

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

These minutes are unapproved.

POWERS, MI

May 20, 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, and Chris LeBoeuf, and Jerry Bartnicki. Guests included: Leon Felch, Dan Hammerberg, Randy Viau, Gerald Kleiman, Amanda Gatien, Jim Nowack, Jon Liegeois, Rebecca Merriman, Jodi Peterson, Connie Nowack, Evan Lamb, Conner McKenzie.

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: Chris made a motion to approve the minutes with Jim supporting. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: All bills are paid and up to date. Connie gave a summary of items covered at the last Clerk's Quarterly Meeting. This included upcoming dates for Election Inspector Training (July 14-16). Election Cycle Training for Township Clerks will be June 16th. This is a mandatory training. Our ballot containers have been recertified and are now in compliance until 2030.

FINANCIAL/TREASURER'S REPORT: Jerry presented handouts showing the Township's monthly balances (check register), breaking down accounts, cash summary, and balance sheets. Jerry also gave a report on the acceptance of the Department of Treasury Report (ARP Funds). This was a closeout report. Kevin made a motion to accept the report with Connie supporting. Motion carried.

LIQUOR REPORT: No report given.

FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPARTMENT: The department responded to 4 calls that lasted 1 hour and 1 minute with an average of 4 members responding.

There was one regular meeting with 5 members present.

There was one training meeting that covered air packs, MSA Meter, response guidelines and refilling air bottles. Five members were present.

There was one out of Township training meeting: FFI & II, Driving Training, three members attended.

Equipment repaired and/or improved: Worked on truck 2 water leak, ran truck 4 and ran small equipment.

The Fire Department is still awaiting award announcement for the 2024 AFG Grant.

The Fire Department did receive a \$4000.00 grant from Hannahville for equipment and hose replacement.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT: All brush is cleaned up and stumps are ground up. One burial is complete and there are four burials scheduled to happen. Headstones are coming in. Our Cemetery Sexton requested to have gravel placed in front of the outhouses rather than plant grass. Flag banners are complete and will be on display in the Cemetery for Memorial Day.

The Park and Campground are now open. Community Clean Up Days are complete and were very successful. Our Park Pavilion is being well used and booked well into the summer.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: The County Board approved the county-wide valuation report at their April 14th meeting. The 2026 tax roll has been closed out and has been rolled over to 2027 in our Assessor's databases.

After our County Board approved the Equalization Values, our Assessor received a report that contained Personal and Real Property totals for the entire county. He shared relevant figures from that report as they pertain to Spalding Township. These numbers are on file and available at the Township Hall.

There will be a July Board of Review on July 21st. Time to be determined.

Our Assessor received notification from APEX Software that they will be raising their rates by %10.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: There will 11 incidents in Spalding Township with 3 resulting in arrests.

OLD BUSINESS

250th BANNERS: Chris gave a report and showed examples of banners that will be ordered for the 250th Birthday Celebration of our country. There will be two large banners hung from the railroad via dock and two smaller signs on display at the Township Hall and Veteran's Park.

2% HANNAHVILLE GRANT: The Township received a \$5000.00 Hannahville Grant and a donation of \$2500.00 from the Normenco Sportsmans' Club. This money will be used to transition part of the basketball court at the Park to a Pickleball Court.

PICKLEBALL COURT: We received a quote from Draz Sealcoating regarding crack sealing and painting lines for a new pickleball court and for the existing basketball court. The quote was for approximately \$10,000.00. We will be purchasing a net for Pickleball Court that will cost \$1298.95. Kevin made a motion that we use the grant money and donated money for these improvements with Connie supporting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

STATE OF EMERGENCY INFORMATION: The County declared a State of Emergency from the flooding that occurred earlier this Spring. The Menominee County Road Commission will be applying for a grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 to repair the roads that were damaged by the flooding.

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE/LEASE INCREASE WITH THE VILLAGE: The Township has a 20-year lease agreement with the Village of Powers to use the Township Hall. Jim and Jerry reviewed the lease and it was decided to increase the monthly payment of \$1000.00 per month to \$1200.00 per month. This new amount will become effective June 1, 2026. Agreement of this amount is pending with the Village.

MENOMINEE COUNTY MASTER PLAN: Our Treasurer received notification that the County Master Plan will be updated after 30 years.

CLERK'S RESIGNATION: After a little over two years of faithful service to the Township, Connie Wells has decided to resign her Clerk position in order to pursue other employment interests. She read her letter of resignation to the Board. This will become effective May 31, 2026. Chris made a motion to accept her resignation with Jerry supporting. Roll Call Vote: Chris, yes, Kevin, yes, Jim, yes, Jerry, yes. Motion carried.

APPOINT A NEW CLERK: Kevin made a motion to appoint Jon Liegeois as the new Township Clerk effective June 1, 2026, Jim asked if there were any other nominations, with no other nominations, Chris supported the nomination. A roll call vote followed. Roll Call Vote: Chris, yes, Kevin, yes, Jim, yes, Jerry, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT: Jim introduced Resolution 52026. Wherein the Township Board reviewed the income requirements, property appraisals and description regarding a PA 116 application by John and Ben Folcik. Connie made a motion to approve the application with Jerry supporting. Roll Call Vote: Chris, yes, Kevin, yes, Jim, yes, Connie, yes, Jerry, yes. Motion carried.

DUST CONTROL: Material for dust control on our Township Roads has been ordered. We typically spend approximately \$600.00-\$9000.00 on dust control per season.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim stated that the County Road Commission will start pulverizing Pine Ave. (a distance of .9 miles) the last week of May. A post regarding this has been shared on the Township website and Facebook page. Also, the Road Commission is looking into getting a \$259,000.00 grant from MDOT from a Detour Program and Weight Restriction Program to help cover fixing damages to this section of road while detour was in place due to flooding.

Our Cemetery Sexton inquired about contacting Stenberg Bros. to rent an outdoor bathroom for the Wilson Cemetery for the season. He also asked about making repairs on the bathroom at the Spalding Cemetery.

Anyone is welcome to help weed whack or mow grass at the cemeteries as we prepare them for Memorial Day Services.

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 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Township Clerk