The Ishpeming Cemetery Board meeting was held on Monday, January 26, 2026, at the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Member Magnuson.

Staff present: Ryan Martinac - Cemetery Sexton and Lexi Hart - Account Clerk DPW/ Deputy Clerk. Council Liaison: Councilmember Kurt Kipling was absent.

Members Present: Tracy Magnuson, James Bertucci, and Elizabeth Firby. (3). Nicole Nelson was absent. (1) There is 1 vacant seat.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
A motion was made by Member Bertucci, supported by Member Firby and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of November 24, 2025, as presented.

NEW BUSINESS
The Cemetery Commission unanimously agreed to table further discussion regarding potential adjustments to cemetery pricing. Members noted that pricing considerations would be premature without accurate and up-to-date financial information. The Commission will revisit the topic once the Finance Director provides the necessary data.

The Commission also reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining separate pricing structures for Residents and Non-Residents. Members emphasized that this distinction helps ensure fairness for taxpayers who contribute to the maintenance and ongoing improvements of the cemetery through local millages and other municipal funding.

Additional conversation focused on possible strategies to ensure the accuracy of residency claims when individuals purchase cemetery plots or request cemetery services. Commissioners discussed the challenges associated with verifying residency, noting the importance of consistent documentation and clear communication with the public.

The Commission also engaged in discussion regarding the tracking and transfer of cemetery lots and deeds. Members expressed interest in improving record-keeping practices to ensure that all lot transfers, whether between family members, private parties, etc, are properly documented. The Commission highlighted the need to track whether transferred lots are assigned to Residents or Non-Residents to maintain accurate records and to ensure that pricing policies are applied correctly.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE
The next meeting will be held March 23rd, 2026, at Ishpeming City Hall, at 3:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:29 p.m., a motion was made by Member Magnuson and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Lexi Hart

Lexi Hart, Account Clerk DPW/ Deputy Clerk