

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

These minutes are approved.

POWERS, MI

June 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Moraska at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present: Jim Moraska, Jerry Bartnicki, Connie Wells, Kevin LaBonte. Excused absence – Chris LeBoeuf
Guests included: Leon Felch, Dan Hammerberg, Jerry Kleiman, Jodi Peterson, Jim Nowack, Randy Viau, Jim Behrend, and Bill Fazer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None given.

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

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

CLERK'S REPORT: All bills are paid and up to date. The next Clerk's quarterly meeting will be held on July 1st at the Stephenson Annex at 4:00 p.m.

There is a blood drive scheduled for Tuesday, July 8th at the Township Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We have received the \$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 one call that lasted 30 minutes with 7 members responding.

There was one training meeting on pumping from draft with Engine 1. Nine members were present.

There was one work meeting with seven members present.

There was a Menominee County Fire Chief's Association meeting on May 29th. Dan attended.

Equipment repaired and/or improved: fixed exterior garage door seals, ran small equipment, planning the 4th of July float, and the speedometer and A/C is fixed in ET 2.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT: Gerald thanked everyone for helping clean up the cemetery in preparation of Memorial Day and he thanked Jim Moraska for helping with burials while he was on vacation.

A new gas barrel and weed whacker is needed for the cemetery. A discussion ensued about burial rules and costs.

Jim Behrend thanked the Township for giving him the opportunity to work at Veteran's Park. Superior Welding donated 6 fire rings for the park campground. The Township Board expressed their thanks for the rings. Jim put in a request to work with Lee's Greenery to update the flower bed near the highway,

he also requested money to purchase 2 new toilet paper dispensers and a battery powered weed whacker. Kevin made a motion to grant funds for these requests with Connie supporting. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Summer taxes should be arriving in mailboxes on July 1st. The next Board of Review is scheduled for July 22nd at 9:30 a.m. It will be held in the Township Hall. The sales study is available from the Equalization Department. Our Assessor has a list of those who will be appraised in Spalding Township.

The PA660 audit was completed on June 17th. There are no actionable items for Spalding Township.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: No report given.

OLD BUSINESS

CRACK SEAL & PAINT LINES: The Township is currently waiting on a quote for sealing and painting new lines for the parking lot.

PICKLEBALL COURT: Chris Peterson applied for a \$20,000 to upgrade and transition our basketball court at the park to a partial pickleball court. We await notification of being awarded the grant.

ROAD REPAIRS: Many improvements have been made within the Township. These improvements include 36 ½ Mile Road, two lifts and crushed gravel on Veaser School Road, and gravel added to Swamp Road. Our Supervisor has put in a request to have Pine Avenue resurfaced from the highway to Fazer's grocery store. Jim Nowack inquired about bridge signs being placed on River Road.

NEW BUSINESS

SUMMER TAXES COMING SOON: Summer taxes are scheduled to arrive on July 1st.

CREDIT CARD FOR PARK RANGER: There was a request to issue our new Park Ranger a Township Credit Card with \$1000 limit. Kevin made a motion to grant this request with Jerry supporting. Motion carried.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION: Spalding Township will be hosting the holiday festivities on July 4th beginning with a parade at 10:30 a.m. There will be a kids' fishing derby, Truck Pulls and plenty of great food at Veteran's Park to follow.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Fazer inquired about rules and costs of burials at our Township Cemeteries. A discussion ensued. Gerald Kleiman will be looking into rules and costs at other comparable Township Cemeteries and report back to the Board.

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 Connie supporting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Township Clerk

