

**SPALDING TOWNSHIP**

**These minutes are approved.**

**POWERS, MICHIGAN**

**JUNE 19, 2024 – 6:30 PM CST**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Moraska. The following board members were present: Jim Moraska, Jerry Bartnicki, Connie Wells, and Kevin LaBonte. Chris LeBoeuf (excused absence). Guests included: Jerry Kleiman, Randy Viau, James Nowack, Leon Felch, Wendy Sexton, Rebecca Merriman, Jonathan Liegeois, and Darrin Kudwa.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None given.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Kevin to approve the agenda with Jerry supporting.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** All bills are up to date. All QVF inbox jobs have been updated and completed. Special thanks to Mr. Mark Ray (Bark River Township Clerk) for his assistance in navigating this process. All ballots for the August Election came in this past Monday. I will be working on getting out Absentee Ballots in the upcoming weeks. There is a Mandatory Election Training this Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> for Menominee County Clerks sponsored by the BOE at the Stephenson Annex. The Red Cross will be hosting a Blood Drive Monday, July 1 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at our Township Hall. MTA is hosting the UP North Summit Conference July 23-24. I will be attending one day, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to participate in "What the Board Needs to Know About Elections".

**FINANCIAL/TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jerry presented handouts showing the Township's monthly balances (check register) and briefly explained monthly spending. Connie made a motion to approve the report with Jim supporting.

**LIQUOR REPORT:** All is well in both taverns and the grocery store for the month of June.

**FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPARTMENT:** The department responded to 5 calls that lasted calls that collectively lasted 6 hours and 11 minutes with an average number of members present being 6. It cost \$0.

There was one training on drafting, burping, second suction line, electric hot stick, and Narcan. The time spent on training was 2 hours with ten people in attendance. There was also a Menominee County Fire Chief's Association meeting held in Bark River on June 6 with one member attending.

Equipment repaired and/or improved: cleaned and maintained side by sides, ran small equipment, worked on cigarette lighter plug in BT4 and the brakes were replaced on Engine 1.

**CEMETERY/PARK REPORT:** All is well with the cemeteries. Jerry thanked all the volunteers who filled in for him in his absence. The cemeteries looked great for Memorial Day.

Jim stated that he felt a little behind with the Parks at this time. He thanked the Township for the new lawn mowers. The Department of Health performed inspections on the restrooms, water supply and beach area earlier in the month. All areas passed inspection.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** The tax files were received. There was a mismatch found in the PRE's. However, Leon and Jerry B. were able to rectify this with assistance from BS & A. A qualified forest was removed

for next year. There was a motion to set aside a default by a taxpayer. The Tax Tribunal accepting this motion. A hearing will be set up.

The next board of Review will be July 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** No report was given.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**TRAILER INFORMATION:** The Township is looking at purchasing a trailer at a total cost of \$3,250 from Steelhead Trailers. Kevin made a motion to approve this purchase with Connie Supporting.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE:** Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days will happen August 2 at the Menominee County Road Commission from 3-7 PM, and August 3 at the Menominee Municipal Complex from 8 AM – NOON. Our township wants to provide an extra dumpster to help with disposing extra non-hazardous materials. We will share the cost with Meyer, Nadeau, and Harris Townships. Jim is looking into three different dumpster services and will provide us with costs at our July meeting.

**SIDEWALKS:** We still have a lot of work left to do for our sidewalks.

**THANK YOU TO NCA CLEAN UP CREW:** The Township would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to the youth who came out to help with cleaning up our Park, Cemeteries and Town Hall. We had 22 students who participated and they did a terrific job.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH NORTHERN INITIATIVES:** An amendment for the revolving loan fund will extend until June 30, 2027.

**LAWN MOWER PRICES:** The Township is looking at purchasing two new lawnmowers from Northgate Equipment and Sales. The models include: a John Deere X584 Select Series with a 48-inch mower deck (\$8200.00) and Gravely 148 (\$9300.00).

**LEGION REQUEST FOR CEMETERY:** Wendy Sexton requested \$600.00 from the Township to help pay for the replacement of markers/flags for Veteran's graves at the Wilson and Spalding Township Cemeteries. Jim made a motion to approve this with Jerry supporting.

**ROAD REPORTS:** Payne & Dolan has quoted the following for resurfacing Central Street and Grove Street of CR566 as part of the paving project for this road: Central Street - \$39,000 and Grove Street - \$13,630. This would be at a total cost to the Township of \$52,630. Kevin made a motion that we accept this quote and move forward with the resurfacing with Jerry supporting.

**NEW SHERIFF CANDIDATE:** Mr. Darrin Kudwa introduced himself as a candidate running for Sheriff of Menominee County. He highlighted his work experience, his platform and his vision for the future of local law enforcement in Menominee County.

**MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:** Jim made a motion to pay the bills with Jerry supporting. Roll call vote: Kevin, yes, Jim, yes, Connie, yes, Jerry, yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Wendy personally thanked the 22 volunteers (including youth) who came out to plant flowers at the main intersection in town. James Nowack stated that Nowack Road needs a great deal of work. Jim will contact the County Road Commission regarding this. Also, CR563 needs to be grated.

**ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP:** None given.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Connie made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jerry supporting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Township Clerk