

SPALDING TOWNSHIP **These minutes are approved**
POWERS, MICHIGAN 49874
February 16th, 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, Randy Viau, Mike Gatien, Heather Gatien, and Dan Hammerberg.

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. 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 Cheryl and seconded by Jim.

LIQUOR REPORT:

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

FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPT:

The Department responded to 8 calls costing \$0 dollars in losses and spending a total of 4 hours and 34 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. Forms have been returned to the DNR accepting 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. **Waiting on award announcement.**

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

The annual recognition dinner was held on January 29, 2022. We want to thank the board for hosting. There were 28 individuals who sent back reservations and 19 who attended. Those in attendance appeared to have a great time.

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

Dan Hammerberg	36 years
Kevin Oslund	35 years
Sid Ernest	25 years

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Subject: **Memo #3 Member removal**

I want to let you know that Kevin Oslund brought back his wife's gear and equipment this month and requested Candy be taken off of our active roster.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT:

Some questions about burials for this summer. Nothing for the Park, it's closed.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

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. Personal property are trickling in.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

No report was presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

BOARD OF REVIEW REMINDER HELD MARCH 14TH 9AM TO 3PM AND MARCH 17TH 3PM TO 9PM

Reminder for meetings.

PARK DECK PLAN

Some questions still have been coming in, we did get plans out to 4-5 contractors.

MEETING WITH ROAD COMMISSION HELD ON JANUARY 26TH

Jim issued all the Board members a copy of all the roads in Spalding. Questions were raised in regards to crushing 10,000 yards of limestone. The Road Commission stated that the limestone would be protected from anyone taking it. The Board approved to do that. Estimated on pulverizing Kloman Road from US 41 to the railroad tracks 1100 feet. \$6000.00 estimated to repair that area. Jim asked them for an estimate to blacktop 1 mile of road, it came in at \$200,000/mile. Mike Gatien questioned what will be done to Quarry road passed what was blacktoped. It was discussed to double chipseal the rest of Quarry Road. Chris made the motion to chipseal Quarry Road with Kevin seconding, motion carried. Jim would like a commitment to do Grondine Lane with Meyer Township paying half. Jim made the motion to do Grondine Lane with Chris seconding, motion carried.

To the Menominee county road commission, the Spalding Township board has been discussing their road plan for this year, some questions need to be answered but we do have a fairly good list we would like to bring to the road commissions attention,

1. if we decide to crush 10,000 yards of limestone strictly for use in Spalding township how long will the land owner let us leave it there with out any charges, what security do we have so no other persons can take any of the limestone belonging to spalding township, once it is crushed will the road commission still haul and grade at no cost if the road commission cannot put that much down in the first second or 3rd. year.?

Typical agreement with the property owner is 3 years. If we crush in Kirschner's pit, camera security is already in place and we also placed signs saying "MCRC property" so stockpiles don't get mixed up. No matter when we place the gravel for Spalding township, there will still be no township cost for the RC to haul and place. (Caveat: Unless it's a 3-way project, which currently does not exist)

2. give us an estimate on pulverizing Kloman rd. from u.s.41 to the rail road tracks and put the pulverized material back down and place 3-4 inches of crushed limestone down assumming the pulverized black top is the property of the road commission or the township.

Length = 1100' Recommend 6" of new limestone gravel so grader does not pull up old pulverized blacktop. Pulverized material would belong to the Road Commission and would stay in-place. \$2000 to pulverize + \$4000 in limestone = \$6000 estimated total.

Would need a letter from Township supporting converting this segment to gravel. Township would be responsible for dust control moving forward.

3. put cty. road 566 as #1 priority on the federal major list and do the project in 2024 as promised

Never promised. This segment was not selected for a federal-aid project. Selections have already been made for Years 2022-2026. CR400 was selected in 2019.

4. put city road 388 as #2 priority on the federal major road list
This segment was not selected for a federal-aid project. Selections have already been made for Years 2022-2026. CR400 was selected in 2019.
5. put city. road 563 as #1 priority on the federal minor road list
This segment was not selected for a federal-aid project. Selections have already been made for Years 2022-2026. CR400 was selected in 2019.
6. give spalding township an estimate on pulverizing LaBelle Rd. West to the railroad tracks and put double chip seal down
Length = 800' Do not recommend double chip sealing this short segment due to stopping condition at the tracks and the highway. Chip seal would be susceptible to damage. Recommend paving. Est cost ~\$30,000
7. contact the railroad and have them fix the crossings on kloman road and LaBelle road west
Will look into this with RR
8. do a study on old us 2 from about hillside road all the way to township line road to see what can be done to fix the culverts and take care of the stumps coming up in the road, several spots need attention very soon, the culvert at W2776 needs some immediate attention,
Will look into this
9. give us an estimate to double chip seal Quarry road from River Road to spur rd. jct with quarry rd. to the west.
Length = 4700' Road gravel was placed in 2020. Recommend placing a minimum 3" of compacted limestone gravel in preparation for a double chip seal. \$8000 in limestone + \$47,000 double chip = \$55,000 estimated total
Per Road Commission, policy township is responsible for future maintenance of the chip seal.
10. start a study to see what can be done at Fazers store to eliminate the hazards and collision areas
Will look into this
11. entertain the idea of re- establishing the 3 way road program with the townships, road commission and county commission
Was brought up at the recent January MTA meeting. Road Commission is open to re-establishing the program. The County needs to decide whether or not they want to participate again.
12. we have contacted the powers shed to coordinate with the grader operators to see what roads need gravel or in some cases the crushed limestone, we have a partial list on some roads that were not done from last years list. once we have the information from the grader operators we will give the road commission that information and the authority to perform the work,
OK
13. we would also like the road commission to inspect the streets in Spalding and put a plan together to preserve those streets and not let them fall into dis-repair as so many roads have.
We will do what we can in regards to crack filling and patching on these streets. Per road commission policy, any improvements on local roads will require cost participation from the Township.

14. continue crack sealing as needed and continue to pull the shoulders in on all our black top and chip sealed roads so there is drainage and support to the edges of the black top

OK

15. We know this is an ambitious list but working together on these projects will improve and preserve some of the roads in Spalding Township, we do look forward to working with the road commission.

Sounds good

BOARD OF REVIEW TRAINING HELD

This was covered earlier in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTENTIONS TO USE ARPA FUNDS FOR 2022-2023 FOR REVIEW

A little over \$62,000 was received.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2022-2023 FOR REVIEW

Jim wanted to review the changes he made to this years budget.

COMMENTS ON THE 5 YEAR RECREATION PLAN

This was discussed and under the 30 day review. It's been advertised in the Luft's and open for comments at the Board Meeting.

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

No public comment

ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

A motion was made to adjourn by Cherryl with Jerry seconding. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M. CST

Respectfully submitted, Cherryl Mencinger, Township Clerk