

ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP MINUTES

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

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call: Present** - Supervisor James Nankervis, Clerk Cory Beth Grigg, Treasurer Kristin Thornton, Trustee Curtis Sjoholm, Trustee Charles Johnson
2. **Salute to Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** As amended to add 11. h Motion by: Trustee Sjoholm Support by: Trustee Johnson
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. 4 Ayes. 1 Abstention Motion Carried.
5. **Reading of Expenditures:** Motion by: Trustee Johnson Support by: Clerk Grigg and passed to accept the bills and order them paid.

Roll Call Vote: Grigg - Aye, Sjoholm - Aye, Nankervis – Aye, Thornton - Aye, Johnson – Aye, with the abstention of the Auto Value bill. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

	CHECKS	AMOUNT
Township Operating	42871-43016	\$89,167.71
Township Payroll	31290-31315	\$27,985.93
MERS, AFLAC, St of MI, etc.		\$19,054.12
Total		\$136,207.76
General Fund		\$55,316.30
Police		\$9,910.21
Fire Fund		\$36,939.38
Street Lighting Fund		\$4,473.20
Water Fund		\$9,087.13
Sewer Fund		\$20,481.54
Total		\$136,207.76

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-G: Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Trustee Sjoholm
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **Public Comment:**

- a. Judy Senske of 950 Cottage St, Ishpeming, MI, Concerned about the blight in the neighborhood. She states that there are 26 vehicles in various yards, yards with junk, not mowed, dogs barking. She questioned the dog ordinance. She also has a list for Officer Williams of homes with these issues.
- b. Jane Mariuzza of 940 Cottage St, Ishpeming, MI, Concerned about the way the North Lake neighborhood looks. She said there is junk and garbage, dogs barking, recommends the township sending out a letter to get residents to take action. She has a list of barking dogs for Officer Williams.
- c. Drew Ahonen of 1730 Rosewood LN, Ishpeming MI, Has been to the last couple board meetings concerning a neighbor that has blight in their yard. This particular resident is working on getting it taken care of per the Officer Williams.

8. **Communications:**

- a. As of right now the Stoneville Road Closure is on hold due to the company doing the work being on strike.

- b. Dollar General has applied for a SDM Liquor License from the State of Michigan. The Township received a letter with this information and the Township Board had no objections.
- c. Cooper Lake Road residents have concerns about the traffic on Cooper Lake Road. The road lines have worn off and it is dangerous. They have requested new double yellow lines being painted back on the road. The MCRC has quoted new double yellow lines at \$1,400. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg. All Ayes, Motion Carried

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

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. After review of the Social Media Policy by the Township Attorney, a discipline action has been added to the policy. Motion to adopt the Social Media Policy: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- b. Officer Williams has been working on Township Ordinances. The board members will review and give comments.
- c. The Planning Commission has drafted a new Chicken Ordinance. The board has made some changes, it will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and resubmitted to the board for approval.
- d. MTA "On the Road" Training will take place on October 9 and October 10, 2018. 6 members will attend. Motion by: Trustee Sjöholm Support by: Trustee Johnson. All Ayes, Motion Carried

11. **New Business:**

- a. Anderson/Tackman gave the audit review for the 2018/2019 Ishpeming Township Audit.
- b. Ishpeming Area Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility has provide the Township with their 2019 Budget. The new Ishpeming Township payment will \$16,603. The township will place this on file.
- c. The Ishpeming Township website needs to be updated. Currently it is managed by Le Dolce. It would cost \$2,000-\$2,500 to create a new site. As of now, the board would like to get bids on a new website design.
- d. Ishpeming Township will not make any changes to the current Teledoc plan.
- e. The backhoe/loader needs to be replaced. At this time 3 bids have been received, 1 more is coming in. Bids will be opened after the last bid is received. Board approves with the stipulation that the DPW is in agreement of equipment purchased. Motion by: Trustee Sjöholm Support by: Trustee Johnson. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- f. The Ishpeming Township Safety Awards dinner was discussed. Board members will give recommendations of place and date and it will be discussed at a later time.
- g. The Water Seminar will be held in Harris on September 25-26, 2018. Jason and Mitch need to attend to keep credits towards their water license. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- h. The 2018 Tax Rate has been completed by the Township Assessor. Motion by: Treasurer Thornton Support by: Clerk Grigg. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

12. **Fire Department:**

- a. The Ishpeming Township Fire Department has voted Cameron Plankey as a probationary member. Tom Ahola and Kevin Aho have been voted in as full member of the department. Motion by the board to approve: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- b. October is Fire Prevention Month. The Fire Department will be sending letters for donations from surrounding townships for the materials for the school visits. \$1,500 will be given by the township for materials as well. Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- c. Chief Mann asked if the Township would be willing to match the private donation of \$1,000 that was received last month for extrication equipment. The board agreed they could do that.
- d. The Fire Association Meeting will be held in Ishpeming Township this year. A representative from First Due will be here and the fire members would like to be fitted for Turn-out gear to buy 4 new sets of gear. The fire department will get the quotes on the 4 sets and it will be brought back to the board in December.

13. **Board Comments:**

- a. Trustee Johnson asked about the status on the paving of the Ishpeming Township parking lot. This will not take place until next year due to companies being so busy in the Keweenaw with all the flooding. He would also like to see guards on the lights in the paper shack. According to the electrician, it is not necessary, but he would still like them added for safety.

- b. Trustee Sjöholm asked if Officer Williams can add citations given to his monthly report. He also asked what will be done with the old backhoe when a new one is purchased. The township will get prices on it and a decision will be made then. What is the status with the sewer lines in alley between Daisy and Lilac? We are waiting on the company to finish in the Houghton area to come look at the sewer lines.

14. **Public Comment:**

- a. Jane Mariuzza – 940 Cottage St. Ishpeming, MI. She wanted to add to her previous comment that some homes are currently rentals. She also suggested that the board members take a ride through North Lake so they can see what the neighborhood looks like.
- b. Drew Ahonen – 1730 Rosewood LN. Ishpeming, MI Recommends adding forms and ordinances to the website when it is updated.
- c. Jay LeRoy – 633 Cooper Lake Rd. Ishpeming, MI. Would like to thank the board for approving the new lines on Cooper Lake Rd. He said that people are driving too dangerous and the lines will help with that.
- d. Rosemary Harrington – 29 North Shore Dr. Ishpeming, MI. She would like to thank the board members for approving the new lines on Cooper Lake Rd.

16. **Adjournment:** Motion by: Clerk Grigg Support by: Treasurer Thornton and passed to adjourn. Ayes 5 No's 0 All Ayes. Time: 7:25 p.m.

Cory Beth Grigg, Township Clerk

Supervisor Comments

September 11, 2018

1. Received the new lawn mower from Kubota in Marquette. It has a 54" cut.
2. Attended the Iron County Township Association meeting in Stambaugh Township at Pentoga Park on Chicagon Lake on Tuesday, August 21, 2018. They are working on Heritage Trail System in Iron County.
3. We received a rebate from Efficiency United of \$618.90 for the lighting fixtures and bulbs we replaced in the hall and fire department this spring. We paid \$4,649.07 for the material. 13.31% rebate.
4. Went out for bids for a new backhoe/loader. Met with salesmen on the new backhoe specs.
5. With the contractors all busy this year I recommend waiting until next year to demolish the clarifier building at the old sewage plant in Deer Lake area.
6. DPW will be flushing hydrants next week. Will be in the Mining Journal, on the radio, and on our website.