

SPALDING TOWNSHIP  
POWERS, MICHIGAN 49874  
September 20th, 2023 - 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, Cheryl Mencinger, Kevin LaBonte and Chris LeBoeuf. Guests included, Leon Felch, Jim Nowack, Michael Malone, Liz Tucker, Carol Gould, Larry Johnson and Randy Viau.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Liz Tucker had a question regarding the residency requirement in the Cemetery. It was explained as to what the requirements were and why we established the policy.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

**CLERKS REPORT:**

All bills are up to date. A motion was made to accept the Clerks Report by Kevin and was seconded by Chris. 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](http://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 Cheryl.

**LIQUOR REPORT:**

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

**FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPT:**

No report was presented, Dan was out of town.

**CEMETERY/PARK REPORT:**

Cemetery, No report was presented, Jim Nowack stated the Park is still going and we still have campers in.

### **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**

Leon would like to schedule a date to go and check building permits.

### **SHERIFF'S REPORT:**

No report was presented.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **PARK VIEWING PLATFORM**

Jim, Chris, and Kevin met with Jeff Walecka and discussed where the platform will go, Jeff thinks he will have the project completed by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. and this will include new sand at the beach area on the pavilion side of the river and feels we should be able to stay within our budget.

#### **GENERATOR UPDATE**

Jim and Chris met with Wolverine Powers Equipment. The generator is installed and ready.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **COMPUTER UPDATE FROM MICHAEL MALONE**

Michael worked up a list to replace the computer equipment as to what we need. The computers are 7-8 years old and are no longer upgradable. A motion was made by Kevin and seconded by Chris to replace the equipment that is needed.

#### **SPALDING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS POLICY & PROCEDURE**

Jim talked to Chris Peterson who is very knowledgeable about this and could direct us as to where to go. Jim will talk to Tom Phillips Emergency manager.

#### **U.P. GARDEN TRACTOR PULLS**

The U.P. Garden Tractor Pull Association has contacted the Powers Lions Club inquiring about having tractor pulls at Veterans Park several times during the summer. This would be by the Township Board for approval. Chris will get more information and bring to the board for discussion.

#### **ASTREA CABLE FRANCHISE**

The Astrea company has requested Spalding Township to allow their franchise into Spalding Township.

**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:**

Jim Nowack has been looking into having a combination lock put on the door by the conference room. He contacted Benoit Glass & Lock but he hasn't heard back from them yet. Jim also had some questions about the new generator around maintenance.

Jim Moraska stated that County Road 388 is finished and paid for by the Township.

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

Carol Gould has expressed concern as to the homelessness in our area especially our Veteran's Park. It has been a concern in our Township for several years, we have a big problem with housing in our Township. Jim Moraska will look into this.

A motion was made to adjourn by Chris with Kevin seconding. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M. CST

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Mencinger, Township Clerk