

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

These minutes are approved.

POWERS, MI

NOVEMBER 19, 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, Larry Johnson, and Gerald Kleiman.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None given.

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

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

CLERK'S REPORT: All bills are paid and up to date. There was a Consolidated Election held on November 4th. With the help of our Election Workers, we carried out a smooth election. 527 ballots were tabulated that day. I sent out 275 AV ballots and 221 were returned. 42% of Spalding Township voters are choosing to vote via Absentee Ballot.

Our next County-wide quarterly clerks meeting is set for December 9th at 4 p.m. at the Stephenson Annex.

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. The grocery store was closed at the time of inspection due to a power outage.

FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPARTMENT: The department responded to three calls that lasted 2 hours and 49 minutes with an average of 7 members responding.

There was one training meeting that was a Walkthrough of Pinecrest Medical Care Facility. Eleven members were present.

There was a Menominee County Fire Fighters' Association meeting held on October 30th. Three members were in attendance.

There was one work meeting with seven members present.

Equipment repaired and/or improved: Milwaukee batteries were checked and charged as needed, side by sides were started up and run, and the batteries and air were checked in the air packs.

Our Fire Chief reported that the warranty is now expired on the Generac generator for the Department.

Our Fire Chief inquired about installing a smoke detection/call out system for the Fire Department and Township Hall. There will be further investigation into this.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT: Our Sexton reported that there were three burials this past month. All flowers and other debris have been removed from the Cemetery in preparation of winter.

There was no Park Report.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: All tax files were sent to the Treasurer. Some adjustments were made for Winter Taxes. Our Assessor inquired about a parcel reconfiguration. A PRE form was sent out.

We have received the appraisal study results. They are showing minimal increases: Agricultural up %3, Industrial up 2.2%, Residential up .006%.

A discussion ensued regarding communication with the County Equalization Department.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None given.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRE TRUCK UPDATE: No new update.

BS & A UPDATE: After review of the proposal given to us from BS & A Software, the Board decided to continue with the **.net Service** until it becomes obsolete.

NEW BUSINESS

OPT OUT OF DESIGNATED ASSESSOR OR NOT: We received notification from the County Board of Commissioners that we are able to opt out of having a designated assessor. This action allows the County to forgo the requirement of having a designated assessor on retainer. However, if a local unit is not in compliance, the State Tax Commission will appoint a designated assessor for that district and the local unit will be responsible for the associated expenses. After discussion, Chris made a motion to opt out of having a designated Assessor for our Township, with Connie supporting. Motion carried.

MTA CHRISTMAS PARTY: The annual MTA Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 6th at the Belgiumtown Bar. Chris and Connie will be attending.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS (ROLL CALL VOTE): Chris made a motion to pay the bills with Jim supporting. Roll Call Vote: Chris LeBoeuf, yes, Kevin LaBonte, yes, Jim Moraska, yes, Connie Wells, yes, Jerry Bartnicki, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Our Fire Chief thanked the Supervisor for signing the Hannahville Grant. The money will be used to purchase pagers and a "turn out gear" dryer.

Larry Johnson announced his candidacy for State Representative of the 108th District. He presented his history and platform and was well received.

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 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Township Clerk