

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

These minutes are unapproved.

POWERS, MICHIGAN

JULY 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Moraska. The following board members were present: Jim Moraska, Jerry Bartnicki, Connie Wells, Chris LeBoeuf and Kevin LaBonte. Guests included: Jerry Kleiman, Craig VanEnkevort, Dan Hammerberg, James Nowack, Leon Felch, Larry Johnson Jr., and Wendy Sexton.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None given.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chris made a motion to approve the agenda with Jerry supporting. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: The primary election is set for August 6th. Connie performed a public accuracy test this past Monday at 4:00 p.m. The VAT machine and tabulator are set to go for the election. Connie sent out 236 AV ballots beginning June 26th. So far, 96 ballots have been returned.

Connie plans on attending the MTA UP North Summit Conference on July 23rd. Breakout sessions include a legislative panel, information on audits, and information our board needs to know about elections.

All election workers are in place. There is still one more who needs to attend the annual bi-annual training.

FINANCIAL/TREASURER'S REPORT: Jerry presented handouts showing the Township's monthly balances (check register) and briefly explained monthly spending. Connie made a motion to approve the report with Kevin supporting. Motion carried.

LIQUOR REPORT: All is well in both taverns and the grocery store for the month of June.

FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPARTMENT: The department responded to 5 calls that lasted a total of 4 hours and 34 minutes with the average number of members responding being 6. It cost \$0.

There were no trainings.

Equipment repaired and/or improved: washed and waxed trucks for the parade and cleaned up the station.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT: Jim stated that the cemetery needs new flags. They have purchased and they just need to be put up. Events with the park are going well. We are seeing a decrease in campers this year. A discussion ensued regarding possible reasons for this. The grass is cut and the park is in good condition.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: July 16th was the Board of Review meeting. Headlee Amendment adjustments were made. All property owners were notified ahead of time. Tax bills have gone out. The list of parcels has been received on equalizations.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None given.

OLD BUSINESS

ROAD REPORT UPDATE: County Road 566 is now completed up to LaBelle Road. Grove and Central Lane are also completed. Dust oil has been completed. County Road 563 will be crack sealed and get a new double hip seal from U.S. 2 up to Aert's hill. They will be working on 36.5 Mile Road from Hwy 41 in about ½ mile. This will be done at no cost to the Township.

The Road Commission will be adding crushed gravel on Eichorn Lane. Chris made a motion to approve this report with Kevin supporting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

INSURANCE REVIEW: An insurance review meeting was rescheduled.

SINKING FUND MILLAGE FOR NORTH CENTRAL SCHOOL: Connie presented an informational handout with regards to the sinking fund millage for North Central School that will appear on the August 6th ballot.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS: Chris made a motion to pay the bills with Jerry supporting. Roll call vote: Chris, yes, Kevin, yes, Jim, yes, Connie, yes, Jerry, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim stated that the Sand Road, Johnson Loop, and the River Road (north of Spalding) are all County Roads. New policy will be set in place pertaining to log truck use.

The State Fire Marshall will be attending the MTA conference on July 23rd. Dan Hammerberg will be in attendance at conference as well.

Jerry Kleiman stated that the lettering on the last flag banners is peeling off. The company that made these is out of business. Jim is checking on a different outlet to see if they can be redone.

Jerry asked for more dust oil for the cemetery.

Larry Johnson Jr. stated that the Ax my Tax proposal is not moving forward. He also thanked the Township for allowing the Lion's Club to hold programs at the park.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jerry supporting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Township Clerk

SPALDING TOWNSHIP BUDGET MEETING

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JULY 17, 2024 – 7:31 PM CST

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Moraska. Connie reviewed the budget line items where the Township is currently over budget. The board agreed on amounts to adjust each line item. Please see attached report from BS & A Adjustments.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jim supporting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Township Clerk