

SPALDING TOWNSHIP           **These minutes are unapproved**  
POWERS, MICHIGAN 49874  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 6:30 PM

The meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Moraska. The following Board members were present: Jim Moraska, Jerry Bartnicki, Cherryl Mencinger, Kevin Labonte and Chris LeBoeuf . Guests included: Jim Nowack, Dan Hammerberg, Randy Viau, Gerald Kleiman, Max Sheriff, Jackie Schaff and Leon Felch.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

The motion was made by Chris to approve the agenda with Cherryl supporting.

**CLERKS REPORT:**

All bills are up to date. A motion was made to accept the Clerks Report by Kevin and was seconded by Jerry. Chris and Kevin looked over the expense statements. Minutes of the monthly meetings can be viewed on the Township website located at [www.powers-spalding.org](http://www.powers-spalding.org)

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Jerry gave the financial hand out showing the Township's monthly balances and went over the report. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jim and seconded by Chris.

**LIQUOR REPORT:**

All is well at both taverns and at the grocery store for February.

***FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPT:***

*The Department responded to 2 calls costing 10,000.00 dollars in losses and spending a total of 2 hours and 40 minutes. 1 memo was submitted.*

Date:           Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Subject:       **Memo #1 Grants**

**2022 AFG Grant**

Dan had submitted the grant on February 10, 2023 for a new engine. Based on preliminary estimates he received from one of the truck dealers he has requested \$480,000.00 in the grant application. If awarded our matching share of the grant is \$22,857.14.

**CEMETERY/PARK REPORT:**

A couple more burials for spring burials and a couple cremains. requests are coming in for the park for this summer.

### **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**

Personal property statements are starting to come in. Board of Review organizational meeting is March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9AM to 9:30 AM. The Board of review is March 13<sup>th</sup> 9AM to 3 PM and again on March 16<sup>th</sup> 3 PM to 9PM.

### **SHERIFF'S REPORT:**

Some problems with Vaping in the schools. Some problems with 911 hang up calls.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **GENERATOR**

Chris got an updated quote from the company we've been dealing with for the Generator from \$ 17,500.00 to \$19,790.04 for the changes we wanted. They are requesting 10% own now to hold it and another 40% when the installation is started. A motion was made by Chris to approve this generator with Kevin seconding.

### **ROAD COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

Jim Moraska attended the Road Commission's annual meeting in Stephenson on Jan 25<sup>th</sup> at 8AM. They gave a report on the roads that were repaired last summer. US 2 and 41 will have a new cover layered down from our Township hall to Bark River. County road 388 is in need of repair or it'll have to be returned back to gravel. A motion was made to repair county road 388 by Kevin and was seconded by Chris. All in favor, aye, motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUDGET FOR REVIEW**

The Board reviewed the new proposed budget.

### **RESOLUTION**

The whole county is under the control of the equalization dept. People are having serious issues with this director. It was brought it up to the County Administrator. Several Townships have drawn up a resolution and this document was signed by the Spalding Township Board asking for her resignation.

### **CRUSHED GRAVEL**

We got a proposal from North Star Crushing to crush 10,000 yds of gravel, however the person we were going to get the gravel from has a conflict of interest. At the time we arranged to get this gravel 2 years ago has now been elected into the Road Commission and it wouldn't be right to get this gravel from him. We are looking into acquiring gravel from a new source.

### **JACKIE SCHAFF**

Jackie is looking into setting up a Farmers Market at Veterans Park this coming summer allowing the selling of homegrown vegetables and handcrafted goods. She has a lot of great ideas to make this idea happen. The Township will be looking into the legal aspects of allowing this.

**MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS (ROLL CALL VOTE)**

Motion was made to pay the bills by Kevin and seconded by Cheryl, Motion approved. Roll Call Vote: Jim, yes, Cheryl, yes, Jerry, yes, Kevin, yes Chris, yes, Motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

We now have a new representative from Northern Initiatives. Dan stated that our Fire Dept will be hosting the County Fire Fighters Association on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP**

No comment

A motion was made to adjourn by Chris with Jerry seconding. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M. CST

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Mencinger, Township Clerk