

SPALDING TOWNSHIP
POWERS, MICHIGAN 49874
August 16th, 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, Kevin LaBonte and Chris LeBoeuf. Guests included: Dan Hammerberg, Jack Feak, Leon Felch, Jim Nowack, Gerald Kleiman, and Randy Viau.

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment

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 Kevin and seconded by Jim.

LIQUOR REPORT:

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

FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPT:

The Department responded to 3 calls costing \$12000.00 dollars in losses and spending a total of 2 hours and 54 minutes. 1 memo was submitted.

Date: Tuesday, June 20, 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 are working on the ordering process.**

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT:

All the burials from the winter and beyond are finished. Northgate had to do repairs on the John Deere and the Gravely mowers. Park has been busy with campers. Jim got the hand wash station working. The Park looks very nice and several campers expressed interest in returning again.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

The Tax Tribunal will be meeting on the 22nd, next Tuesday. Equalization offices will be closing Wed, Thur, and Fri of every week, to allow them to go in the field checking on assessments.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

No report was presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

GENERATOR UPDATE

Wolverine Power Equipment has had Master Electric finish wiring the generator. We have not yet paid them a final amount.

PARK VIEWING DECK

The Township has mailed a check to Walechka for 1/3 of the total bill of \$8500.00 to start installing the viewing platform at Veterans Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

DAMAGED YARDS FROM THE HIGHLINE FIBER OPTIC COMPANY

Chris met with Highline to discuss the yard clean ups. They created an email that you can contact Highline about your yard. The email is: spaldingtwptrustee@gmail.com. Jim Moraska called several of our state representatives to address this concern. The Township is still working on this issue.

BLACKTOP ETC. SCHEDULE

The Road Commission is hoping to finish 388 and Kloman Road this year. Darrell Cass, Road Commission manager, said county road 566 should be repaved. Estimated cost for the Township will be around \$315,000.00. A motion to move forward on this by Kevin and seconded by Chris.

CEMETERY DISCUSSION

We've had people move into our township and have inquired about buying cemetery plots in our cemetery after only living in the area for a few months. Requirement should be that they own their home and file homestead taxes to be considered as a resident. Proof of residence, at least 6 months, will be required.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS (ROLL CALL VOTE)

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Farmers Market at the Park will be Friday Aug 18th at 2:00 – 6:00 for the market and 4:00 – 9:00 for food. This is done by Jackee Schaff as a yearly thank you on her part. Plan on coming down. Jim Nowack commented about the “National Night Out” on all the activities put on by various departments in the county and how well it was presented. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

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

No comment

A motion was made to adjourn by Chris with Cheryl seconding. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M. CST

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Mencinger, Township Clerk