

SPRINGVALE TOWNSHIP
September 10, 2024
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Springvale Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 7:00 PM, at the Springvale Township Hall, 8198 East Mitchell Road. There were eight 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	Absent
Dawn DeRue, Treasurer	Present	Kyle Ulrich, Trustee	Present
Patricia McCune, Clerk	Present		

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of the July Board Meeting minutes: No comments.

Payment of bills: Review of check register to date.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report: Dawn DeRue commented that all accounts are in order.

Motion was made by Kyle Ulrich to approve Consent Agenda Items, and Dawn DeRue seconded. All present approved.

VERBAL REPORTS

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

There are seven open cases and one closed, currently.

Fire Dept. Report: Randy McCune reported on the fire department truck discussion—see below.

Lake Level Report: Dekevin Thornton reported that the locks have been functioning well all season. Usage has increased by approximately 2000 boats.

OLD BUSINESS

Road construction update: The junction of Artesian/Ellsworth was proposed for paving in 2025 costing \$54,600. Also, ECRC is working on a paving program for Maxwell Rd. from Mitchell south for 1.3 miles that will involve funds (estimated cost of \$300,000) from Springvale Township to pave ½ mile of that section. Kyle Ulrich made a motion that we accept the County's proposal for both road projects at the stated/estimated costs; Pat McCune seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: "yes" for 4 Board members, 1 absent..

Lawn Care and Mowing Bids: The Board discussed mowing bids that have been received.

Kyle Ulrich made a motion to accept Northern Lawn Services bid; Dawn DeRue seconded.

All approved.

Fire truck: The choice of truck was finalized by the Fire Department to be the HME pumper that Fire Department and Board were able to see in person a couple months ago. The Township Board agrees this was a better choice than the Sutphen option which would result in an approximate 4-year delay in delivery. The 40-year old current pumper has become unreliable as an emergency vehicle and parts to fix it are becoming increasingly difficult to find. The need to eventually purchase a replacement fire vehicle has been acknowledged by the Board for years. And financial monies have been saved for this purpose. This discussion concerns funding for the HME pumper—base price of \$803,159.00 and with needed accessories the total is \$857,616.48.

Springvale Township's auditor, Adam Caron, met with Board Supervisor Randy McCune, Clerk Patricia McCune, and Treasurer Dawn DeRue this morning (9/10/24). He has almost completed the FY 2023-24 audit and stated that the cash reserves and CDs in the General Fund, as well as any grants are sufficient to support the HME firetruck without taking a loan. Dawn DeRue briefed the Board and meeting attendants on these sources within the Township funds. The recommendation has been that a loan be avoided and the truck be paid for in full from grants and Township monies.

Trustee Kyle Ulrich, made a motion to move forward on the purchase of the HME firetruck from the funding sources described and listed by Dawn DeRue. Pat McCune seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: "yes" for 4 Board members, 1 absent.

50/50 Grant \$50 K: All agree to use this grant towards the new fire truck.

NEW BUSINESS

Painting Town Hall: General discussion concerning the many bids. Pat McCune, makes a motion that we accept the bid from Precision Painting; Kyle Ulrich seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: "yes" for 4 Board members, 1 absent.

Budget Revisions: Pat McCune detailed the budget items of concern. Pat McCune made a motion to increase the budget for cemetery services the remainder of the year to \$10,000.00 and to increase the office wages budget to \$1,200.00. Dawn DeRue seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: "yes" for 4 Board members, 1 absent.

Emmet County Road Commission Meeting Oct. 7th @ 7:00 PM--Road Commission offices meeting room.

15 K Grant Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation: The Board would like to use this opportunity to help fund accessories for the new firetruck. Kyle Ulrich moved to apply for the \$15K grant, Dawn DeRue seconded. All who were present approved, one absent.

Sign Purchase: Randy McCune detailed a list of replacement and new signs that he recommends. Kyle Ulrich made a motion to move forward with seven signs not to exceed \$350. Dawn DeRue seconded the motion. All approved.

Comments from the floor:

Richard Ginop detailed information from the County Level Ballot Recount Board—regarding August election—which was required in several Emmet County townships.

Comments from the Board:

Adjournment: 8:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Rambow, Springvale Township Deputy Clerk

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