

# Springvale Township

## 2021 Newsletter



### Supervisor Notes

Five months into the job, here are a few thoughts:

First, I'd like to applaud the accomplishments of my predecessor, TOM WHIPP—my friend and neighbor. I inherited the results of a man's outstanding leadership of Springvale Township. Look at our physical plant setting on acreage off Mitchell Road—one of the most beautiful and functional township facilities in the county. Early on I was made aware of Tom's diligence in getting our township road system from a lowly 1/3 bottom position in Emmet County to one in the top 1/3. Just one of many township accomplishments to bear his signature. Again, thank you, Tom, for your many years of leadership in Springvale Township. You did leave me very "big shoes" to fill.

Also, I welcome Kyle Ulrich as Springvale Township Board's newly elected and very qualified trustee. Early on Kyle has shown willingness to bring his expertise in IT issues to the forefront to rescue IT-challenged individuals such as myself.

Duane Dunshee is our newly-appointed sexton for Curtiss and Joy Cemeteries. We are blessed to have such an experienced and trusted individual at the helm going forward. Also, many thanks to Jason Smith for stepping in as interim sexton last fall and picking up the pieces when the untimely accident took the life of our long-tenured sexton, Delbert Dunshee.

On the home front, my resume for the supervisor position is this. While I was growing up my father, Frank McCune, was involved as a village administrator in our Ohio town; his last 30-plus years he was assistant city manager and director of public works for the City of Petoskey. Appears that public service is in my DNA. My educational background is a BA in Biology from Adrian College and a MA in Parks and Recreation Administration from Central Michigan University. My first job was as a teacher in Wolverine Community Schools and later as an elected member of the Wolverine School Board. To finish out my working career I **was** an award-winning professional outdoor photographer and gallery owner. For the last 32 years my lovely wife, Pat, and I have lived on our Pickerel Lake Road farm where we raised our 5 children.

I'm open to listening to concerns you have regarding our beautiful township. Best to all, Randy McCune

The **Springvale Township Lake Levels Committee** was officially formed in 2012 due to repeated high water levels on Crooked and Pickerel Lakes creating widespread erosion issues. The original committee members were Bob Stark, John Hoshaw, and myself. John Hoshaw moved downstate and unfortunately Bob Stark recently passed away. Joel Kato, Crooked Lake resident, has been appointed to fill Bob's vacancy. The committee is tasked to monitor lake levels on Pickerel and Crooked Lakes and record the water levels daily. Currently we are recording the gauge levels at the Crooked River Lock, both upstream and downstream, Minnehaha Creek gauge, Cheyboygan Lock and will be adding an unofficial gauge reading on Pickerel Lake. We are also recording the average daily temperature and daily precipitation amounts. The monthly Hydrologic Monitoring Measurement chart will be available on the Springvale Township website. The Crooked River lock is owned by the United States Army Corp of Engineers and operated under lease by Emmet County. To reduce the effects of ice damage and erosion the ACOE has mandated levels for the lock:

1. Raise lake level to elevation 595.40 (IGLD 1985) by 27 May, and hold 595.4 ft. or as near as possible thru 30 September.
2. After November 1, open gates and draw the lake down to the maximum possible, leaving the gates fully open throughout the winter as long as conditions allow.

If anyone has had or is currently experiencing problems with erosion please contact Bill Shorter at [williamshorter@hotmail.com](mailto:williamshorter@hotmail.com)

\* Please check out our **Little Free Library** outside the Township hall entrance. Donations are always welcome \*

**In memory of our longstanding Fire Chief Robert Stark, we are dedicating a sign in his honor at the Springvale Township Fire Department. We are thankful for all of his hard work and dedication to the Fire Department over his many years of service.**

### Treasurer Info:

Tax bills are sent out every July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you do not receive your tax bills within these months, please contact me. Summer taxes are due September 14<sup>th</sup> and winter taxes due February 14<sup>th</sup>. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, all unpaid taxes need to be paid to the Emmet County Treasurer.

Please make out your **tax payment check for the exact amount owed**. If paying by cash, the exact amount can only be collected. When paying after the due date, please call Dawn DeRue; Treasurer at 231-347-3077 or email her for exact total due. Please include your phone number on your check. If you qualify for a tax deferral, applications are available.

Also, if you would like a receipt please include a self-addressed and stamped envelope with your payment. A **drop box** is located near the mailbox at the hall for your convenience.

Don't forget to use the **recycle** stations at the back of the Township Hall to help keep our township clean. Pick up your free **voucher** for larger items to go to the Transfer Station. Please **NO** household garbage or large items that do not fit in the recycle receptacle. This area is being monitored by cameras. Emmet County Recycling Center phone # is **348-0640**. Vouchers are available for pickup on Tuesday mornings from 9am-Noon or Wednesday evenings from 6pm-9pm.at the Township Hall, or can be mailed if requested.

**FIREMAN'S AUCTION DATE: 07/09/21 AT 6 P.M.**

**If you have any "sellable" items you wish to donate, please contact Mitch at 231-838-4797.** Also, our Fire Department is accepting applications for new membership. Please contact Fire Chief Ed Sutfin for details.

**Board Meetings** are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month and the **Planning Committee** meets each 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at the Springvale Town Hall at 7:30 P.M.

We have **2** cemeteries in Springvale Township; **Curtiss Cemetery** off of Ellsworth Road and **Joy Cemetery** off of Maxwell Road. If there are any individuals buried in either cemetery that were veterans and do not have proper recognition, please contact Pat McCune at springvaleclerk@gmail so we can recognize their service with a flag and/or bronze plaque. There is no cost for this as the VA covers it. For any additional information regarding pricing and general rules please call the Town Hall at 347-3077 or the Sexton, Dwayne Dunshee 231-838-6183.

**Blight** issues can be directed to our OEO officer, Becky Fettig. She can be reached by email springvaleoao@gmail.com or call 231-548-5344.

*If you need a **Notary**, call Dawn DeRue, Treasurer, for hours of availability.*

The **Township Hall** is available to Springvale residents for a fee of \$50. A deposit of \$50 will also be required and returned after hall inspection. To reserve your date, please call **347-3077**. You may visit the web site to download and fill out the agreement forms. We are currently working on setting up a new website for Springvale Township, please bear with us as we implement all information: [springvaletownship.org](http://springvaletownship.org)

## Springvale Township Hall Directory

**TREASURER: Tuesdays 9 A.M. – 12 P.M. ASSESSOR Wednesdays 6 P.M. – 9 P.M.**

**ADDRESS: 8198 E. Mitchell Rd., Petoskey, MI 49770 PHONE: 231-347-3077 FAX: 231-347-3988**

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**TREASURER: Dawn DeRue**      springvaletreasurer@gmail.com      231-347-5602

**DEPUTY TREASURER: Marcia Hoch**      springvaledptreasurer@gmail.com      231-347-3077

**TRUSTEE: Beckie Fettig:**      231-548-5344      **TRUSTEE: Kyle Ulrich**      906-630-1564

**ASSESSOR: Emily Selph**      springvaleassessor@gmail.com      231-487-2456

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**ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT:**      springvaleoao@gmail.com      231-548-5344

**SEXTON: Dwayne Dunshee**      231-838-6183

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