

SPALDING TOWNSHIP
POWERS, MICHIGAN 49874
January 24th, 2024 - 6:30 PM

These minutes are approved

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Moraska. The following Board members were present: Jim Moraska, Jerry Bartnicki, Cherryl Mencinger, Kevin LaBonte and Chris LeBoeuf. Guests included, Leon Felch, Dan Hammerberg, Larry Johnson, Wendy Sexton, Connie Wells, Mike Gatien and Gerald Kleiman.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The motion was made by Kevin to approve the agenda with Chris supporting.

CLERKS REPORT:

All bills are up to date. A motion was made to accept the Clerks Report by Chris and was seconded by Kevin. Chris and Kevin looked over the expense statements. Minutes of the monthly meetings can be viewed on the Township website located at www.powers-spalding.org.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Jerry gave the financial hand out showing the Township's monthly balances and went over the report. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Chris and seconded by Jim.

LIQUOR REPORT:

All is well at both taverns and at the grocery store for January.

FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPT:

The Department responded to 5 calls costing 0 dollars in losses and spending a total of 4 hours and 34 minutes. 2 memos were submitted.

2022 AFG Grant

The grant period for the AFG grant is supposed to open within the next few weeks. I am asking permission to submit a grant to replace E 1 again. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Kevin to allow Dan to apply.

Subject: **Memo #2 Annual Recognition Dinner**

The members would like to thank the board for hosting the annual recognition dinner. There were 29 attendees. Jordan Hafeman was recognized for 15 years of service and Noah VanEnkevort was recognized for 10 years of service.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT:

The Township is no longer burying until next spring. Campground is now closed.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Personal property statements have gone up. BOR is on 3/5/24 for the informational meeting. 3/11/24 for 9-3pm and 3/14/24 for 3-9 pm.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

No report was presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

BOILER REPAIR

The boiler is finally working after 5 years. Richer came and changed/repared everything needed to have it running well.

ROAD COMMISSION

Jim and Chris attended the Road Commission meeting on the 24th. Different items were discussed, budgeting is a problem, they don't have a lot to play with.

NEW BUSINESS:

RAILROAD CLOSURES

There are 3 railroad crossings that are being considered for closing. Helen St has an average of 44 cars/day, Kell Rd 74 cars/day and G3 38 cars/day. G3 will probably be closed but this topic is being tabled pending further investigation.

ASSESSORS 3 YEAR CONTRACT

Leon Felch is the Townships Assessor and his contract is up for renewal and has submitted a new 3 year contract. A motion was made by Chris and was seconded by Kevin LaBonte to approve Leons contract.

ELECTRICAL UPDATES ON GENERATOR PANEL

Master Electric came and made adjustments in the panel for the Generator.

MILLAGE FOR A NEW FIRE TRUCK DISCUSSION

Dan is asking permission to put wording on the ballot for the August Primary to allow the Township to buy a new fire truck. If ordered in August, it would be 2 years or more before we get it.

VETS SUICIDE PROGRAM INFO

Wendy Sexton attended our January board meeting to make a formal request for support from the Township to increase suicide awareness to help our Veterans. This program has a trailer carrying crosses and everyday 22 crosses will be planted to make people aware. Veterans Park by the Memorial is the location for this project.

ADDITIONAL ELECTION WORK BY THE CLERK

I wanted to bring up to the Board the reason I would want a raise for all the extra work that has changed with elections over the last 5-6 years. People voting absent voters as gone 10 fold, I used to have under 50 and now I have over 400, along with all of the stress and worry that goes along with elections and it is effecting my health. It is for that reason that I have decided to resign by position as Clerk effective January 29th, 2024, Connie Wells will be taking over as Clerk.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Motion was made to pay the bills by Chris and seconded by Jerry, Motion approved. Roll Call Vote: Jim, yes, Cheryl, yes, Jerry, yes, Kevin, yes Chris, yes, Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Hammerberg stated he Thanked me for my years of service.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP:

A motion was made to adjourn by Kevin with Jerry seconding. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M. CST

Respectfully submitted,

Cherryl Mencinger, Township Clerk