

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

These minutes are approved.

POWERS, MI

AUGUST 20, 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, Kevin LaBonte, and Chris LeBoeuf. Guests included: Leon Felch, Dan Hammerberg, Jodi Peterson, Jim Nowack,

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 Jim supporting.

CLERK'S REPORT: All bills are paid and up to date. There will be a special election this November 4th for a school bond proposal. I will be ordering more AV ballots and stamps. I sent an email to Congressman Jack Bergman expressing my concerns about the slow delivery time with our mail and how it will affect our elections moving forward.

I gave a description of a possible upcoming ballot proposal called Ranked Choice Voting.

The next quarterly Clerk's meeting is set for October 7 at the Stephenson Annex at 4 p.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. 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: The department responded to four calls that lasted 2 hours and 47 minutes with an average of 6 members responding.

There was one training meeting on dump tank setup and hooking to hydrants with Engine 1. Eight members were present.

There was one work meeting with seven members present.

There was a Fire Chief's Association Meeting held on July 31st. Dan was in attendance.

Equipment repaired and/or improved: ran small equipment, added master switch to Utility 6, replaced clearing lights on Engine 1, ran T3 portable pump, ran T2 portable pump, and cleaned the carburetor T3 portable pump.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT: The beach area was sanded on one side. All campground sites have been weed whacked. In the playground area, all weeds have been pulled in sandbox and new sand is put in place, weeds were removed from swing set area and new sand is put in place, weeds were pulled from monkey bar area and we need new wood chips.

New shrubs are planted and the area was cleaned up by the Bagley Memorial.

There have been 5 burials since our July 16th meeting. There will be three more.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: As of right now, 13 building permits were issued for 2025.

While out on inspections, our Assessor found 2 structures/properties that are not currently on the tax roll. These will be added.

A technical compliance has been amended for our Assessor. He is now substantially compliant according to our PA660 audit.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None given.

OLD BUSINESS

PICKLEBALL COURT: We did not get the \$20,000 grant to transition part of basketball court at the park to a pickleball court. The board thanked Chris Peterson for his efforts in applying for the grant.

ORDINANCE & RESOLUTION UPDATE: Randy Viau continues to work on scanning/transitioning to PDF format our Ordinances and Resolutions so that they may be available on our Township website.

NEW BUSINESS

PARKING LOT PAINTED: The Township Board would like to thank Draz Sealcoating for painting the lines on our parking lot at no cost to the Township. It looks great and is very much appreciated.

NEW FIRE TRUCK UPDATE: A comprehensive discussion ensued regarding the specifications on the new fire truck that will soon be ordered. Supervisor Moraska asked many informative questions about the new truck. Chris and Kevin are going to take the lead of the finance committee for this endeavor to help choose the best lender for financing the new truck. There were four bids that were received for the new fire truck. At the conclusion of our discussion, Chris made a motion to accept the bid provided by Midwest Fire Equipment & Repair Company (Midwest) with Connie supporting. Motion carried.

MEDC (Menominee Economic Development Corporation) LETTER: We are receiving a great deal of correspondence from Lexi Hagan, our executive director of Menominee Business Development Corporation. We appreciate her continued contact and support.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS (ROLL CALL VOTE): Kevin made a motion to pay the bills with Chris supporting. Motion approved with roll call voice vote 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Supervisor Moraska stated that East Road was recently single chip sealed at a cost of \$6000.00 and Land Lane was double chip sealed at a cost of \$12,000.00. The residents of Land Lane generously pitched in \$6000.00 of their own money to help with the cost, while the Township paid for the other \$6000.00. Both roads are much improved.

Dan Hammerberg stated that Township Line Road is in need of grating.

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