

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

These minutes are unapproved.

POWERS, MI

July 15th 2026

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Moraska at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present: Jim Moraska, Jonathan Liegeois, and Chris LeBoeuf, and Jerry Bartnicki. Excused; Kevin Labonte

Guests included: Leon Felch, Dan Hammerberg, Randy Viau, Gerald Kleiman, Jim Nowack, David Weber

PUBLIC COMMENT: None given.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Added item 3- Cemetery Rate. 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: 10 election inspectors attended training for the upcoming election cycle. Upcoming primary election is August 4th. Absentee ballots have been sent out. 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 went out July 1st. Jim made a motion to accept the report with Chris supporting. Motion carried.

LIQUOR REPORT: No report for July

FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPARTMENT: The department responded to one call that was power line down. Total time on call was 24 minutes.

The department has 19 active members. 11 attended training and performed pump training as well as nozzle and hose handling. 4 members attended the work meeting where some small equipment was repaired as well as running small equipment. Test and trained usage of the siren.

Department request hats for members. Board requests quotes prior to approval.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT: Cemetery is focused on cleaning up and keeping this cut, clean, and clear. The board will look into obtaining a new sign for the entrance of the cemetery. Will obtain quotes and examples to approve.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Tax Bills have been sent out. Lots of property inspections have been conducted as a result.

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

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Absent

OLD BUSINESS

Side Walks: Pine ave from Fazer sign to rail road is in rough shape. Working with road commission to help regrade and tear out. Once complete, township will look into bids to replace the sidewalk.

Black Top Pine Ave: No bill yet for the blacktop work. Lines & paint are complete. Shoulders have been approved.

PICKLEBALL COURT: Net on indefinite backorder. New order placed for a similar but different net. Awaiting arrival.

NEW BUSINESS

4th of July: Attendance looked good and normal this year despite rivaling events going on in the surrounding area. Parade was a success.

Data Centers, Wind Farms, Solar Farms: Gathering more information on these topics and what steps we should take as a township to protect our residents. Will look into ordinance on sound and decibel readings. Will also reach out to MTA (Michigan Township Association) for guidance on these topics.

Cemetery Rates: Initial research into neighboring townships and cemeteries shows that we are low and behind on rates. Our rates were last updated in 2015. Will continue to research and gather more data from the surrounding areas.

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 Abscent, 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: Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jerry supporting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Liegeois, Township Clerk