

**SPRINGVALE TOWNSHIP
JANUARY 2020
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Springvale Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 7:35 PM at the Springvale Township Hall, 8198 East Mitchell Road. There were 10 visitors present.

CALL TO ORDER 7:30 PM by Township Supervisor, Tom Whipp.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL by Pat McCune, Clerk

Tom Whipp, Supervisor	Present	Becky Fettig, Trustee	Present
Dawn DeRue, Treasurer	Present	Julie Poquette, Trustee	Present
Patricia McCune, Clerk	Present		

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- **December 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes**
- **Payment of bills** – Pat McCune, Clerk
- **Clerk/Treasurer’s Report** – Pat McCune, Clerk and Dawn DeRue, Treasurer

Per Treasurer, Dawn DeRue, a 9 month certificate of deposit (CD) on deposit at St. Francis Federal Credit Union (SFFCU) is due to expire on February 10, 2020. Treasurer DeRue would like to roll the CD over for an additional 9 months. The CD has no penalty attached if withdrawn before 9 months.

Clerk, Pat McCune, made a motion to roll over the 9 month CD at SFFCU for an additional 9 months. Trustee, Becky Fettig, supported the motion. Board unanimously approved.

Motion made by Trustee, Becky Fettig, to approve Consent Agenda Items. Motion supported by Treasurer, Dawn DeRue. Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda Items.

VERBAL REPORTS

- **Springvale Township Fire Department (STFD)** – Robert Stark, Fire Chief
 - STFD January 2020 Drill focused on search and rescue.
 - STFD received a check for \$300 from North Central Michigan College for the purchase of 6 self-contained breathing apparatus that are no longer used by STFD.
 - Firefighter, Katie Lepird, resigned following her move from Springvale Township.
 - STFD Safety Officer and President of the Springvale Township Firefighters Association, Mike Piehl, resigned.
 - Tyler Schmitt has moved back to Springvale Township and has returned as a member of the STFD
 - Ongoing intermittent issue with STFD phone lines has finally been repaired
- **Ordinance Enforcement Officer (OEO)** – Becky Fettig
 - Reviewed January 2020 Written Blight Ordinance Report

- **Lake Level Committee** – Bob Stark
 - Water levels are ½ inch lower than summer levels which are about 12 inches higher than previous winter levels.
 - Cheboygan Locks are open.
- **Emmet County Report** - Bill Shorter, Emmet County Commissioner
 - Jaws of Life funding (7 units/7 different departments) was not included in the initial proposed Emmet County Budget but this funding has recently been restored at \$1,000 dollars per unit/department.
 - Wheel Way from Petoskey to Harbor Springs has been closed due to erosion problems.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Update Springvale Township/Bear Creek Sewer Authority (STBCSA)**

No response yet to document drafted by Springvale Township Attorney, Katie Mott, which was sent to Little Traverse Township and Harbor Springs Sewer Authority to assure that Springvale Township billing and maintenance will remain the same if Bear Creek Township dissolves the STBCSA. Katie Mott recommends that no action occur until STBCSA responds to this document.

- **Secondary Roads Update**

Emmet County Road Commission (ECRC) has billed Springvale Township for the final payment on the Greenwood Rd. project. Since all items on punch list of remaining Greenwood Road items are not completed, Supervisor Whipp recommends that no further payment be made until all work is complete unless a Letter of Intent is received from ECRC. Board members agree that no additional payment should be made until Letter of Intent is received from ECRC which outlines remaining work on Greenwood Rd. and intent to complete.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Emmet County Road Commission (ECRC) – Supervisor, Tom Whipp**

ECRC annual meeting with Springvale Township to discuss construction projects and road issues will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at the ECRC Harbor Springs Office, 2265 E. Hathaway Rd at 6:30 PM. The meeting is open to the public. Supervisor Whipp recommends that all board members who are able plan to attend the meeting.

- **Approve Reappointments for Springvale Township Planning Committee**

Trustee, Becky Fettig, made a motion to reappoint, Position #2, Stan Royalty, for a 2 year term beginning January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2022. Motion supported by Clerk, Pat McCune. Board unanimously approved.

- **Emmet County Townships Association (ECTA)**

Supervisor Whipp reminded Springvale Township Board (STB) members about the next meeting of the ECTA which is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at the Littlefield Township Hall, 6200 West St, Alanson, MI. Meeting will begin at 7 PM.

- **2020 Projects**

STB discussed the following as possible 2020 projects:

- Cemetery Updates
- Emergency Generator for Fire Hall
- Paint Recycle Bin Fence behind Springvale Township Hall
- Update Springvale Township Hall Restrooms
- Repair any Springvale Township Hall windows that are in need of repair.

COMMENTS FROM FLOOR

- STFD Chief, Bob Stark, mentioned that fire hall reserve water tank may contribute to low water flow at Springvale Township Hall when the fire hall reserve water tank is being filled. Stark would like STB to consider having a contractor look at this to see if improvements could be made to improve water flow issue.
- Alyce Conrad, no ashes have been spread at Springvale Township Cemeteries with no record and/or request being made to Springvale Township.
- Bill Shorter, questioned if there was any follow-up from Jason Allen about possible grant money to assist with the cost of installing an emergency generator at the new Springvale Township Fire Hall and asked Supervisor Whipp to send any related correspondence to bshorter@emmetcounty.org

COMMENTS FROM BOARD

ADJOURN 8: 25 PM by Supervisor, Tom Whipp

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whipp, Springvale Township Deputy Clerk

_____, Springvale Township Clerk

Approved by Springvale Township Board on _____