

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

These minutes are unapproved.

POWERS, MICHIGAN

MARCH 20, 2024 – 6:30 PM CST

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, Randy Viau, Dan Hammerberg, Larry Johnson, and Leon Felch.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The motion was made by Chris to approve the agenda with Connie supporting.

CLERK'S REPORT: All bills are up to date. Connie reported that we had 330 total voters in the Presidential Primary Election on February 27th. 179 were AV voters and 151 were in person voters.

Connie completed her election certification training and exam on March 11, 2024, and is now a certified election official through the State of Michigan.

The next clerk quarterly meeting for the county will be Tuesday, April 2nd.

A motion was made to accept the clerk's report by Kevin and supported by Chris.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jerry presented handouts showing the Township's monthly balances (check register) and the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget was discussed later in the meeting. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Chris and accepted by Connie.

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

FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPARTMENT: The department responded to 10 calls that lasted collectively a total of 15 hours and 2 minutes with average number of members being at 6. It cost \$0.

There was one training meeting that covered Wildland Tactics, Fire Operations, Communications, Human Factors and ICS. 8 members attended this training.

Equipment repaired and/or improved included: Ran #2 & #3 portable pumps, replaced battery on #2 portable pump, installed air eject E1, repaired rewind BT4 chain saw, fixed rear compartment BT4, repaired gasket on #3 portable pump and removed E1 electric eject and sent it back for replacement.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT: Platform is now installed. The next step is to have dirt brought in and seeded down.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: The March Board of Review meetings were held. There were some questions from taxpayers that were handled on the second meeting which resulted in a reduction of one poverty exemption. One item to correct recapping will go to the July Board of Review. The Board of Review was closed on March 14, 2024.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW MILLAGE FOR NEW FIRE TRUCK & RENEW MILLAGE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS: We are currently looking at placing two millage proposal items on the ballot for the August election. 1.) A renewal for fire department operation & 2.) A new millage for the purchase of a new fire truck. We reviewed the wording for the proposals. The Fire Department will be asking for one mill for a six-year renewal.

WATER ORDINANCE: This item was tabled.

COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE: We discussed a Cost Recovery Ordinance which would aid the township on covering costs incurred via public safety and/or fire emergency services. A condensed copy of the purpose of this ordinance will be published in the Luft's Advertiser. This Ordinance was passed by the Board and will be effective 30 days after its publication. A complete version is available at the Township Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

PETITION FOR ELECTION: All petitions for the upcoming election are available at the Township Hall or by contacting the Clerk. The filing deadline for candidates running as a Republican or Democrat is Tuesday, April 23rd. If a candidate is running as NPA (no party affiliation), they do not appear on the August 6th primary election. The deadline for NPA is Tuesday, July 18th. If a candidate is running for a village position, the deadline is Tuesday, July 23rd.

2% GRANT APPLICATION TO HANNAVILLE: A grant application has been sent to the Hannahville Indian Community requesting \$5,000 for construction of the park deck located at Veteran's Park.

BUDGET REVIEW: Connie and Jerry reviewed line items of the 2024-25 the needed adjusting. The new budget is currently set and ready to go.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS (ROLL CALL VOTE): A motion to pay the bill was made by Chris and supported by Kevin. Roll call vote: Chris, yes, Kevin, yes, Jim, yes, Connie, yes, Jerry, yes. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dan stated that he may apply for a %2 Hannahville Grant for the Fire Department.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris and supported by Kevin. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells

Township Clerk