

SPALDING TOWNSHIP **These minutes are approved**
POWERS, MICHIGAN 49874
January 19th, 2022 - 6:30 PM

The meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Moraska. The following Board members were present: Jim Moraska, Jerry Bartnicki, Cheryl Mencinger, Chris LaBoeuf and Kevin LaBonte. Guests included: Gerald Kleiman, Leon Felch, Jim Nowack and Dan Hammerberg.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

CLERKS REPORT:

All bills are up to date. A motion was made to accept the Clerks Report by Chris and was seconded by Jim. Kevin and Chris 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 Kevin and seconded by Cheryl.

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 2 hours and 0 minutes.
2 memos were submitted.

Subject: **Memo #1 Grants**

DNR Grant

We did receive an application for the 2022 VFA DNR grant. I did submit the grant application for various hand tools and equipment in the total amount of approximately \$4500.00. **We were notified we did receive this grant. We will be working on**

acquiring the equipment requested in the grant. I have forms we will need to sign and return to the DNR indicating our acceptance of the grant.

2021 AFG Grant

We were fortunate that they extended the grant application deadline to January 21, 2022. I submitted the application for a new fire engine to replace Engine 1 with an amount of \$375,000. Our cost share if awarded is \$17,857.14. The application was submitted on January 18, 2022.

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

January 29 has been selected as the date as Cindy Swille is available for that date. The invitations have been sent out and some have called in their reservations. Since we didn't have a recognition last year we will be honoring those who made their 5 or 10 year increments of service for 2020 and 2021.

Individuals to be honored for their years of service are as follows:

| Year | | |
|------|----------------|----------|
| 2020 | Dan Hammerberg | 35 years |
| 2021 | Kevin Oslund | 35 years |
| 2021 | Sid Ernest | 25 years |

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Subject: **Memo #3 Member Reinstatement**

Austin Kirshner has submitted an application to be reinstated on the fire department. Austin was a member in the past who turned in her pager and equipment of her own will.

The membership present at the January meeting recommend the board reinstate (rehire) Austin as a volunteer firefighter. Jim made the motion to reinstate Austin with Chris seconding. Motion carried.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT:

1 spring burial so far. Nothing for the Park, it's closed.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Personal property statements have gone out. Board of review organizational meeting is 3/8/22 from 9-9:30. March BOR will be 3/14 from 9-3 and March 17th from 3-9 PM.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

No report was presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

PARK DECK UPDATE (BIDS DUE JANUARY 15TH, 2022)

0 bids were received and one inquiry. Contractors can't commit to prices for more than one week. Several basic questions were asked and CUPPAD responded to most questions. Jan 15th has passed and it was decided to extend it to March 15. Jim will call local contractors and explain what we are looking for and see if they will be interested. The Board wants it completed by the end of August 2022.

5 YEAR RECREATION PLAN

Everyone has a copy. Jim went through it and found a few mistakes. Jim will be putting a public meeting notice in the Luft's advertiser stating when the meeting will be held.

ROAD PLAN FOR 2022, ROAD COMMISSION MEETING JAN 26TH 8:30 A.M. at the STEPHENSON OFFICE.

Jim will be attending that meeting to discuss the roads that need upgrading. The Board discussed which roads need attention. Also discussed was prebuying gravel to be used this year and next.

ARPA LOST REVENUE UPDATE (WE GET \$64,644.00 SO FAR)

Jason Carivou came up to our Township Hall and we worked on the revenue needed to be able to apply for lost revenue funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT GRANT

We discussed applying for this grant to use the money to advertise for more firefighters and rescue personnel.

BOARD OF REVIEW TRAINING MANDATED BY THE STATE

The training for Board of Review is scheduled for Feb 7th 2022.

DUMP CLOSURE

GAD has changed hands and was bought out by GFL. They have decided to close the transfer station on Normenco Road. NO notice or warning was given. Jim called and asked if they could open it for two weeks and have a notice published stating the closure, but they said no. There is a notice posted at the Township bulletin board stating options for other sanitation vendors. These are the vendors that might be able to help.

GAD 906-774-9006

Delta Disposal 906-786-2276

Soo Hill Sanitation 906-398-7450

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS (ROLL CALL VOTE)

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan requested to be able to use the conference center for his Fire Department fire class, On Feb 20th, 2022.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

A motion was made to adjourn by Jim with Cherryl seconding. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M. CST

Respectfully submitted, Cherryl Mencinger, Township Clerk