

**SPALDING TOWNSHIP**

**These minutes are approved.**

**POWERS, MI**

**May 21, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Hammerberg at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present: Dan Hammerberug (Deputy Supervisor), Jerry Bartnicki, Connie Wells, Chris LeBoeuf. Excused absences – Jim Moraska and Kevin LaBonte. Guests included: Leon Felch, Dan Hammerberg, Jerry Kleiman, Jodi Peterson, Jim Nowack, Connor McKenzie, Chris Fazer, Grace Taylor, and Stefin Robinson.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None given.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Chris made a motion to approve the minutes with Jerry supporting.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** All bills are paid and up to date.

Congratulations to our new employees: Jim Behrend (Park Supervisor) and Dawn Kleiman (Cemetery Assistant). They have begun their duties as of the beginning of May.

I have been updating items from my inbox in QVF (Qualified Voter File). Also, I have purchased a new laptop that meets the specifications to operated epollbook for our elections. I am working on forms for reimbursement from the State of Michigan.

I have submitted the invoice/paperwork to the DNR to receive a \$2500 reimbursement toward the bathroom improvements made at Veteran's Park.

**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 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 three calls that lasted 1 hour and 44 minutes with 5 members responding.

There was one training meeting on Wildland firefighting training. Eight members were present.

There was one work meeting with six members present.

Equipment repaired and/or improved: The small equipment was run, the second UTV was moved to the trailer, and the trucks were run.

**CEMETERY/PARK REPORT:** Our Sexton reported that he is in the process of spring burials and there are three upcoming cremation burials that are not scheduled yet.

Our new park manager has been learning about the needs of the park and making a list of questions, ideas, and suggestions.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Our Assessor has completed his annual training that is required by the State. The PA60 Audit is currently in process. The summer tax bills will be generated in the second week of June and will be sent out the first week of July.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Officer McKenzie updated the board on the increased road patrol coverage within our Township.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**PICKLEBALL COURT:** The Township will be transitioning a basketball court at the Park to a Pickleball Court. The Community Schools has generously offered to help pay for the painting of the lines on the updated court.

**COMMUNITY SCHOOL DAYS CLEAN UP:** We had approximately 25 students from North Central Schools to help with spring clean up at the Township Hall, the Cemetery, and Veteran's Park. Once again, the students did a terrific job and the Board is incredibly thankful all their hard work.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> FLAG DAY AT VETERAN'S PARK:** The Menominee County Republicans will be hosting a Flag Day Celebration/Fundraiser at the Park on June 14<sup>th</sup> to honor the history of our flag. All of our Upper Peninsula Representatives will be in attendance with Tudor Dixon as a Special Guest. All are encouraged to attend this first-time event.

**HELP AT THE CEMETERY TO CUT GRASS, WEED WHACK AND CLEAN UP:** The Township is looking for volunteers to help clean and tidy up the Cemetery in order to prepare for Memorial Day. All residents are encouraged to come out and make our Cemetery more beautiful than it already is.

**STUMP GRINDING AT THE CEMETERY AND PARK:** We recently hired a contractor to remove stumps from the Cemetery and Park. A total of 21 stumps were removed and ground up (11 at the Park and 9 at the Cemetery).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Fazer commented that the fire rings are completed by Superior Welding and are ready for placement at the Park. Mr. Nowack requested that signs be put on River Road at water crossings.

**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 Connie supporting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Township Clerk