

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

These minutes are unapproved.

POWERS, MI

June 17 2026

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Moraska at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present: Jim Moraska, Jonathan Liegeois, Kevin LaBonte, and Chris LeBoeuf, and Jerry Bartnicki. Guests included: Leon Felch, Dan Hammerberg, Randy Viau, Gerald Kleiman, Amanda Gatien, Jim Nowack, Evan Lamb, Larry Johnson

PUBLIC COMMENT: None given.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Added item 4- American Legion request. Chris made a motion to approve the agenda with Jerry supporting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Chris made a motion to approve the minutes with Jerry supporting. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: Attended Election cycle training and got certification complete for Election Official Training. Access to the Qualified Voter File has been obtained. The township is looking for 1 or 2 more Election Inspectors, Election Inspector Training will be (July 14-16). All bills are paid and up to date.

FINANCIAL/TREASURER'S REPORT: Jerry presented handouts showing the Township's monthly balances (check register), breaking down accounts, cash summary, and balance sheets. All in order, summer tax bills will be ready to go out by the end of the month. Kevin made a motion to accept the report with Jim supporting. Motion carried.

LIQUOR REPORT: May and June reports handed in. All in order.

FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPARTMENT: The department responded to 3 calls that lasted 2 hours and 42 minutes with an average of 6 members responding.

There was one regular meeting with 5 members present.

There was one training meeting that consisted of hose cleaning and reloading on truck 2. Four members were present.

There was no out of Township training meetings.

Equipment repaired and/or improved: Fixed water leak on Truck 2, cleaned and loaded hose, cleaned station, country ranger and trailer is out of the station, ran Truck 3.

The Fire Department was not awarded the 2024 AFG Grant. Applying for the 2025 AFG grant.

The Fire Department did receive a \$4000.00 grant from Hannahville for equipment and hose replacement, awaiting receipt of new equipment.

Asked for approval to apply for DNR Grant 50/50 application for a new trailer for brush side by side.

Asked to apply for State Fire grant to purchase turnout gear lockers.

Chris made a motion to accept the report with Jerry supporting. Motion carried.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT: Request to clean up and or move the Spalding Cemetery sign. Township board will look into cleaning up brush and clutter around the sign to improve visibility. There is a porta potty now at the cemetery for the season.

Parks is going well; the campground is getting used as people are staying there to camp. Basketballs were purchased for basketball court as well as storage for balls.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Shared relevant Bills in the house that were passed that would affect taxes, bills are awaiting approval in the senate.

Installed new fire numbers and fixed a few fire number signs.

Reviewed a property to reassess swamp land vs soft woods.

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

SHERIFF'S REPORT: There were 9 incidents in Spalding Township from May 1st.

OLD BUSINESS

PICKLEBALL COURT: Draz Sealcoating resurfaced the pickleball court and basketball court. Just waiting on and will be purchasing a net for Pickleball Court that will cost \$1298.95. Kevin made a motion that we move forward with ordering the net with Jim supporting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Cemetery Sexton & Park Ranger Wage: Update wage for Park Ranger and Sexton to \$18 / hour. Workers wages will be set to \$16 / hour. Jim made a motion to accept new wages with Chris supporting. Motion carried.

Spalding Township Election Emergency Plan: In the event of a catastrophic event if the townhall is unavailable for elections then the backup location will be at North Central School. Plan is signed by township board, awaiting school boards signature. Kevin made a motion to accept the proposal with Jerry supporting. Motion carried.

Sidewalks: A petition was brought to the boards attention to clean up and help maintain the sidewalks in town. Cost to replace sections are approximately \$450 per 4 x 20 section. There is a plan set up to help clean the sidewalks this summer with the help of our sexton and ranger. Once cleaned, township will evaluate and assess which section would need to be replaced and the cost associated with it.

American Legion Request: American Legion provides support for the Spalding Cemetery on Memorial Day with plaques and flags. The American Legion is requesting \$300 to help support the upkeep and purchase of flags and plaques for the cemetery. Jim made a motion to accept the request with Chris supporting. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Kevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jonathan supporting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Liegeois, Township Clerk

