

EXTENSION OF NOTICE OF BUSINESS CLOSING OR MASS LAYOFF

DATE: September 4, 2026
FROM: Matthew Brash, Chapter 11 Trustee
TO: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development
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Mayor Matt Zacher
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RE: **Update to Notice: Permanent Closing**

Sparhawk Trucking, Inc., and Sparhawk Truck and Trailer, Inc. (together, the “Companies”) are debtors in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case in the Western District of Wisconsin Case No. 1-26-10527-tml. The Court has appointed me as the Chapter 11 Trustee for the Companies. The Companies gave the required employee notices on June 1, 2026, and extended in July.

The Companies have been unable to find a buyer of the Companies’ assets as a going concern, operating entity. Accordingly, the Companies will begin their formal winddown process, which will lead to an equipment liquidation, beginning on September 8, 2026. Unfortunately, the total business closing will occur. The Companies will begin terminating employees on September 8, 2026, with the termination of seven office and thirteen shop employees, for a total of twenty employees. We estimate that the employee terminations will be completed in November. All terminations will be permanent.

This is a notice that is required by the Wisconsin Business Closing and Mass Layoff Law and the Federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (“WARN”) Act to be given to employees, and it is applicable to the Companies’ employees as defined under Wisconsin law. If you are not deemed to be an employee, it is not applicable to you.

There are currently seventy-four (74) employees of the Companies impacted by this Notice including 42 drivers, 16 shop employees, and 16 office employees. In an abundance of caution, in addition we are giving notice to our remaining 38 independent contractor drivers. The Companies will permanently close all operations resulting in separation of all seventy-four employees.

In addition, notice is hereby provided that pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes § 109.175 that health insurance and other benefits for employees and their dependents will cease at the time of their termination, except as may otherwise be extended under the law (COBRA) to continue those health insurance benefits at your own expense.

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and the 11 Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) throughout state work together to assist employees affected by business closings and layoffs. The services, programs, and benefits provided by DWD and the WDBs to dislocated workers are free of charge and intended to help you get back to work. The Workforce Development Board serving Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin is the North Central Workforce Development Board, 2801 Hoover Rd., Unit 1A, Stevens Point, WI 54481. In addition, assistance may be provided at:

North Central Job Centers
McMillan Memorial Library Outreach Site
490 E. Grand Ave.
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
northcentraljobcenters@dwd.wisconsin.gov
(715) 679-5614

Dislocated Worker Program
Forward Service Corporation
2811 8th Street South Suite 60
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
cnicklaus@fsc-corp.org
(715) 204-2374

The DWD website, <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dislocatedworker/>, is a helpful resource that provides information about the types of programs, benefits, and services that may be available to laid off workers.

The names and addresses of the employment sites where the business closing will occur are:

Sparhawk Trucking, Inc.: 2321 W Grand Ave, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
Sparhawk Truck and Trailer, Inc.: 421 25th Ave N, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

Please contact me if you need additional information at Sparhawkbk11@newpointadvisors.us or by phone at (715) 303-1299.

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