

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

These minutes are approved.

POWERS, MI

March 18, 2026

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, Chris LeBoeuf (excused absence), and Jerry Bartnicki (present via phone). Guests included: Leon Felch, Dan Hammerberg, Noah VanEnkevort, Randy Viau and Gerald Kleiman.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None given.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA/MINUTES: Kevin made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes with Connie supporting. Motion carries

CLERK'S REPORT: All bills are up to date. The next County wide Clerk's Quarterly Meeting will be held on April 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at the Stephenson Annex.

FINANCIAL/TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim 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 5 calls that lasted 3 hour and 22 minutes with an average of 6 members responding.

There was one regular meeting with 8 members present.

There was one training meeting that focused on Wildland Firefighting, BT4 update and SXS update. Four members were present.

There was an out of township training meeting (FF I & II class) with two members in attendance.

There was one work meeting with six members present.

Equipment repaired and/or improved: a portable radio charger was added to Ranger 8, equipment was readied for grass fire season, tracks were placed on side by side to ready it for rescue.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT: No Park report. Our Cemetery Sexton inquired about the cost of new flags/poles and banners for our Cemetery.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: The March Board of Review is complete for our Township. It rendered 18 petitions. The Database was frozen for the 2026 season. It has since been rolled over to the 2027 season.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None given.

OLD BUSINESS

ROAD COMMISSION REPORT: The Township has received a bid for the Pine Ave. Road project. There is some concern that the cost of the project may increase due to the increase in fuel costs. If that occurs, the Board will look to reapprove the project.

BS & A UPDATE: The Township Board received a letter from the County Treasurer with regards to inappropriate scare tactics that BS & A is using in order to get governmental agencies to switch to using their cloud-based program which is significantly more expensive. At this time, the County will continue to use the .net services. The Treasurer encouraged Township governments to reach out if we have experienced these pressure tactics.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT NEW BUDGET, APPROPRIATIONS ACT ETC.: Jim and Connie read through the Spalding Township General Appropriations Act, the Spalding Township Investment and Depository Designation Resolution and the New Budget for 2026-27. A motion was made by Jim to accept the Appropriations Act and supported by Connie. Roll call vote: Chris (excused absence), Kevin, yes, Jim, yes, Connie, yes, Jerry, yes. Motion carried.

The Depository Resolution was read and signed by Jim Moraska, Connie Wells, and Kevin LaBonte. Jerry will sign once in person as well as Chris LeBoeuf.

All items on the 2026-2027 Budget were read aloud with motions and support for each item. (See attached document highlighting the amounts for items).

DISCUSSION ON PUTTING THE ORDINANCES ON OUR TOWNSHIP WEBSITE: Several months ago, Randy Viau placed all our Township Ordinances on a zip drive with the intent that they would then be placed on our Township Website in order to ensure easier access to said Ordinances. A discussion ensued regarding the viability of doing this. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

DISCUSS PICKLE BALL COURT/2% GRANT FOR PICKLEBALL COURT: The Board still intends to transfer part of the basketball court at the Veteran's Park to a partial pickle ball court. We have received two different quotes from Draz Sealcoating. We will be submitting a Hannahville 2% Grant in hopes of receiving funding to complete this project. A motion was made by Kevin to move forward with submitting the grant and transitioning part the basketball court to a pickle ball court with Connie supporting. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Randy Viau noted that placing the Ordinances on the Township would be a good effort to help our Township move forward. Dan Hammerberg inquired about re-sealing the Township Hall/Fire Department Parking lot for the upcoming summer season. Jim stated that it is not yet needed. Randy Viau inquired about who clears the Township Hall sidewalk.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP: None given.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Connie made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jerry supporting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Township Clerk