

SPALDING TOWNSHIP  
POWERS, MICHIGAN 49874  
May 17th, 2023 - 6:30 PM

**These minutes are unapproved**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Shar was at our meeting addressing the dust on her road. Her and Bill spent their own money buying dust oil and after the first truck going down their road and it was gone. The Calcium Chloride is what the Township will be using and we will try and get the Road Commission to go over it to keep it moist and that would help. We are the first Township to order dust oil, and Jim will ride with the driver on the truck applying the dust oil to be sure it's done properly.

**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 Jim and was seconded by Chris. Chris 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 Chris and seconded by Cherryl.

**LIQUOR REPORT:**

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

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

*The Department responded to 4 calls costing 0 dollars in losses and spending a total of 5 hours and 57 minutes. 1 memo was submitted.*

Date: Wednesday, April 19th, 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. 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. We will be starting the ordering process.

## **CEMETERY/PARK REPORT:**

Most of our winter burials are done, we have one waiting for family and will be done when they can come this summer. One of our mowers needs to be repaired and they will pick it up this week.

The Park is open and we've had some campers already. Woodlawn School came and planted salmon into the river at Veterans Park. They do this every year and the kids enjoy doing it.

## **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**

Databases are all updated.

## **SHERIFF'S REPORT:**

No report was presented.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **GENERATOR**

Wolverine will start installing for our new generator on May 5/24.

### **FARMERS MARKET.**

The Community Market is starting out to a good start. Every week it gets a little better. It's at our Veterans Park, come and check out what the vendors sell.

### **HANNAHVILLE GRANT**

Jim submitted a grant for a platform at Veterans Park for \$15,000 and he has not heard anything back from Hannahville, Jim will look into that.

### **COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY**

The kids from North Central Schools came on Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> for Community Clean Up Day. Kids helped rake, clean windows, and painted at Veterans Park, the Township Hall, and at the Cemetery. Ms Pipkorn was the advisor with them and she

jumped right in and helped too. She pruned all the bushes at the Hall. A BIG Thank You to all the kids that helped, they worked hard and it made a difference.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **SALMON AND TROUT PLANTS**

Normenco Sportsmen Club planted Trout and the kids from Woodlawn School planted Salmon into the Big Cedar River.

#### **U.P. MACHINE TO BORROW OUR RLF FUNDS**

U.P. Machine has applied to Northern Initiatives for a loan through the Township.

#### **WE NEED GRAVEL CRUSHED FOR NEXT YEAR**

The Township has to look into getting gravel crushed for roads for next year. Darrel Cass will look into that for what we can do for next year.

#### **CAMERA'S NEEDED FOR THE HALL AND FIRE DEPT**

The Township is looking into getting cameras at the Township. Several things have had issues and also the State will be wanting cameras on the drop boxes for elections. We got a quote from Easy Tech Surveillance from Escanaba. They quoted \$5600.00 for 6 cameras. A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Cheryl.

#### **CRACK SEALING AT VETERANS PARK**

The Township received a quote from Draze Sealcoating to repair the cracks at Veterans Park. Jim made the motion to fix the cracks and seal the asphalt at Veterans Park, and was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried.

#### **COUNTY ROAD 388**

Bids came in at \$198,000 to repair, the quote was \$190,000. The Road Commission came back to \$194,000. Kloman Road we were told between \$44-45,000. The bid came in at \$46,100.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

We got a quote from Waleska for \$25,000 to build the Park Platform on the river at the Park and it'll be done by this fall. Jim made the motion to have Jeff do this and was seconded by Chris. The Normanco Sportsman Club donated \$5000.00. Jim Nowack installed a new door for the workshop at the Park.

Jackie questioned what the results were from cuppad on regulations but Jim wasn't able to attend and asked them to mail us all the info.

Jim had a report on dogs on LaBelle Road.

Sat before Memorial Day is going to be a work bee from 8-12 at the Cemetery, Please come and help out.

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

No comment

A motion was made to adjourn by Chris with Cherryl seconding. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M. CST

Respectfully submitted, Cherryl Mencinger, Township Clerk