

ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, July 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:** As amended to add 11. e Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg
4. **Dispense Reading of Minutes:** Motion by: Trustee Johnson 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	42835-42894	\$67,462.42
Township Payroll	31205-31237	\$30,500.94
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$17,910.94
Total		\$115,874.30
General Fund		\$55,259.11
Police		\$3,496.35
Fire Fund		\$22,816.66
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,518.32
Water Fund		\$11,547.85
Sewer Fund		\$18,236.01
Total		\$115,874.30

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 and G:** Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Johnson
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
7. **Public Comment:** None
8. **Communications:**
 - a. DEQ Public Notice regarding a permit to gradually drawdown Deer Lake impoundment to an elevation of 1378' to facilitate structural concrete repairs.
9. **Supervisor's Comments:** See Attached
10. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. UP Engineers provided the Township with an Asset Management Plan. The plan will be reviewed and options for updating the water pipes within the next 10 years will be considered.
 - b. The Township is looking at 2 bids for asphalt for the parking lot. This work would be completed in 2019.
 - c. The Road Millage will be on the ballot for the August 7, 2018 Primary Election.
 - d. MBank is moving forward with providing the Township with Direct Deposit for employee payroll. This should be completed within the next month.
11. **New Business:**
 - a. MERS 457 Plan will replace the current VOYA Retirement plan. The Township Board approved a resolution to change plans. Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support: Treasurer Thornton All Ayes, Motion Carried. MERS 457 Participation Agreement approved. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

- b. MERS Basic Life and Short Term Disability will replace the current Life and Disability plan. Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Trustee Johnson. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- c. Local residents have inquired about adding a crosswalk on Stoneville Road. Supervisor Nankervis will look into the cost and requirements for a crosswalk.
- d. The Ishpeming Township Assessor is looking at retiring in Spring 2019. Supervisor Nankervis has spoken to Marquette County and a private Assessing firm to get quotes on prices for taking over Ishpeming Township Assessing.
- e. A quote was received from Northern Pipe for televising the sewer pipe between Lilac and Daisy in the alley from Randal to Ellsworth. They will also be able to do the cleaning of the sewer pipes. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Johnson. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

12. Fire Department:

- a. The Ishpeming Township Fire Department received a quote from Preamble Concrete Coatings and Polishing for a new floor in the fire department. Cost will be \$14,780. The work will be completed in August 2018. Painting of the walls will be done before the floor is installed. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg. 4 Ayes, 1 No Motion Carried.
- b. Five New Fire Department Members were voted in during the Fire Department meeting. Ken Peterson, Jeremy Laakso, Jacob Laakso, Jordan Hebert, and Ralph Roberts. Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- c. The Fire Department will need to purchase a cell phone to have a WIFI network within the trucks equipped with tablets. The phone will be through the program First Net. Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

13. Board Comments:

- a. Clerk Grigg commented about how well the Girl Scouts did on planting the flowers.
- b. Treasurer Thornton commented that the 2018 Summer taxes are out and payments can be made without penalty until September 14, 2018.
- c. Trustee Johnson stated that he would like to see more than one quote on future large expenses.
- d. Trustee Sjolholm asked if we can document on future sewer issues what is found and how to avoid them. James Street has some tar that is getting on cars and is sticky when people are walking. He asked about the Fire Department Bylaws and Constitution. Those are still being worked on. The social media policy is complete.

14. Public Comment:

- a. Travis Allen, Fire Department asked about utility easements. They had a problem getting into an area to on a recent call. Supervisor Nankervis will look into why the alleys were changed to easements.

- 16. Adjournment:** Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Johnson and passed to adjourn. Ayes 5 No's 0 All Ayes. Time: 7:35 p.m.

Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

Supervisor Comments

- 1. Attended the meeting at Negaunee Township Hall on July 2, 2018 for Discussion Senate Bill No. 1031, Excepting Utility Personal Property from Taxes. Senator Casperson said he opposes the bill as it is written. Also discussion on the House Bill 6049 (Changing Assessor qualifications) everyone attending opposed the changes. Rep. Sarah Cambensy was in attendance and didn't support SB 1031.
- 2. Attended the Baraga County Township Association meeting on June 18, 2018 and discussed Michigan Township Association items with them.
- 3. Worked with DPW on what sewer lines we wanted televised. Waiting on the disc from the televising from Tunnel Vision. DPW has been in contact with them on getting the televised discs.
- 4. Waiting on a price from Northern Pipe and Equipment out of Green Bay to televise the clay tile sewer line between Lilac and Daisy, approximately 1200 L. F. It is at a depth of 18' to 22' deep. It appears we have roots and maybe a broken tile.
- 5. We will have a budget workshop at 5:30 p.m. on August 14, 2018 for the street lighting budget for Fiscal Year April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.
- 6. A fuse on the main power line and the meter at the generator building in Deer Lake at the sewer lift station blew during the month. Will be looking at installing a new feed from the mast to the electrical meter.