

ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, June 12, 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: Trustee Johnson 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	42762-42834	\$51,678.00
Township Payroll	31179-31204	\$35,004.08
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$18,985.86
Total		\$105,667.94
General Fund		\$62,956.73
Police		\$5,878.22
Recreation Fund		\$6,954.12
Fire Fund		\$9,481.38
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,527.23
Water Fund		\$11,264.24
Sewer Fund		\$4,606.02
Total		\$105,667.94

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-D and F-G: Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Johnson All Ayes, Motion Carried. Trustee Sjöholm asked about Police officer training. Officer Williams attended 2 training in May and will be doing another training on August 30 for school shootings. He is also planning to attend Radar training in the fall. **Approval of Consent Agenda Item E:** Motion by: Trustee Johnson Supported by: Clerk Grigg. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **Public Comment:**

- a. Luanne Skrenes at 1700 Southwood Drive commented on the sewer backup at their residence. On June 3, 2018 they had their third back up. They are now installing a check valve for future protection. Mrs. Skrenes would like to know what the township is doing to prevent this from happening again. Supervisor Nankervis said that the Township is hiring a company to come in and televisé the sewer line near their house to see if there are any issues. The township will update the Skrenes' with what is found in the sewer lines.

8. **Communications:**

- a. Madalyn Koval, VNP Regional Field Director came in to give a presentation on Voters Not Politicians.
- b. A quote was received from Tunnel Vision Pipeline Services to televisé and clean the Township sewer lines. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg. All Ayes, Motion carried to hire Tunnel Vision.
- c. Due to an increase in transportation costs and decrease in commodity market values, municipality recycling rebates will not be awarded for FY 2017-2018.
- d. The Ishpeming Area Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility has approved a 2017 Deferred Revenue credit due to Ishpeming Township for \$16,667.00.

- e. The North Country Trail Association has asked Ishpeming Township for support and a signed resolution to secure permanent easement to the protect the NTC on property within Marquette County owned by Weyerhaeuser. The NTC is asking for a 30' permanent easement where the trail is located on their property. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- f. MTA dues are due to be paid. Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Johnson. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Board approved contract received from the Marquette County Road Commission to finish work on County Road GGG (Road 9). Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- b. The Ishpeming Township Planning Commission recommended opening up Poplar and Deer Lake Roads to ATV usage. A letter will be sent requesting this to Marquette County. Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by: Trustee Sjolholm. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

11. **New Business:**

- a. Clerk Grigg would like to attend the Clerks Conference in Marquette on August 9, 2018. Motion by: Supervisor Nankervis Support by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- b. Supervisor Nankervis would like to attend the UP North Summit on August 1-2, 2018 in Harris. Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Johnson All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- c. Trustee Sjolholm asked about revising ordinances to get them updated. There are 29 ordinances. Not all but most of them need to be updated. Officer Williams will look at the ones that involve law enforcement and recommend changes to the board. Trustee Sjolholm questioned whether the wells need to be checked 7 days a week. Per the DEQ the wells should be checked daily, meaning at least 5 days per week. Per Supervisor Nankervis it is Township policy to check them every day. The township will be looking into tearing down the old sewage building.

12. **Fire Department:** None

13. **Board Comments:**

- a. Clerk Grigg commented about how nice the dugouts look at the Fraser/Yohe Field. Maybe we could replace the other dugouts next year. Supervisor Nankervis suggested the Recreation Committee should look into grant funding for new dugouts.
- b. Treasurer Thornton said that there was a tax foreclosure in North Lake but that the neighbor is buying so it will be taken care of. She also said the Planning Commission said that a letter will be sent to Travis Watters regarding his fence and when he will need it taken care of by.
- c. Trustee Johnson commented on how nice the dugouts are. He has received feedback regarding the bleachers and not being able to see the field where they are currently located. They will be relocated.
- d. Trustee Sjolholm suggested the Trades Class at the high school might be interested in helping with new dugouts for Sunnyside fiend next year.

14. **Public Comment:**

16. **Adjournment:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg and passed to adjourn. Ayes 5 No's 0 All Ayes. Time: 7:07 p.m.

Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

Supervisor Comments

1. Worked on the new dugouts for the Fraser-Yohe ballfield. DPW installed concrete slabs, Griffin concrete installed concrete block and DPW installed the roof system. Positive comments on the new dugouts.
2. Attended the Marquette County Township Association Meeting/Banquet at the Negaunee Township Hall. I think everyone enjoyed themselves. Approximately 110 people attended.
3. Attended the landfill meeting at Marquette Township on May 30, 2018. Landfill maybe looking for millage for recycling (single stream) estimated cost approximately \$3 million dollars.
4. Attended the managers/Supervisors meeting on May 31, 2018. Discussions were held on garbage recycling, glass etc., state proposed new water standards, and proposed changes to State Qualified Assessors.
5. We had a sewer back-up on the sewer in the alley between rosewood and Southwood Drive. Tom Skrenes', Harvala's, and Giroux's received sewage in their basements. DPW said there was a lot of garbage and it appeared adult wipes were in the sewer line. DPW check with the Nursing Home and their grinder is working and they said that they weren't dumping grease down the sewers. There was a lot of grease in the sewer from Wildwood Street East to the manhole on the corner.
6. I'll be out of the office on June 14 and 15 attending the Michigan Township Association meeting in Alpena, MI.
7. Working on getting cost estimates on replacing the bituminous asphalt on the North and East side of the Township Hall and the parking lot on the South side of the building.
8. Dondre Yohe was hired as our summer student starting on June 11, 2018.