

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

These minutes are approved.

POWERS, MI

July 16, 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, and Chris LeBoeuf. Guests included: Leon Felch, Dan Hammerberg, Jodi Peterson, Jim Nowack, Kyle Piatt, Jim Behrend, Lexi Hagen, and Jen Bastien.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None given.

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

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

CLERK'S REPORT: All bills are paid and up to date. The Clerk's quarterly meeting was held on July 1st at the Stephenson Annex at 4:00 p.m. Connie and Jodi Peterson attended this meeting. Connie gave an update on topics covered during the meeting. I made a formal request of the board for Jodi and myself to attend a clerk's training that will be happening in Marquette this fall. No formal date has been issued.

I am currently working on finding a venue for elections for the state mandated Emergency Response Plan.

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 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 three calls that lasted 59 minutes with an average of 5 members responding.

There was one training meeting on pumping from draft with Engine 1 and handling fire streams. Seven members were present.

There was one work meeting with ten members present.

Equipment repaired and/or improved: all fire trucks were washed, the parade float was assembled and dismantled, the station air compressor was worked on.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT: (No Cemetery Report) Jim Behrend reported that the Upper Peninsula portion of the sign for snowmobilers and ATVs fell down and needs repair.

The area by the ball field is damaged from the truck pulls that occurred on the 4th of July. The Lion's Club will be working on repairing it.

Jim inquired about a limit on his hours that he turns in for work done in the Park. Supervisor Moraska responded that there is no set limit.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Summer taxes went out 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: All is well in the Township. Supervisor Moraska expressed his gratitude for the deputy's presence at the meeting and in our Township.

OLD BUSINESS

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 are still waiting notification of the grant being awarded.

NEW BUSINESS

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY LETTER: The PA660 audit shows that our Township Assessor is substantially compliant and that our Board of Review is sufficiently trained.

F-65 FORM ANNUAL REPORT: The F-65 report for fiscal year ending 2025 has been submitted. This is a short form audit of our Township that is submitted in between the years that we are formally audited.

NEW FIRE TRUCK SPECIFICATIONS: The Fire Department met with Pomasal to develop a comprehensive list of specifications for the new fire truck. A list of these specifications on file at the Town Hall.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS: Randy Viau is currently working on combining all our Township Ordinances and Resolutions into a PDF format so that they can be easily displayed on our Township website. The Board will convene before they are placed on the website to determine which Ordinances and Resolutions are still applicable to our Township.

INSURANCE LETTER FROM HANNULA: The Township received a letter in May and June from the State of Michigan stating that our Workers' Disability Compensation Insurance has been cancelled. This is a result of miscommunication between our carrier and the State. We are, indeed, covered, and there is verification of this coverage that was submitted to the State and on file in the Township Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jodi Peterson offered congratulation to the Spalding Township Fire Department for winning 1st place with their 4th of July float. They were awarded \$300.

The Township has received many complaints about the weeds growing at the edge of the highway. Supervisor Moraska inquired with the Road Commission about this. They responded that the MDOT was delaying the process. A call was made to State Representative Prestin regarding the issue.

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 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Township Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING

BUDGET MEETING

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

July 16, 2025

7:23 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 line items need to be adjusted: Fire Department Pump Service, Fire Department Repair/Fuel, Cemetery Charges for Services, Cemetery Maintenance, and Cemetery Construction.

Appropriate adjusts were made. These adjusts included the following GL numbers: Fire Department Current Taxes, Fire Department Pump Service, Fire Department Equipment Repair/Fuel, Cemetery Charges for Services, Cemetery Maintenance, Cemetery Construction.

A motion to approve these changes was made by Chris with Kevin supporting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris with Jerry supporting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Spalding Township Clerk