

SPRINGVALE TOWNSHIP
November 14, 2023
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Springvale Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 7:00 PM, at the Springvale Township Hall, 8198 East Mitchell Road. There were ten visitors present.

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM by Township Supervisor, Randy McCune.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL by Pat McCune, Clerk

Randy McCune, Supervisor	Present	Becky Fettig, Trustee	Present
Dawn DeRue, Treasurer	Present	Kyle Ulrich, Trustee	Present
Patricia McCune, Clerk	Present		

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of the October Board Meeting minutes: Dawn DeRue requests the following information be added to the October minutes under “Clerk and Treasurer’s Report” in relation to the 25-month CD: 4.5% earned interest at St. Francis Credit Union.

Payment of bills: no comments

Clerk and Treasurer’s Report:

Pat McCune made a motion to transfer \$100,000, from General Fund to a new \$100,000 CD account to be opened at First Community Bank with authorized signers to be Dawn DeRue, Treasurer, and Patricia McCune, Clerk. Motion was seconded by Becky Fettig.

Roll call vote as follows:

Randy McCune, Supervisor	Yes	Patricia McCune, Clerk	Yes
Dawn DeRue, Treasurer	Yes	Becky Fettig, Trustee	Yes
Kyle Ulrich, Trustee	Yes		

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items was made by Becky Fettig and seconded by Kyle Ulrich. Unanimously approved.

VERBAL REPORTS

Ordinance Enforcement Officer (OEO): Becky Fettig, OEO Office, see attached report.

Fire Dept. Report: Joy Cemetery water reserve tank is completed.

Lake level reports: Randy McCune reported all is stable.

OLD BUSINESS

Maple Tree: The Road Commission has over-ruled the township and the maple tree on Heaton Road will be removed.

Roy Road -Ellsworth Rd. Discussion: Randy is chairing this community discussion. There is a set of documentation paperwork submitted to the Board. Randy presented the basic synopsis, verbally. Financing was discussed openly for the attendees. Mrs. Goetz made a presentation from the Roy Road residents’ perspective. The use of the road by the school busses is a critical piece of this decision. She also emphasized that area residents use the road for recreational vehicles. Pat

McCune, Kyle Ulrich, Becky Fettig, Randy McCune address several of the issues. Mark Adkins, resident of Roy Road, echoed concerns expressed previously. John and Becky Bruinslot also expressed support for completing Roy Road.

DeKevin Thornton expressed concern for contributing finances to Ellsworth Road as it is an Emmet County designated road. Randy requests a motion to be created and each road voted on separately. Pat McCune moved for completion of Roy Road in 2024, Dawn DeRue seconded.

Roll call vote as follows:

Randy McCune, Supervisor	Yes	Patricia McCune, Clerk	Yes
Dawn DeRue, Treasurer	Yes	Becky Fettig, Trustee	Yes
Kyle Ulrich, Trustee	Yes		

Pat McCune moved that Option#2--Ellsworth Road \$387,900.00 also be a Road Project for 2024. Becky Fettig seconded.

Roll call vote as follows:

Randy McCune, Supervisor	Yes	Patricia McCune, Clerk	Yes
Dawn DeRue, Treasurer	Yes	Becky Fettig, Trustee	Yes
Kyle Ulrich, Trustee	Yes		

ARPA Funds: Pat McCune shared an attachment on the status of the ARPA Funds. Becky Fettig made a motion to use ARPA funds for the portion of the Township Park Project that was not paid for by the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation Grant (of \$15,000) which amounts to a balance of \$17,577.19. Kyle Ulrich seconded.

Roll call vote as follows:

Randy McCune, Supervisor	Yes	Patricia McCune, Clerk	Yes
Dawn DeRue, Treasurer	Yes	Becky Fettig, Trustee	Yes
Kyle Ulrich, Trustee	Yes		

New Business

Township Park Sign/Deer Crossing sign: The creation of three signs were discussed—one at the entrance of Township Park and two “Deer Crossing” signs (one for each direction before the hill on Pickerel Lake Road before Ellsworth Road going East). The cost for all three signs is \$382.67.

Becky Fettig made a motion to approve this purchase and pay the cost out of ARPA funds.

Pat McCune seconded.

Roll call vote as follows:

Randy McCune, Supervisor	Yes	Patricia McCune, Clerk	Yes
Dawn DeRue, Treasurer	Yes	Becky Fettig, Trustee	Yes
Kyle Ulrich, Trustee	Yes		

Assessment Roll for Berry Creek HOA and Trails End Sewer Special Assessment: Kyle Ulrich made a motion to accept the Warrant for Collection of the Assessment Roll for Berry Creek Home Owner’s Association Special Assessment, Resolution Number 2023111401. Becky Fettig seconded.

Roll call vote as follows:

Randy McCune, Supervisor	Yes	Patricia McCune, Clerk	Yes
Dawn DeRue, Treasurer	Yes	Becky Fettig, Trustee	Yes
Kyle Ulrich, Trustee	Yes		

Becky Fettig made a motion to accept the Warrant for Collection of the Assessment Roll for the Trails End Sewer Special Assessment, Resolution number 2023111402. Kyle Ulrich seconded.

Roll call vote as follows:

Randy McCune, Supervisor	Yes	Patricia McCune, Clerk	Yes
Dawn DeRue, Treasurer	Yes	Becky Fettig, Trustee	Yes
Kyle Ulrich, Trustee	Yes		

Passer Rating: A handout was reviewed showing the rank of Springvale Township designated road conditions.

Compensation Policy-Election wages: Pat McCune would like to raise the hourly wage for election Workers, office workers, deputy clerk, and deputy treasurer explaining the need to do so. After discussion Becky Fettig made the motion to increase the hourly wage for election workers, office workers, deputy clerk, and deputy treasurer up to \$15.00 per hour. Dawn DeRue seconded.

Roll call vote as follows:

Randy McCune, Supervisor	Yes	Patricia McCune, Clerk	Yes
Dawn DeRue, Treasurer	Yes	Becky Fettig, Trustee	Yes
Kyle Ulrich, Trustee	Yes		

Election Budget: Pat McCune shared that due to changes in election proceedings, the budget item for election wages needs to be increased to \$4500.00; election supplies needs increasing to \$6,000; election printing and publishing needs to increase to \$1400; other election services and charges needs increasing to \$800. Becky Fettig moved to increase the budget for election wages to \$4500.00 and all other budget items according to the above listed details. Kyle Ulrich seconded.

Roll call vote as follows:

Randy McCune, Supervisor	Yes	Patricia McCune, Clerk	Yes
Dawn DeRue, Treasurer	Yes	Becky Fettig, Trustee	Yes
Kyle Ulrich, Trustee	Yes		

2024 Board Meeting Dates: Becky Fettig made a motion to accept the proposed meeting dates for 2024, Kyle Ulrich seconded. Unanimous approval.

Planning Committee Members: Pat McCune made a motion to accept the Planning Committee Term Schedule with current members committed to serving. Dawn DeRue seconded, all voted in approval.

Comments from the floor: Thank you from members of the public for our efforts.

Comments from the Board:

Adjournment: 8:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Rambow, Springvale Township Deputy Clerk

_____, Springvale Township Clerk
Approved by Springvale Township Board on _____