

**SPRINGVALE TOWNSHIP  
JULY 2019  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Springvale Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, 7:30 PM at the Springvale Township Hall, 8198 East Mitchell Road. There were 7 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		
Patricia McCune, Clerk	Present		

**SPRINGVALE/BEAR CREEK SEWER AUTHORITY** – Bear Creek Supervisor, Denny Keiser, and Springvale Bear Creek Sewer Board Member, George Schoene

Denny Keiser and George Schoene made a proposal to the Springvale Township Board to dissolve the Springvale/Bear Creek Sewer Authority. Per Supervisor Whipp, Springvale Township Attorney has reviewed the document provided by Keiser and Schoene and Springvale Township Board members have received copies for their review. Supervisor Whipp would like to have further discussion with Springvale Township Board members before making a decision. This item will be placed on the August 2019 Regular Board meeting agenda. Bear Creek would like a decision before the end of the year.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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 June Short Drill focused on pump training.
  - STFD July Drill canceled due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - DNR grant paperwork has been submitted, STFD is waiting for disbursement of awarded money.
  - STFD worked with Emmet County Road Commission (ECRC) to place steps at the fill site on Maxwell Rd. Slight adjustments were made at site to prevent damage from run-off water. Jason Smith will be landscaping the area to further protect the area. .
  - STFD will be holding annual auction on Friday, July 12, 2019, 6:00 PM at Springvale Township Fire Hall.

- **Ordinance Enforcement Officer (OEO)** – Becky Fettig
- Reviewed July 2019 Blight Ordinance Report
- **Lake Level Committee** – Bill Shorter

Water levels are above mandated levels. Gates are closed during the day and are being opened at 9PM which does not allow enough time to lower the water levels. It is about ¾ “higher than mandated level.

- **Emmet County Report** - Bill Shorter, Emmet County Commissioner

Emmet County will place additional millage on a November ballot to support the Emmet County Emergency Medical System.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Emmet County Township Association (ECTA) Meeting**

July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Jones Landing at 6PM, meeting starts at 7PM

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Amend 2019/2020 Springvale Township Budget – Election Supplies**

Trustee, Becky Fettig, made a motion to amend the 2019/2020 Springvale Township Budget, Election Supplies, \$1,100.00 to reflect the need to purchase a new Dell computer with a Windows 10 operating system, to comply with Michigan Board of Elections, Electronic Poll Book standards. Treasurer, Dawn DeRue, supported the motion. Board unanimously approved.

- **Amend 2019/2020 Springvale Township Budget – Line item for Capital Outlay**

Trustee, Becky Fettig, made a motion to amend the 2019/2020 Springvale Township Budget to reflect the need to transfer \$15,000 from the General Fund to Capital Outlay to cover the expenses billed from Top Notch Plumbing and Heating for work at the old and new fire hall to convert to natural gas heating and install a new furnace in the old fire hall. Clerk, Pat McCune, supported the motion. Board unanimously approved.

- **Springvale Township Trustee Vacancy**

Since Springvale Township Board was unable to select a trustee, by a majority vote, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Trustee, Marilyn Harris, despite three ballots at the June 2019 Springvale Township Regular Board Meeting. A ballot was drawn from a basket by Emmet County Commissioner, Bill Shorter, to determine which candidate, Becky Brosseau or Julie Poquette, would be appointed as a Springvale Township Trustee to fill the remainder of the term vacated by Marilyn Harris. The name drawn by Bill Shorter was Julie Poquette.

**COMMENTS FROM FLOOR**

Brenda Brosseau expressed concerns over the process and delays that occurred when trying to contact the Springvale Township Sexton to arrange the burial of her father, Howard Smith, along with fellow Springvale Township resident and family friend, Dave. Becky’s husband buried both sets of ashes to ensure that burial occurred before Memorial Day. Per Becky, family should receive a document from the township regarding where

the remains are buried. Becky will send a letter to the Springvale Township Sexton and Supervisor Whipp stated that he would also be contacting the Springvale Township Sexton.

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD**

**ADJOURN** 8:30 PM by Supervisor, Tom Whipp

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whipp. Springvale Township Deputy Clerk

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Approved by Springvale Township Board on \_\_\_\_\_