

**SPRINGVALE TOWNSHIP
MARCH 2019
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Springvale Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 7:30 PM at the Springvale Township Hall, 8198 East Mitchell Road. There was one visitor 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	Marilyn Harris, Trustee	Absent
Patricia McCune, Clerk	Present		

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- **Approval of January 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes**
- **Approval of March 2019 Budget Hearing Meeting**
- **Payment of bills** – Pat McCune, Clerk
- **Clerk/Treasurer’s Report** – Pat McCune, Clerk and Dawn DeRue, Treasurer

Books balance however Clerk is working with Treasurer to ensure that all funds are posted to the correct accounts.

Motion made by Trustee, Becky Fettig, to approve Consent Agenda Items. Motion supported by Clerk, Pat McCune. Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda Items.

VERBAL REPORTS

- **Springvale Township Fire Department (STFD)** – Robert Stark, Fire Chief
 - STFD February Long Drill cancelled due to weather
 - STFD February Short Drill focused on self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)
 - Contract has been signed for purchase of SCBA using funds from a matching grant awarded to STFD by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
 - Jason Smith has been accepted as a member of the STFD.
- **Ordinance Enforcement Officer (OEO)** – Becky Fettig
 - Reviewed February 2019 Blight Ordinance Report
 - Reviewed March 2019 Blight Ordinance Report
- **Lake Level Committee** – Bob Stark
 - Locks are open
 - Lake levels are still being measured and are a bit lower than last year.
- **Emmet County Report** - Bill Shorter, Emmet County Commissioner

Supervisor Whipp attended last Emmet County Board Meeting and encouraged Springvale Township Board members to continue to support Emmet County Commissioner, Bill Shorter.

OLD BUSINESS

➤ **Emmet County Road Commission (ECRC)**

Supervisor Whipp was unable to attend the scheduled public Springvale Township meeting with ECRC however Supervisor Whipp and Clerk, Pat McCune, were able to schedule a meeting with ECRC Chief Engineer, Brian Gutowski to discuss Springvale Township roads. Per Gutowski, funding has improved and more primary road work will be done in the near future.

John Gray is the new ECRC Supervisor overseeing Springvale Township.

➤ **Berry Creek Road Contract**

ECRC bid for pavement of Berry Creek Rd. is \$114,000 in addition to an inspection fee of up to 10,000 dollars. Original estimate was \$130,000 plus an inspection fee.

Clerk, Pat McCune, made a motion to accept the ECRC bid for pavement of Berry Creek Rd. Trustee, Becky Fettig, supported the motion. Board unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

➤ **DT&E Energy**

Springvale Township Board discussed converting the following Springvale Township properties from propane to natural gas:

- Springvale Township Hall
- Springvale Township Fire Hall
- Old Springvale Township Fire Hall

Per Supervisor Whipp, the conversion would cost/require the following:

- Initial Hook-up: \$2,807 to run natural gas lines and install two meters, one for new Springvale Township Fire Hall and the other for the Springvale Township Hall and old Springvale Township Fire Hall.
- Springvale Township Hall: Convert forced air furnaces from propane, one in old section of building and the other in basement, to natural gas. Lyle May installed the furnace and is available to convert the current forced air furnaces to natural gas.
- Springvale Township Fire Hall: Convert boiler and forced air furnace from propane to natural gas. Top Notch installed the original boiler and furnace and is available to convert both to natural gas
- Old Springvale Township Fire Hall: Install new furnace
- Since propane hot water heaters cannot be converted to natural gas, new hot water heaters would need to be installed at all properties.

Trustee, Becky Fettig, made a motion to convert the Springvale Township Hall, new Springvale Township Fire Hall, and old Springvale Township Fire Hall from propane to natural gas. Treasurer, Dawn DeRue, supported the motion. Board unanimously approved.

➤ **Truestream Fiber Internet**– Great Lakes Energy

Clerk, Pat McCune, made a motion to sign up for Truestream Fiber Internet offered by Great Lakes Energy at the Springvale Township Hall and new Springvale Township Fire Hall. Trustee, Becky Fettig, supported the motion. Board unanimously approved.

➤ **Credit Card for Springvale Township**

Board discussed getting a credit card since current money card is more accounting work for Treasurer and some businesses will not accept the money card. Credit card will be used as follows:

- One card will remain in safe and will be checked out for use similar to current money card
- The following three signers would have access to use the card, Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer
- Single purchase limit on card is 2,500

Clerk, Pat McCune will fill out application for credit card at Citizens National Bank.

➤ **Renew credit card policy**

Tabled until April 2019 Meeting

➤ **Approve Springvale Township Budget 2019/2020 including 2019/2020 Springvale Township Compensation Policy#2019030501**

Clerk, Pat McCune, made a motion to approve the Springvale Township Budget 2019/2020 including the 2019/2020 Springvale Township Compensation Policy#2019030501. Trustee, Becky Fettig, supported the motion. Board unanimously approved.

➤ **Amend Springvale Township Budget 2018/2019**

Trustee, Becky Fettig, made a motion to amend the Springvale Township 2018/2019 Budget as outlined in the March 2019 Standard Budget Report. Clerk, Pat McCune, supported the motion. Board unanimously approved.

➤ **2019/2020 Springvale Township Millage Resolution #2019030502**

Clerk, Pat McCune, made a motion to accept the 2019/2020 Springvale Township Millage Resolution #2019030502. Treasurer, Dawn DeRue, supported the motion. Board unanimously approved.

➤ **2019/2020 General Appropriation Act Resolution#2019030503**

Trustee, Becky Fettig, made a motion to accept the 2019/2020 General Appropriations Act Resolution#2019030503. Clerk, Pat McCune, supported the motion. Board unanimously approved.

COMMENTS FROM FLOOR

Question from Alyce Conrad:

What areas within Springvale Township are DT&E Energy offering natural gas hook ups and how many residents have signed-up? Per Supervisor Whipp, DT&E Energy will be offering natural gas hook up to an area on Mitchell from Blanchard to Silver Creek and on Pickerel Lake Rd. from Channel to Botsford Rd. This area represents about 325 potential customers and approximately 175 residents have already signed up.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD

ADJOURN 8:23 PM by Supervisor, Tom Whipp

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whipp, Springvale Township Deputy Clerk

_____, Springvale Township Clerk

Approved by Springvale Township Board on _____