

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

These minutes are approved.

POWERS, MI

JANUARY 15, 2025

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: Leon Felch, Dan Hammerberg, Jim Nowack, Kyle Piatt and Kolby Garza.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None given.

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

CLERK'S REPORT: All end of the year income taxes have been filed. W-2's and 1099 forms are prepared are ready to be handed out.

Every four years the county clerk is required to reach out Township Clerks to reevaluate the school election coordinating agreement. This agreement outlines all duties and responsibilities of the county clerk and Township Clerks in the event of any special school election. The date for this meeting is January 20th.

Connie and Jerry will be attending a video call meeting with BS & A to learn more about their Cemetery Management Software Program. It will be held on January 29th at 9:00 a.m. CST.

FINANCIAL/TREASURER'S REPORT: Jerry presented handouts showing the Township's monthly balances (check register), breaking down accounts, cash summary and balance sheets. There was discussion about our fund balance. The board decided to keep two years' worth of budget in the overall fund balance. Connie made a motion to accept the report with Chris 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 two calls that lasted a total of 4 hours and 15 minutes with an average number of five volunteers responding. The total dollars lost was \$0 There was one regular meeting with 8 members present.

There was one training meeting with 8 members present.

There was a work meeting held on January 6th with 7 members present.

Equipment repaired and/or improved: CPR mannequins were unpacked, small equipment was run, Milwaukee battery levels were checked, VHF radio equipment was moved upstairs and decorations were prepared for the Christmas party. The annual Christmas party is to be held on January 18th. CPR mannequins arrived that were paid for by the WE Energies grant. This closes out this grant. The 2024 AFG was submitted; it will be used to replace tanker #3 and six Scott Air Packs with spare bottles. We are waiting on announcements of grant disbursement.

Two cadet member applications were received from Parker Wotruba and Brady Trudgeon. Both were recommended to be accepted as part of the volunteer fire department. Chris made a motion to accept both Cadets with Kevin supporting.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT: None given.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: An appraisal study was completed in 2022 that showed an increase in industrial property of 317.4%. However, numbers that were derived from the state showed an increase of 16.8% for that year. This was a significantly reduced rate.

Leon has the totals for ratios for the 2021-2024 tax years for each Township.

Personal Property Statements (PPS) have been issued and will be going out to property owners soon.

Leon completed the ratios for 2025 for Spalding Township. He had to change the class & structure type for many buildings in order to meet ratios.

The Notice of Assessments will be sent out the second week of February.

SHERRIF'S REPORT: Officer Piatt reported that there is a normal level of activity in our Township and our Township is heavily patrolled. Jim inquired about our Sheriff's position on blight ordinances. There was a long discussion that ensued on how we can enforce our blight ordinances effectively.

OLD BUSINESS

HANNAVILLE PAPERWORK: Jim and Rich Sexton completed the paperwork for a Hannaville grant. If awarded, this money will be used to purchase gravel for the cemetery. Jim noted a special thank you to Mr. Sexton for his help with this endeavor.

NEW BUSINESS

ROAD COMMISSION MEETING INFO & ANNUAL MEETING: The County Road Commission asks the Townships to participate in road repairs in their Townships. The money collected in the new road millage in each Township will not always be spent in that Township. Mr. Kass, our county road commissioner, is expecting a list of road needs from each Township so that he may develop a three-year plan.

CEMETERY PROGRAM & TRAINING WITH BS & A: Connie will be attending an informational video call with Jerry on January 29th to learn more about the training and costs of their Cemetery Management Program.

DELTA DISPOSAL LETTER: There will be a 5% increase applied to all services in 2025.

CUPPAD LETTER: CUPPAD contacted the Township to make all aware of a reorganizational meeting regarding solid waste disposal, recycling and composting activities.

REPAIR AT THE PARK: Jim got a quote from Schultz Renovation & Service to upgrade the maintenance building at the Veteran's Park. The quote came to \$7883.32. Chris made a motion to accept this quote with Kevin supporting. Motion carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET: Jim introduced the 2025 proposed budget. A short discussion ensued.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: The March Board of Review meeting have been set. They are as follows: March 4th at 1:45 p.m., March 10 from 3-9 p.m. and March 13 from 9-3 p.m.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jerry supporting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Township Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING

BUDGET MEETING

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 15, 2025

7:45 PM CST

The current budget was reviewed. The budget was reviewed by each line item as to what and how much needed to be adjusted.

The following items needed adjustment: Election Supplies, Assessor Mileage, Townhall Maintenance/Snowplowing, and Cemetery Salaries.

Adjustments were taken from Election Salaries, Townhall Cleaning, and Cemetery Small Equipment.

A motion to approve these changes were made by Chris with Jerry supporting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Connie with Jim supporting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Spalding Township Clerk