

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

These minutes are unapproved.

POWERS, MICHIGAN

APRIL 17, 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, Chris LeBoeuf and Kevin LaBonte. Guests included: Jerry Kleiman, Randy Viau, James Nowack, Dan Hammerberg, Jackie Schaff, Leon Felch, Mary Ann Theoret, Mike Theoret, and Matt Bouty.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike and Mary Ann Theoret presented concerns about North Gaber Road. They came to present a plan and a request the Township Board to work together with the County Road Commission to create a plan to repair the road. Jim stated that he will be in contact with Darrell Cass with the Road Commission and get back to the board regarding their concerns.

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

CLERK'S REPORT: All bills are up to date. Connie reviewed the Spalding Township Cost Recovery Ordinance that was published in the Luft's Advertiser on March 26, 2024. Connie also reminded all in attendance about the deadline (April 23) to complete Affidavits of Identity for all candidates declaring a political party for local elections. Connie also discussed future plans to make historical Township Ordinances available online. Kevin made a motion to approve the Clerk's Report with Jerry supporting.

FINANCIAL/TREASURER'S REPORT: Jerry presented handouts showing the Township's monthly balances (check register) and briefly touched on the audit that will be completed this year by Rennie. Kevin made a motion to approve the report with Connie supporting.

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

FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPARTMENT: The department responded to 8 calls that lasted collectively about 4 hours 34 minutes with an average of number of members being present at 6. It cost \$0.

There were no training meetings due to weather and power outages. Two other meetings were attended: Menominee County Fire Chief's Association meeting in Stephenson on March 25th and the Menominee County Firefighter's Association in Bark River.

Equipment repaired and/or repaired included: working on UTV, cleaning up the station and checking on small equipment.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT: Jerry reported that a funeral home from Milwaukee is required a W-9 form from our Township in order to pay for a burial. However, we are not a corporate cemetery. We will not perform burial until the funeral home will issue payment.

Jerry completed a great deal of clean up in the cemetery following the winter storm.

Jim Nowack stated that it appeared that someone had been living on park property. We do have the right to clean up and dispose of the rubbish left behind.

Park and Township Hall Clean Up will happen on May 17th with student volunteers from North Central High School.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Leon reported that no one has proceeded to tribunal following the March Board of Review as of the current date. The database is rolled over to 2025 and is up to date. Leon will attend a training session on May 8-9 that will fulfill his mandated training for 2024. Public Act 660 allows him to bill the Townships that he serves.

Form L-4029 (2024 Tax Rate Request) is now the responsibility of Township Clerks to submit to County Clerk and the County Equalization Department.

SHERIFF REPORT: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

TRUCK MILLAGE & OPERATING MILLAGE : Jim presented verbiage for the Fire Millage Renewal and the Spalding Township Fire Truck and Equipment Millage. There was a discussion regarding the timing of the proposal. The request will appear on the August Election ballot.

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIT BY RENNIE COMMITTED TO DO AUDIT AS OF MARCH 31ST 2024: Joel Rennie will be performing a biannual audit on the Township.

COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE: Jim reviewed the Cost Recovery Ordinance. We discussed the date it was published publicly. It will come into effect officially on April 26, 2024.

INSURANCE RENEWAL: We renewed all insurances for the Township and Fire Hall buildings and assets.

CEMETERY GRAVEL: We currently have areas of lower gravel grade along the cemetery road. Jamie Gagne has inspected the areas and has given an estimate to bring the gravel grade up and repair the roads. A motion was made by Kevin to have work completed and it was supported by Chris.

HAZARDOUS WASTE INQUIRY BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: There will be a dumpster set up to collect hazardous waste this summer. There will be two locations: the City of Menominee and the Powers/Spalding area. The County will pay for services rendered. The township is hoping share the costs of the dumpster with two other Townships on the north end of the county.

BALL FIELD AT THE PARK: We are looking at doing improvements for the ball field at Veteran's Park. Matt Bouty is willing to donate his labor for improvements. The Township will pay for top dressing and other materials needed. A motion was made by Jim to pay for materials and it was supported by Kevin.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS (ROLL CALL VOTE): A motion to pay the bills was made by Chris and supported by Connie. Roll call vote: Chris, yes, Kevin, yes, Jim, yes, Connie, yes, Jerry, yes. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim stated that the County received approximately \$295,000 in marijuana monies. Jim has put in a request that each Township receive a portion of that money. Spalding Township wishes to appropriate said monies for gravel road improvements.

There is no word yet on the Hannahville Grant for improvements at Veteran's Park.

Jackie Schaff asked permission to have Farmer's Market at Veteran's Park starting Friday, May 31st. from 2-6 p.m. All Board members granted permission.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris and supported by Kevin. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells

Township Clerk