

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

These minutes are unapproved.

POWERS, MICHIGAN

MAY 15, 2024 – 6:30 PM CST

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Moraska. The following board members were present: Jim Moraska, Jerry Barnicki, Connie Wells, Chris LeBoeuf and Kevin LaBonte. Guests included: Jerry Kleiman, Randy Viau, James Nowack, Dan Hammerberg, Leon Felch, Deputy Evan Lamb and Trooper Stephin Robinson.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None given.

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 submitted a reimbursement form to the BOE in April for the amount of \$2032.82 for the February Presidential Primary Election. The next mandatory Election Training is set for June 21, 2024 from 1:30-4:30.

All affidavits of identity were submitted to the County Clerk. All names of individuals who have declared a political party will be on the ballot. The verbiage for the fire renewal and fire truck & equipment millage have been submitted.

Connie just applied for and paid for Notary training.

FINANCIAL/TREASURER'S REPORT: Jerry presented handouts showing the Township's monthly balances (check register) and briefly explained monthly spending. Connie made a motion to approve the report with Jim supporting.

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

FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPARTMENT: The department responded to 2 calls that lasted collectively 4 hours and 31 minutes with an average number of members present being 6. It cost \$0.

There was one training meeting on map reading and finding addresses. The time spent on training was two hours.

Equipment repaired and/or improved: changing oil in the Polaris Ranger, sweeping stalls and cleansing the station.

The department received a \$2,200 Hannahville grant and donations from Resolute in the amount of \$3,000.00.

CEMETARY/PARK REPORT: Jerry reported that there have been six burials with four more to come. The water is turned on for the season and mowers are ready. The mausoleum has a leak in the roof/ceiling.

The Park campground was opened on May 10th. There are no campers yet. The water test is set to take place May 16-17. The NCA clean up day has been rescheduled for May 24th. We are expecting 8 students.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: A motion was set aside for default for one property owner. Leon's certification training took place on May 8-9. Our jurisdiction will pay \$135.74 for this training.

SHERRIF'S REPORT: Deputy Sheriff Evan Lamb and Trooper Stephin Robinson gave a report on happenings within the Township. All is relatively quiet.

OLD BUSINESS

HAZARDOUS WASTE INQUIRY: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days will happen August 2 at the Menominee County Road Commission from 3:00-7:00 PM, and August 3 at the Menominee Municipal Complex from 8:00 AM-NOON. This service will be open to all Menominee County residents, ID will be required. There is a flyer available at the township hall explaining all waste that can be disposed/collected.

The township will supply a twenty yard dumpster to aid in this collection day. Our commissioner will be checking to see if any other Township will help defer the \$675.00 cost of this dumpster.

BOTH MILLAGES SENT TO COUNTY CLERK: Verbiage for both millage proposals have been sent to the County Clerk.

HANNAHVILLE GRANT: The Township received \$5,000 to be applied toward the Park Deck.

NEW BUSINESS

DONATION BY CASH TO THE PARK BY ANONYMOUS DONOR: A \$200 gift of cash money was given to the Township to be used for the July 4th Celebration.

ADDITIONAL PAYMENT ON THE USDA LOAN: The township will be making an additional \$50,000 payment (in addition to the \$27,000 payment) on our USDA loan. We will adjust our budget accordingly. A motion was made by Jim to approve this with Chris supporting.

DISCUSSION ON PARK DECK: Jeff Walchecka will put in an approach to the park deck. Jim asked for a price on building two park benches attached to the deck. Dan suggested using hard deck plastic material (such as Trex) for the construction of these benches.

SIGNING OF METRO ACT: We will sign the METRO Act with AT&T which will extend the permit of the right away for the Township. A motion was made by Chris to approve this and supported by Jerry.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jerry Kleiman inquired about having a portable bathroom to the Wilson Cemetery. Jim stated that the Road Commission will be pulverizing County Road 566. He also stated that North Gabor Road was being graded and all culverts are working.

Connie Nowack is currently working on cleaning sidewalks.

James Nowack inquired about the purchase of a trailer for hauling lawn mower tractors and garbage in order to better serve our parks.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris and supported by Connie. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Township Clerk