

**ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, March 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: Trustee Johnson 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.

	<b>CHECKS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Township Operating	42608-42661	\$92,612.45
Township Payroll	31062-31089	\$42,751.75
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$20,738.93
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$156,103.13</b>
General Fund		\$62,202.93
Police		\$4,012.06
Fire Fund		\$29,148.43
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,635.21
Water Fund		\$23,415.61
Sewer Fund		\$32,688.89
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$156,103.13</b>

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: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **Public Comment:** None

8. **Fire Department:**

- a. Three quotes were received to purchase laptops for the fire trucks. Approved the quote from Elcom. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- b. Residents on the Dead River Basin are concerned about water access for the Fire Department in the case of a structure fire. The Fire Department feels that stand pipes are needed. Denise Platteborze from Dead River Inc. stated they have maps from engineers with possible draft points for the stand pipes. She will review them with the fire department.
- c. Approve Fire Department Officer appointments. Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

9. **Communications:**

- a. Letter from Marquette Solid Waste Management Authority for board review.
- b. Approve to pay the CUPPAD membership dues. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Johnson. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- c. NMU Public Service Academy program is offering a class on "Preventing Harassment in the Work Place". If any board members or Fire Department members are interested they can let Clerk Grigg know.

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

11. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. All of the guns put up for sale at Wilderness Sports have been sold. After the purchase of a new shotgun the Township will receive a \$676.50 return.

12. **New Business:**

- a. Budget approved for Fiscal Year April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Johnson. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- b. Annual Resolutions- **Budget Resolution**- Motion to approve by Clerk Grigg Support by Trustee Johnson Roll Call: Clerk Grigg-Aye, Treasurer Thornton-Aye, Supervisor Nankervis-Aye, Trustee Johnson- Aye, Trustee Sjolholm-Aye All Ayes, Motion Carried. **Guideline Resolution for Poverty Exemption**- Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg. Roll call: Treasurer Thornton-Aye, Clerk Grigg-Aye, Supervisor Nankervis-Aye, Trustee Johnson-Aye, Trustee Sjolholm-Aye. All Ayes Motion Carried. **Regular Monthly Meeting**-Motion by Trustee Johnson Support by: Treasurer Thornton Roll call: Treasurer Thornton-Aye, Clerk Grigg-Aye, Supervisor Nankervis-Aye, Trustee Johnson-Aye, Trustee Sjolholm-Aye. All Ayes Motion Carried. **Department Officials**-Motion by Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Sjolholm All Ayes, Motion Carried. Roll Call: Treasurer Thornton-Aye, Clerk Grigg-Aye, Supervisor Nankervis-Aye, Trustee Johnson-Aye, Trustee Sjolholm-Aye. All Ayes, Motion Carried. **Legal Depositories**-Motion by Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton Roll Call: Clerk Grigg-Aye, Trustee Johnson-Aye, Supervisor Nankervis-Aye, Treasurer Thornton-Aye, Trustee Sjolholm-Aye. All Ayes, Motion Carried. **Buy & Sell Real Estate**: Motion by Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Johnson Roll Call: Trustee Johnson-Aye, Treasurer Thornton-Aye, Trustee Sjolholm-Aye, Supervisor Nankervis-Aye, Clerk Grigg-Aye. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- c. **Truth in Taxation Resolution**- Motion by Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Johnson Roll call: Clerk Grigg-Aye, Treasurer Thornton-Aye, Supervisor Nankervis-Aye, Trustee Johnson-Aye, Trustee Sjolholm-Aye All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- d. Supervisor Nankervis recommended the Township employer contribution for MERS stay at 12.3% to get to 100% funded since we are already at 91% funded. Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Sjolholm. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- e. The bid for Dust Control was received with no changes from 2017 with the township responsibility being 60% of total cost. Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by: Trustee Sjolholm. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- f. Board approved letter to send in support of Republic Township's efforts to obtain permit application and funding for repair to the gates on the Michigamme River.
- g. Effective March 1, 2018 the Dog/Cat Pound fees were increased. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- h. Mead & Hunt presented a quote for management of the Cross Connection Control Program for a 3 year contract. Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Johnson. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- i. A new Social Media policy was drafted for Ishpeming Township and Ishpeming Township Fire Department. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- j. Budget Adjustment made from the Police Fund (101-301) to the General Fund (101-265). Motion by: Trustee Sjolholm Support by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- k. 906 Technologies came to replace our current Antivirus Software when it expired and replaced with new Antivirus Software. Board agreed with change. Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by: Trustee Thornton All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- l. Board approved letter to send out to Cleveland Cliffs Inc. in support of reopening the Empire Mine.
- m. Board will discuss the MAMC Annual Conference after the dates have been confirmed for the Township annual audit.

13. **Board Comments:**

- a. Treasurer Thornton commented that the 2017 Tax season is over.
- b. Trustee Johnson asked about whether cell phones are permitted in a closed session during. Clerk Grigg will look at the guidelines and pass that information along.
- c. Trustee Sjolholm would like to look into the cost of replacing all of the street lights with LED and if it would be beneficial to the township to purchase and maintain them or if UPCCO will do that. He also asked if Craig Marietti is back to work at full capacity after his shoulder surgery. He is and is doing great. He asked about the options for dog patrol and if it necessary and also if it is necessary to check the wells on the weekend. It is necessary due to state requirements to check the wells daily. He inquired if there is a program for that to be done automatically or not. Supervisor Nankervis said it may be a possibility and would have to look into it.

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: 7:21 p.m.

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Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

#### Supervisor Comments

1. Contacted our attorney John Heikkila on paying him to go to the Michigan Township Association Educational Conference in April. He said it would be his responsibility to pay his way. Does the board want to do anything further on this item?
2. Worked with the Overland Engineering Firm to apply for the sewer line extension for the New Dollar General Store on the corner of South Westwood Drive and U.S. 41.
3. Attended the Township/Road Commission Meeting on March 1, 2018. Discussion on CR 595 Legal Challenge, summer maintenance projects, winter temporary employees (5 months+-). Road Commission purchased a single axle dump truck (\$10,000) and a D-7 Dozer (\$12,000) from a Federal Surplus. Work on Stoneville Road from Randall Drive to Southwood Drive this year.
4. Attended the Planning Commission Meeting on March 1, 2018. Two public hearings were held. They issued a 4 foot variance for Ryan Harper and reduced the number of parking spaces for the Dollar General Store.
5. Attended the Landfill Meeting on Feb 21, 2018 at Negaunee Township. The Landfill Road was changed to a primary road by MCRC. Talking about a millage for recycling.
6. Attended the Superior Trade Zone meeting in Rock on March 6, 2018. City of Negaunee joined the Superior Trade Zone. Brett French V.P. Business Development UPPCO gave a presentation on electrical rates of Upper Peninsula Power.
7. DPW replaced the florescent bulbs in the Township Hall with LED bulbs. The LED bulbs cost \$966 for the meeting room, kitchen and bathrooms. To do the meeting room downstairs and the office area upstairs, the cost will be approximately \$1,600. Board approved the replacement of the florescent bulbs for the additional areas.