

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, April 10, 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 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	42662-42703	\$35,321.63
Township Payroll	31090-31124	\$28,343.83
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$23,045.87
Total		\$86,711.33
General Fund		\$47,277.90
Police		\$3,459.34
Fire Fund		\$3,885.44
Street Lighting Fund		\$14.50
Water Fund		\$12,876.55
Sewer Fund		\$19,197.60
Total		\$86,711.33

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

- A. Animal
- B. Assessor
- C. DPW/Water
- D. Fire
- E. Police-Trustee Sjöholm would like to see Officer Williams hours worked through the month and tickets written on the monthly report.
- F. Zoning
- G. Revenue/Expenditure Account Balance

Approval of Consent Agenda Items A-D & F-G: Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes, Motion Carried. **Approval of Consent Agenda Item E.** Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Johnson. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **Public Comment:** John Robinson at 2001 Jackson Ave would like the ATV restriction removed from section of County Rd 573 to allow ATV's to get onto the trails. The board has decided to bring the issue to the Planning Commission to move forward with it.
8. **Communications:**
 - a. State of Michigan – Metallic Mineral Lease letter for information only.
 - b. “Dark Stores” letter from Michigan Township Association requesting financial assistance for the City of Escanaba. It is the consensus of the Ishpeming Township Board not to make a donation.
9. **Supervisor's Comments:** See Attached
10. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. A final copy of the Asset Management Plan will be available next week.
 - b. Clerk Grigg has decided not to attend the Clerks Conference. She will look at other educational opportunities in the future.
 - c. The Township attorney is looking at our Social Media Policy to add disciplinary action. When it is finished the board will distribute to employees.

11. New Business:

- a. The new Wage Scale is effective 04/01/2018. The Fire Department will receive a 2% raise and also Fire Calls will increase from \$20/hr to \$21/hr. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- b. Ishpeming Township hires a summer student every year. Applications will be accepted until May 15, 2018.
- c. Craig Marietti and Jason Marietti will attend the Water Meeting in Escanaba on April 17-18, 2018. Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by: Clerk Grigg All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- d. There were questions from the Board Members about the Open Meeting Act and what can be sent by email between Board Members. As long as you do not reply to all in your email, it is fine to send emails to board members for information purposes only.
- e. The Spring Banquet is May 9, 2018. All township office, DPW and Police employees are welcome to attend. Ishpeming Township will pay for employee and guest. Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by: Clerk Grigg 4 Ayes, 1 No Motion Carried.
- f. Trustee Sjolholm had questions about the Backflow procedures. He contacted the DEQ to see if it is necessary to get well readings 7 days a week. Supervisor Nankervis said that the reads are done to make sure that the readings are not too high and that there is not a water leak. He would like to see past issues discussed during the next board meeting. This can be discussed under old business. He also asked if there is a way to find out what garbage customers are not being charged but are still using the garbage service. The office staff will look into finding a way to create a report to compare this.

12. Fire Department:

- a. The Fire Department has 6 Pass Alert Devices that need to be replaced. They also have Air Packs that need to be replaced. The repairs are expensive so they would like to phase out the old ones and replace with new. Their plan is to replace 2 Air Packs per year until the old ones are phased out. They will be submitting a grant to see if they can get help purchasing new ones. Chief Mann does have 1 bid and will get 2 more bids for the Air Packs and Pass Alert Devices. The lowest bid will be used. Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

13. Board Comments:

- a. Clerk Grigg said that the Accident Fund will be here on Thursday, April 12, 2018 for an audit.
- b. Treasurer Thornton mentioned that the Planning Commission will be reviewing the Chicken Ordinance for changes.
- c. Trustee Johnson asked about what happened with Travis Watters fence issue. Watters was issued a letter by the Ishpeming Township Police officer. He also asked about the utility easement in that same alley. Residents were notified in the fall of 2016 that they would have to move their fences and storage buildings to allow utility vehicles to get into the area. Residents will be addressed again on this issue.

14. Public Comment: None

15. **Adjournment:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg and passed to adjourn. Ayes 5 No's 0 All Ayes. Time: 7:38 p.m.

Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

Supervisor Comments

1. Attended the Marquette County Township Association meeting on March 20, 2018. Guest speakers were Mary Smith from Pathways and Larry Merrill Executive Director, Michigan Township Association.
2. Attended the Prevent Harassment in the Workplace class at Lakeview Arena in Marquette on March 22, 2018. Information received was distributed.
3. Attended the Pipeline Program at River Rock Lanes in Ishpeming. This program stressed safety need around underground pipelines in the area.
4. Brittany Yohe made a pamphlet stating bi-monthly billing, tax, etc. that residents of the township are responsible for.
5. MERS phase in rate 8.83% no phase in 10.71% elected to pay 12.3% starting April 1, 2018 to get closer to 100% funded. At present we are all 91% funded.
6. Received a grant at the West Marquette County Sanitation Authority Transfer Station for scrap tire clean up. The collection will be on June 20, from 3-7 pm.
7. DPW installed LED bulbs in the light fixtures in the hall, office area, bathrooms, and fire hall.