

SPALDING TOWNSHIP
POWERS, MICHIGAN 49874
March 15th, 2023 - 6:30 PM

These minutes are approved

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

CLERKS REPORT:

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

LIQUOR REPORT:

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

FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPT:

The Department responded to 4 calls costing 225,000.00 dollars in losses and spending a total of 9 hours and 17 minutes. 2 memos were submitted.

Date: Wednesday, March 15th, 2023

Subject: **Memo #1 Grants**

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.

2023 Spring Hannahville Grant

The members are requesting permission to submit a grant request to Hannahville to purchase wildland gear and equipment. A motion was made by Kevin and supported by Jerry, motion passed.

Memo #2 Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief & bylaw changes

The members present at the March 2, 2023, fire department business meeting voted unanimously to recommend the following for your approval at your special meeting on March 15, 2023:

Fire Chief: Dan Hammerberg

Assistant Fire Chief: Jim Nowack

There are no recommended changes to the constitution and bylaws of the fire department.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT:

All is quiet at the Cemetery and Park.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Board of Review was Tues and is scheduled for Thursday 2/16. Jim commented that he has never seen so many people there complaining about the increases in their taxes.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

No report was presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

GENERATOR

Ordering has been approved. I did a check for \$15000.00 made payable to Wolverine Power Equipment and will get it in the mail tomorrow.

JACKIE SCHAFF

Jim did check with our insurance and didn't have any problems. The Township is excited to have this happen in our Veterans Park. Jackie is looking into having this on a Friday. A motion was made by Cheryl to approve this endeavor for Jackie, and was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

CUPPAD LETTER

The Township received a letter from CUPPAD stating that Menominee County received a grant through the Homeland Security Division, Michigan State Police to update and prepare Hazard Mitigation plans for four counties in the central UP: Alger, Delta, Menominee and Schoolcraft. A copy of the final plan is available on the CUPPAD website, www.cuppad.org/plans-documents. Spalding Township has adopted the 2023 Menominee County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

U.P.S.E.T. LETTER

Spalding Township has received a letter from The Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team, (U.P.S.E.T) requesting funding to support their operating expenses. Our Township is not able to donate to any task forces. A motion was made to not support this request by Jim and seconded by Kevin, motion carried.

PERFORMANCE RESOLUTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Jim checked into this for permits and we do this every year and Wendy Sexton has always applied for this for planting the flowers at the intersection and for the Fourth of July parade. There has never been a problem.

NORTHERN INITIATIVES LETTER

A new representative from Northern Initiatives has introduced himself stating we have monies available to companies looking to borrow money from the Township. Those companies must meet certain criteria's to be able to borrow money from the Township.

800 MH RADIOS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jim received a standard equipment lease between the Township and the County. Jim questioned as to how much each of these radios cost. These radios were not wanted by most all of the local Fire Departments, but the County didn't want to put the money into the old system which actually worked better. In order to get the new equipment, we have to sign this agreement. A motion was made to approve this agreement was made by Kevin and seconded by Jerry. Motion carried.

TREES AT THE CANDLELIGHT MOTEL

The Township is looking into getting the trees from the Candlelight Motel before they tear in down, we want to replant them in Veterans Park.

APPROVE NEW BUDGET FOR 2023 – 2024, and approved the Appropriations Act

Jim reviewed our new 23-24 budget, our appropriations Act and Special Meeting Act.

A motion was made to accept the General Appropriation's Act by Jim and supported by Jerry. Roll Call Vote: Jim, yes, Cheryl, yes, Jerry, yes, Kevin, yes, Motion approved. Each salary position's raise was reviewed and approved, a motion was made to accept these wages by Cheryl and supported by Jerry. Roll Call Vote: Jim, yes, Cheryl, yes, Jerry, yes, Kevin, yes, Motion approved. Jim went through all the Special Meeting Act by which all of the monies get approved. Copies of these can be picked up at the Township.

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, Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Randy Viau's sign on the highway was shot at. He did report it to the Police Department.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

No comment

A motion was made to adjourn by Jim with Jerry seconding. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M. CST

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Mencinger, Township Clerk