

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

These minutes are unapproved.

POWERS, MI

AUGUST 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Moraska at 6:30 p.m. The following board members were present: Jim Moraska, Jerry Bartnicki, Connie Wells, Chris LeBoeuf and Kevin LaBonte. Guests included: Jerry Kleiman, Ted Janke, Larry Johnson Jr. Dan Hammerberg, Jim Nowack, Wendy Sexton, Leon Felch, and Randy Viau.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wendy reminded us that the Hannahville 2% grant period is now open. Ted Janke inquired about funds to repave/improve Township Line G Rd./Kell Road. He is willing to donate 50,000 yards of pit run. Jim reviewed the road that has been complete in the last few years. Chris discussed our 5-year road plan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chris made a motion to approve the agenda with Kevin supporting.

CLERK'S REPORT: Connie gave a brief account of the August 6th election. 454 voters voted. 252 AV ballots were sent out with 215 returned. We are having difficulties with the tabulator. We will need to have it cleaned as we are expecting to process many more ballots in November. Chris made a motion to approve the report with Jerry supporting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL/TREASURER'S REPORT: Jerry presented handouts showing the Township's monthly balances (check register), breakdown of accounts, cash summary, and balance sheets. Kevin made a motion to approve the report with Connie supporting. Motion carried.

LIQUOR REPORT: All is well in both taverns and the grocery store.

FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPARTMENT: The department responded to 5 calls that lasted 8 hours and 56 minutes with the average number of members responding being 5. Total amount of damages estimated at \$50,000.

There was one training meeting (in Township) that lasted 2.5 hours. This training focused on Pump Operation Training E1 and Et2.

Dan attended 4 online Fire Instructor III trainings

There was also a Menominee County Fire Chief's Assn. meeting in Stephenson on July 25th. 8 members attended.

Equipment repaired and/or improved: cleaned fire station, put away chalkboard, ran trucks 3 & 5, ran Rangers, set aside dump tank, took E1 for service due to noise.

Fire truck millage was approved. Dan will start getting bids for truck.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT: We have had at least one burial per week. Many headstones have been placed. We fixed prices on the old lawnmowers to sell. Chris made a motion to sell the 345 for \$500 and the John Deere Zero Turn for \$1000. Jerry supported this motion.

The landfill is complete. Jim will fill out landfill report.

All is quiet at the park. The rip wrap on the dam is need of repair. Jim suggested ordering cement to fill in the area.

Jim called Matt Bouty regarding repairs to the infield at the park.

The decking on the bridge will need to be repaired in the near future.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Leon is in the process of putting building permits together. He is inquiring with GFL to discover who has controlling interest of the company. This will help him to decide whether or not the property should be uncapped.

Jim made contact with the company that owns the My Community Dental Center building on the highway to see if they were interested in selling. A long conversation ensued regarding different possibilities.

Leon offered the possibility of our Township carrying access to BS & A Online programming. It would come at a cost of \$6.00 per user for those who wanted access. It would not benefit the Township in any way. Jim made a motion that we do not use this program; Kevin supported.

Leon will attend a PA 6060 training on September 11 in Marquette.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None given.

OLD BUSINESS

INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS WASTE PICK UP: The Hazardous Waste Pick up Day was a success. There were thousands of pounds of material dropped off. The largest category dropped was that of paint related materials.

Our Township paid for the cost of the extra dumpster which totaled \$305.40. Nadeau, Harris and Meyer Townships will each pay ¼ of the bill for a total of \$76.35 each. Connie will send each of these townships an invoice for that amount.

NEW BUSINESS

MTA ALERT: Our Township recently received an Alert from the Michigan Township Association regarding the new Green Energy bill that will make it easier for power companies or private entities to lease or buy land for the purpose of installing windmills or solar panels. It was suggested in this Alert that we pass an ordinance that would fit the needs of our Township. However, the state would have final say over the process. Larry Johnson Jr. will be looking into what other townships are doing with ordinances and reporting back to us.

AUDIT REPORT: Joel Rinne filed a qualifying statement of our audit on August 15th. He is in the process of completing this audit. There is no derogatory information that has been found in this audit.

MTA CONVENTION: Connie gave a brief report of the breakout sessions she attended at the July 25th UP North Convention. She focused on the one regarding Elections and what our board should know about the election process, AV ballots and Early Voting.

DRAZE SEAL COATING: Jim gave us an update on a quote from Draze Sealcoating to seal our parking lot with two layers of sealant and completed line striping. The board decided to table this until next spring.

ROAD COMMISSION REPORTS: We completed many road repairs within our Township this season. We discussed monetary amounts for some projects. Jim listed a detailed list of these repairs. We will continue to add roads to our 5 Year Road Repair Plan.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS: Kevin made a motion to pay the bills with Chris supporting. Roll call vote: Chris, yes, Kevin, yes, Jim, yes, Connie, yes, Jerry, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dan inquired about having the Road Commission look at the RR intersections of Kloman Rd. and LaBelle Rd. West.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Jim made motion to adjourn the meeting with Chris supporting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Township Clerk