

**ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

1575 U. S. Highway 41 W

Ishpeming, MI 49849

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Planning Commission was held on Thursday August 2, 2018 at 5:02 P.M.

- **Roll Call:** Mike Fraser, Vice Chair - Present; Jeff Solka, Member- Absent ; Dave Bosio, Member- Present ; Kristin Thornton, Secretary- Present; Jim LaFreneie, Member- Present; Jim Kutchie, Chair- Present; Kevin Yohe, Member- Absent.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Motion: Kristin Thornton Support: Dave Bosio to approve agenda with the addition of letters regarding chickens. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Motion: Dave Bosio Support: Jim Lafreniere and passed to dispense with the reading of previous meeting minutes and place them on file. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Kevin Blank from Gold St. They have owned chickens for 1 ½ years. They have 3 hens that are in a coop. Their children are involved with the care for the hens. Their hens are like family and are well maintained. Neighbors take care of hens when they are out of town.  
There are chickens on Prospect St. that are running loose, are not in a coop and have been wondering outside of the fenced in yard.
- **Zoning Administrator's Report:** Motion: Jim Lafreniere Support: Mike Fraser to accept the report & place on file. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- **Public Hearing:** NONE
- **Old Business:**
  - Travis Waters fence.  
Fred is going to check to see if Travis Watters has complied with the fence ordinance. If he has not attorney will get involved.
  - Keeping of Chickens.  
Board liked:  
Chicken as Pets  
Special Approval in Residential District, Rural Residential District  
Permitted Principal Use in Forest/Ag District, Open Space District  
Up to 6 Chickens allowed. No Person shall keep any rooster(s). The chickens shall be provided with a covered enclosure and must be kept in the covered enclosure or a fenced enclosure at all times. All enclosures must be 25 feet from property lines. All surrounding property owners must be notified prior to Township approval.  
Motion: Kristin Thornton Support: Dave Bosio to recommend that the

Ishpeming Township Board review sample of chicken ordinances.

- Letters to Matthew Heintz and Kevin Blanck regarding chickens. Fred will send the Blanks a letter stating they can keep their chickens until Township resolves the ordinance issue.

- **New Business:** None

- **Board Comments:**

- Dave – Antler Tree Service has gated two entrances.
- Jim K. – get Travis Watters situation settled and chicken issue resolved. Has not seen any police presence on Deer Lake Ave, would like to see officer in location
- Mike – Dirt bikes driving fast on Southwood Dr.

- **Supervisor Comments:** NONE

- **Adjournment:** Motion: Kristin Thornton Support: Jim Lafreniere and passed to adjourn. Ayes 5 No's 0 All Ayes. Time: 5:47 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

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Kristin Thornton, Secretary