

## **SPALDING TOWNSHIP**

**These minutes are approved.**

### **POWERS, MI**

**DECEMBER 17, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Moraska at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present: Jim Moraska, Connie Wells, Kevin LaBonte, and Chris LeBoeuf, Jerry Bartnicki (excused absence). Guests included: Leon Felch, Dan Hammerberg, Jon Raab, and Gerald Kleiman.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None given.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Supervisor Moraska added three items to the agenda under New Business. Kevin made a motion to approve the agenda with Chris supporting. Motion carried.

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

**CLERK'S REPORT:** All bills are paid and up to date. The County-wide clerks quarterly meeting for December 9<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. It will be rescheduled sometime in January.

Connie and Chris will be meeting on December 23<sup>rd</sup> to review Township Ordinances and have them placed on the Township website.

**FINANCIAL/TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim presented handouts showing the Township's monthly balances (check register), breaking down accounts, cash summary, and balance sheets. Kevin made a motion to accept the report with Connie 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 1 hour and 40 minutes with an average of 2 members responding.

There was one regular meeting with 10 members present.

There was one training meeting that was a Walkthrough of St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Six members were present.

There was a Menominee County Fire Fighters' Association meeting held on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Chief Hammerberg was in attendance.

There was one work meeting with seven members present.

Equipment repaired and/or improved: Small equipment was run, the air compressor was run, the refrigerator was cleaned, the station was swept, and fire extinguishers were installed in the building.

Our Fire Chief requested that the board would host the annual recognition dinner to be held on January 24 at 5:00 p.m. A motion was made by Connie to approve the request with Kevin supporting. Motion carried.

The AFG grants to replace tanker #3 and purchase 6 Scott air packs is still pending.

Emergency Apparatus Maintenance is currently fixing the primer on Engine 1 and the vacuum leaks on engine tender 2.

**CEMETERY/PARK REPORT:** A new sign for "No Trucks over 10,000 lbs. has been installed at the Park. No Cemetery Report.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Our Assessor reported that Dulcee Ranta has been named the new Equalization Director for Menominee County.

The December Board of Review met on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Review is up for recertification. This will happen on February 4, 2026 and is sponsored by the Treasury Department. We are currently looking for one more member for our Board of Review.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** None given.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**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. Supervisor Moraska is looking for a definite quote for services so that he may plan the budget accordingly.

**NEW FIRE TRUCK UPDATE:** The notice of delivery time for the new fire truck is January, 2027. The next payment is due in June, 2026.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**NEW CUPPAD BILL DISCUSSION:** The board discussed the value of continuing our membership with CUPPAD (Central Upper Peninsula Planning & Development). After brief discussion, Jim made a motion that we discontinue our membership with Chris supporting. Roll Call Vote: Chris, yes, Kevin, yes, Jim, yes, Connie, yes, Jerry (absent). Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION ON FIRE NUMBERS:** A resolution was drawn up by the Township to appoint a person or persons to assign fire numbers within the Township due to the fact that Lange Enterprises will no longer be providing this service. A motion was made by Kevin to adopt this resolution with Connie supporting. Motion carried.

**FIRE NUMBER AGREEMENT:** An agreement was drawn up between the Township Board and the Assessor, Leon Felch to establish responsibility and payment to survey, calculate, assign and install fire numbers within the Township. This agreement is on file at the Township Hall. Chris made a motion to accept the agreement with Kevin supporting. Roll call vote: Chris, yes, Kevin, yes, Jim, yes, Connie, yes, Jerry (absent). Motion carried.

**ESTABLISH A FEE FOR FIRE NUMBERS:** Chris made a motion that the new fee for fire numbers (which includes the fire sign, post and installation) would be \$80.00. Kevin supported this motion. Roll call vote: Chris, yes, Kevin, yes, Jim, yes, Connie, yes, Jerry (absent). Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION FOR GAMING LICENSE:** Jon Raab requested that the Board approve a resolution for charitable gaming license so that the U.P. Power Wrestling group may sell raffle tickets within the Township. Chris made a motion to approve the request and fill out the appropriate paperwork with Kevin supporting. Motion carried.

**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:** Supervisor Moraska congratulated Fire Chief Hammerberg for being named the Upper Peninsula Fire Instructor of the Year.

An anonymous resident left a message thanking Gerald Kleiman, our Cemetery Sexton, for keeping the Wilson Cemetery so neat and freshly cut throughout the spring, summer and fall seasons.

**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 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Township Clerk