

## **SPALDING TOWNSHIP**

**These minutes are approved.**

### **POWERS, MI**

**APRIL 16, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by supervisor Moraska at 6:25 p.m. The following members were present: Jim Moraska, Connie Wells, Chris LeBoeuf and Kevin LaBonte (Jerry Bartnicki – excused absence) Guests included: Jerry Kleiman, Jodi Peterson and Leon Felch.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None given.

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

**CLERK’S REPORT:** All bills are paid and up to date. Jim, Jerry, and I attended a virtual meeting with BS & A to learn more about the updated software system coming in 2026.

I attended the quarterly clerk’s meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Stephenson Annex building. Our County Clerk updated us upcoming trainings, important dates affiliated with elections, the county website and possible maintenance dates for our election tabulator and VAT machine. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**FINANCIAL/TREASURER’S REPORT:** Jim 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 report with Kevin supporting. Motion carried.

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

**FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Jodi Peterson presented the Fire Report. The department responded to one call that was cancelled enroute. The call lasted 6 minutes with 6 members responding.

There was one CPR & AED training meeting that lasted 2.5 hours. 11 members were in attendance.

There was a Menominee County Fire Chief’s Association meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Harris Township Hall. Dan Hammerberg and Chris LeBoeuf attended.

There was a Menominee County Firefighters Association meeting in Stephenson. Six members attended.

Equipment repaired and/or approved: A skid unit was mounted in Ranger 8, fuel can were replaced for refilling small equipment.

One new member was hired as a volunteer firefighter.

A discussion ensued regarding bids for a new fire truck. Jim made a motion to rebid for a fire truck and it was supported by Kevin. Motion carried.

**CEMETERY/PARK REPORT:** Our Sexton reported that there are four full burials and four cremation burials set for spring. There will be a volunteer clean-up day at the cemetery set for May 24<sup>th</sup>. This is the Saturday before Memorial Day.

Jim Moraska spent time with Jim Behren (our new Park Supervisor) going over job expectations and orientation of the park. We will need purchase new forks for the park tractor. We will be getting 6 new fire rings for the campground.

All information has been updated for the grounds.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Our assessor gave an update on the 2024 vs. the 2025 taxable property values. The PA 6060 audit is now in process.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** None given.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**START OF THE FISCAL YEAR:** April 1<sup>st</sup> was start of our new fiscal year. The budget is ready to go.

**PICKLEBALL COURT DISCUSSION:** The board is looking to convert a portion of the basketball court at the park to a pickleball court. A discussion ensued. Jodi Peterson is looking into options regarding this.

**GRAVEL ROADS:** Our supervisor reviewed the gravel road priorities from now up to 2026. This list will be shared with the County Road Commission so that operators may plan accordingly.

**REPAIRS AT THE PARK:** The major repairs to the bathroom and one building at the park are almost complete.

**COMMUNITY SCHOOL DAYS:** Community School Clean Up Days are scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Volunteers from North Central School will make themselves available at Veteran's Park and the Township Hall to clean and tidy up our areas for the upcoming summer season. The board would like to extend big thanks to our school officials and students.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE LETTERS:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has requested unlimited and permanent access to our park in order to search for sea lamprey. The board discuss allowing access.

**UPDATE ON MTA MEETING:** Our Supervisor gave a detailed report to the MTA regarding the difficulty our Board of Review is experiencing based on actions taken by our Equalization Director.

We now have an Economic Development Director for Menominee County.

**CONDITION OF PINE AVENUE FROM U.S. 2 TO U.S. 2:** This particular stretch of road is in need of repairs. We are looking at resurfacing this area for 2026.

**CHIP SEAL JOBS IN OUR TOWNSHIP:** Discussions are in place with the County Road Commission to complete chip seal resurfacing in our township. The roads being discerned include Land Lane and East Road.

**USDA COMPLIANT REVIEW:** Our Supervisor is currently working on completing our USDA compliance review.

**MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS (ROLL CALL VOTE):** Chris, yes, Kevin, yes, Jim, yes, Connie, yes, Jerry (absent)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None given.

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Kevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Chris supporting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Township Clerk

