The Fire Department would like to do a two month trial of an application called I Am Responding. If the application is beneficial to the fire department they would do a one year membership at a rate of \$300/year. Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

13. Board Comments:

- a. Treasurer Thornton commented that the tax season is coming to an end. Taxes are due in the Township office by February 14, 2018 without penalty and can be paid in our office until February 28, 2018. Then they can be paid to Marquette County.
- b. Trustee Sjoholm asked if the township has contributed to the Legal Defense Fund. The township has in the past and can look at it again. He also asked about pension contributions. The township won't know until the MERS report is received.
- c. Trustee Sjoholm asked if communications can be scanned and emailed instead of paper copies put in mailboxes. Clerk Grigg said she could scan and email communications to board members. Also, would like to see Planning and Zoning meeting minutes be added to the website.
- d. Approve Supervisor Nankervis to go to the MTA Conference and Expo in Traverse City, April 23-26, 2018. Motion by: Trustee Sjoholm Support by: Trustee Johnson. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

14. Public Comment: None

- 15. Adjournment:** Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton and passed to adjourn. Ayes 5 No's 0 All Ayes. Time: 7:11 p.m.

Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

Supervisor Comments

1. Tom Lindeman from the Par Plan risk management stopped by on January 10, 2018 to discuss the township operation. He will be sending a letter on the changes he recommends.
2. Attended the Yellow Dog Watershed meeting on January 17, 2018 at the Peter White Library in Marquette. Discussed what was complete last year on the 688 acres they purchased in Ishpeming Township. A foot bridge was installed over the Yellow Dog River. Discussed items to be completed this year.
3. Craig Marietti came back to work on January 22, 2018 with a restriction that he can't lift over 10 lbs. with his right arm.
4. Attended the Marquette County Township Association meeting on January 24, 2018. Dr. Fritz Erickson, President of the Northern Michigan University, discussed their Wi-Fi and chemistry classes on marijuana. Brad Austin, Director, Marquette County Landfill, discussed county wide recycling. Mike Carey from Iron Mountain put on a presentation on running for State Senator for the 38th District.
5. Attended Elected Officials meeting with Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. Chairman and President Lourenco Gonclaves at the Holiday Inn in Marquette. Some discussion on reopening Empire Mine if they can't get some permits in Minnesota in a timely manner.
6. Attended the Board of Directors meeting for The Michigan Township Association in Lansing on February 9, 2018. Discussion on the upcoming Educational Conference in Traverse City in April.
7. UP Engineering is still working on the Asset Management for our water system. The engineers are working on the modeling.
8. I will be meeting with Ryan Harper on the zoning violation on the garage he constructed on his property and out onto the county road right of way.