

SPALDING TOWNSHIP **These minutes are approved**
POWERS, MICHIGAN 49874
December 21st, 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 LeBoeuf and Kevin LaBonte. Guests included: Jim Nowack, Dan Hammerberg, Randy Viau, Gerald Klieman, Leon Felch, Larry Johnson and Roger VanDame.

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 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 Chris and seconded by Jim.

LIQUOR REPORT:

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

FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPT:

The Department responded to 3 calls costing 0 dollars in losses and spending a total of 9 hours and 35 minutes. 3 memos were submitted.

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Subject: **Memo #1 Grants**

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. **Received notification that our application did not earn enough points to be considered***

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

Jodi and Melissa are working on the preparations for the annual recognition dinner. They have contacted Cindy to cater and she is available on January 21. You should be receiving invitations in the mail with a reservation number.

Date: Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Subject: **Memo #3** *Membership Application*

A man by the name of Kirk Truax made application to the department. Kirk is from Hillsdale County down state. He is certified at the FF I & II level and lives in Hermansville with his sister. The membership present at the December business meeting recommend the board hire Mr. Truax as a volunteer firefighter. A motion was made to hire Mr Truax by Chris and seconded by Kevin, motion carried.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT:

Had 3 burials since the last meeting and we are done with burials for this year. Park is closed for this year.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Appraisals for this year are a 14.9% increase in Agriculture, Commercial properties will see a 7.2% increase, and the Industrial class will see a 200% increase. Residential will see a decrease of 5%.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

No report

OLD BUSINESS:

ROAD RALLY

Spalding Township has put a lot of money into the roads last year and are requesting a Bond to cover any damage to the roads used for the rally. The Road Rally group doesn't have thousands of dollars to repair the roads they damage. It was decided not to have the Road Rally in our Township this year. A motion to not allow the Road Rally this year was made by Chris and seconded by Cheryl, motion approved.

PARK PLATFORM

We haven't seen any bids to build the Platform as of yet. What we are going to do is build the platform and the approach to the platform and the beach area, we're not going to do the board walk. This really isn't a good time of year to get bids.

NEW BUSINESS:

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR JAN. ANNUAL ROAD MEETING

Jim got a letter from the Road Commission telling us when their meeting are with the Townships and our meeting is Jan 25th at 8:30 AM. We're not going to get a lot done on our roads because they did so much this last year. The only thing we might get is if we do some chip sealing.

BACK UP GENERATOR INFO

Chris is meeting with Wolverine Power out of Marquette on Dec 28th at 10"00. They want to look at it before they give us a quote,

ARKENS / LABELLE RD STOP SIGN

The stop sign needs to be clear out, you can't see it for the trees.

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, Chris, yes, Kevin, yes, Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerald asked about in Kell road, 3 different companies hauled out of there making it worse. Jim said he would get ahold of the road commission. Also he'd like someone to check the bridge just before the main highway. Heavy trucks hauled over it all summer and both sides are weak. Jim stated he would look into that.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

No comment

A motion was made to adjourn by Chris with Jerry seconding. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M. CST

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Mencinger, Township Clerk

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE SPALDING TOWNSHIP BOARD AND A VERY HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR!!!!!!