

SPALDING TOWNSHIP
POWERS, MICHIGAN 49874
October 18th, 2023 - 6:30 PM

These minutes are approved

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Moraska. The following Board members were present: Jim Moraska, Jerry Bartnicki, Cheryl Mencinger, Kevin LaBonte and Chris LeBoeuf. Guests included, Leon Felch, Jim Nowack, Larry Johnson, Randy Viau, Kevin Ford, Christina Viau, Jessie, Connie Wells, Dan Hammerberg, Jackie Schaff, and Gerald Kleiman.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Connie Wells questioned if County Road 388 is going to be extended, Jim responded no. Connie works closely with Dave Prestin and she will keep us updated as to what he's working on.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

CLERKS REPORT:

All bills are up to date. A motion was made to accept the Clerks Report by Kevin and was seconded by Chris. 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.

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 Chris and seconded by Cheryl.

LIQUOR REPORT:

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

FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPT:

The Department responded to 5 calls costing 0 dollars in losses and spending a total of 6 hours and 11 minutes. 2 memos were submitted.

2022 AFG Grant

I had submitted the grant on February 10, 2023 for a new engine. Based on preliminary estimates I received from one of the truck dealers I requested \$480,000.00 in the grant application. If awarded our matching share of the grant is \$22,857.14. **No word yet.**

2023 Spring Hannahville Grant

*Rich and Jodi have submitted a grant request to Hannahville to purchase wildland gear and equipment. It appears we were awarded \$3,000.00 for wildland turnout gear and equipment. **All equipment is in, paperwork completed and grant has been closed.***

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Subject: **Memo #2 Membership Application**

Matthew Oja has applied for membership to the department. Matt is a member of Meyer Twp FD and does need to complete the FF I training. He is the son of Tim and Nichole Oja. The members present at the August meeting voted to recommend the board hire Matt Oja as a volunteer firefighter for Spalding Township. A motion was made to accept Matt's application by Jim and seconded by Cheryl, motion passed.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT:

Gerald has been busy working on all the leaves. Campground is now closed and Jim closed the highway bathroom.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Leon and Jim were out reviewing area properties. All the areas they visited were updated.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

No report was presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

PARK VIEWING PLATFORM

Jim, Kevin and Chris met with Jeff and went over the details and Jeff stated it would be done by the end of October.

GENERATOR UPDATE

Jim asked if Jim Nowack heard anything about the warrantee. Woverine Power Equipment has some things to do on it yet. Chris will contact them.

NEW BUSINESS:

SNOW PLOW BID

Cherryl will contact Luft's Advertiser to put an ad into the paper. Bids will be due by 4PM on November 22nd.

BOILER REPAIRS

Richer's came and did some adjustments. Jim called Gary Eichhorn and had him turn the system on for the winter.

PARK CAMPGROUND FEES

It was recommended to raise the campground fees to \$15.00 to offset raising costs. Jim made to motion to raise the campground fee's to \$15.00 and was seconded by Chris, all in favor, aye motion carried.

SOLAR POWER INFO

The Township received a letter inquiring if Spalding Township would be interested in Solar energy. Jim stated that if the company wanted to present the Township with a cost analysis, we would listen to what they could tell us.

RESOLUTION FROM THE COUNTY TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION FEES

The County Board recommended no fees be charged for federal, state governments so the wording was changed to reflect this change.

G-3 ROAD DISCUSSION

Michigan Department of Transportation is pushing the closure of G-3, The Township is discussing the effect of this closure, and needs to have more information. The Road Commission approached the Township about paving the railroad crossing on Hillside Road. The Township agreed to pay the cost to repave the crossing. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Chris, motion carried.

ELECTION AGREEMENT

The agreement is in regards to the 9 days of early voting. The Country wants to combine all of the Townships into one voting place in Stephenson to save each Township of having to hold elections individually costing each Township more money. All of the Townships have agreed to this agreement. Jim made the motion to approve this agreement with Chris seconding.

MTA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Anyone who would like to go, let me know.

NOVEMBER MEETING CHANGE DATE

The November 15th Board meeting will be changed to November

22nd because of Michigan rifle season, same time, 6:30 PM. A notice will be put into the Luft's Advertiser.

TRACTOR PULLS AT VETERANS PARK

A non-profit organization has expressed interest in having Tractor Pulls at our Veterans Park. This is a non-profit organization and the monies from this goes back into the Township. They are looking into 4 pulls/year. The Township needs a current insurance policy.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS (ROLL CALL VOTE)

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Johnson asked if possible to close a different railroad crossing instead of G-3

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

A motion was made to adjourn by Chris with Cheryl seconding. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M. CST

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Mencinger, Township Clerk