

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

These minutes are unapproved.

POWERS, MI

OCTOBER 16, 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 and Kevin LaBonte. Chris LeBoeuf (excused). Guests included: Jerry Kleiman, Dan Hammerberg, Jim Nowack and Leon Felch.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None given.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Kevin made a motion to approve the agenda with Jerry supporting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jim made a motion to approve the minutes from September's meeting with Kevin supporting. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: Connie reported that we currently have 287 Absentee ballots mailed out with 119 of those ballots returned. The United States Post Office is now being extremely regulated on how AV ballots are to be mailed out. All ballots must now be delivered to P.O. boxes rather than physical addresses. I will be working on collecting as many PO box numbers as possible and entering them into our QVF (Qualified Voter System). All election workers have been trained and a schedule of their work times has been mailed out to each inspector. We anticipate a large turnout for the November 5th General Election. The BOE (Bureau of Elections) is encouraging early voting. Early voting for our Township begins October 26 at the Stephenson Annex.

FINANCIAL/TREASURER'S REPORT: Jerry presented handouts showing the Township's monthly balances (check register), breaking down accounts, cash summary and balance sheets. Connie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report with Jim 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 four calls that lasted a total of four hours and 4 minutes with an average number of members responding being 5. The total amount of damages was \$0.

There was one regular meeting with ten members present.

There was one training meeting which focused on Pump Operation training of E1. There were six members present for this training.

There was one work meeting with seven members present.

Equipment repaired and/or improved: cleaned station, prepared for Open House.

The AFG Grant was turned down. The department did receive \$2200 from the Hannahville Spring grant. It will be used for foam and small equipment on the trucks. The department is waiting to hear word on the WE Energies grant.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT: There are two more burials coming up. Jerry Kleiman requested a load of sand for these burials.

Winter preparations have begun in the park. The well was pumped on October 15th. The playground and highway bathrooms are now locked.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Leon completed the building permits of today, October 16th. Next, he will begin going through the rolls in preparation of winter taxes. He is using a website to obtain up to date addresses.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None given.

OLD BUSINESS

CRUSHED GRAVEL: We currently have \$40,000 budgeted for crushed limestone gravel. Jim requested an additional \$3,000 so that we can have gravel placed on the roads inside the cemetery. Keven made a motion to have Jamie Gagne place gravel with Connie supporting. Motion carried.

BASEBALL FIELD UPDATE: No update given.

NEW BUSINESS

HANNAHVILLE GRANT: Jim Moraska applied for a \$5000 matching grant through the Hannahville Community. If awarded, it will be used for the purchase of more crushed gravel to help level out the campsites at the Veteran's Park.

SNOWPLOW BIDS: Jerry Kleiman submitted a snowplow bid for the 2024-2025 winter season. Jim made a motion to accept this bid with Jerry supporting.

CUPPAD REQUESTS MEETING AT OUR CONFERENCE ROOM: CUPPAD (the Central Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Regional Commission) has requested to use our Township Hall for their spring meeting. The date is tentatively set for April 28th at 10 a.m. Jim made a motion to allow CUPPAD to use our hall with Connie supporting. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Nowack questioned the reason for the Fire Department to pay for the purchase of the new fire extinguishers. A discussion ensued.

Dan Hammerberg commented on the status of the 400 Road stating that the gravel should be graded.

Jim Moraska stated that signs for the ATV trails are expected soon.

Jim Moraska expressed concern about the coverage for traffic safety during the accident at the dock near the intersection of U.S. 2 & 41.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Connie made a motion to adjourn with Jerry supporting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Township Clerk

SPALDING TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY BUDGET MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Moraska at 7:20 p.m. The following board members were present: Jim Moraska, Jerry Bartnicki, Connie Wells and Kevin LaBonte. Chris LeBoeuf excused. Guests included: Jerry Kleiman, Jim Nowack, Dan Hammerberg and Leon Felch.

Connie and Jerry presented the board with a Revenue and Expenditure Report that represented our finances for the third quarter. Each report highlighted areas where we needed to adjust our budget.

Discussion ensued and the board decided on adequate adjustments to balance our budget.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn with Jim supporting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Spalding Township Clerk