

Springvale Township

2024 Newsletter



Supervisor Recap of 2024:

Hope all is well with the Springvale Township Family. How quickly the 2024 year has come and gone! The following bullet points will summarize some of the accomplishments within our Township this year:

- In partnership with Emmet County Road Commission (ECRC), we completed the paving of South Ellsworth Road—Mitchell Road to Pickerel Lake Road.
- Finalization has occurred for the long-term quest to purchase the HME firetruck to replace a 1980's pumper truck. With the foresight of current and previous Board Members and the past supervisor, Tom Whipp, the board has been able to earmark money through our Township Improvement Fund and other General Fund accounts, CD's, and grants to invest in a new truck. We are grateful for the careful financial planning allowing Springvale Township to pay up front the cost of this vehicle.
- This fall, the Board agreed to again partner with ECRC to start a partial paving on Maxwell Road for summer 2025. In addition, we approved a small paving project at the junction of North Ellsworth and Artesian Roads near the boat launch.
- This fall we had the town hall facility repainted to deal with weathering issues on its exterior.
- Currently, we are addressing an important facet of our township's history. Our two cemeteries have an ongoing need to update missing burial records. We are reviewing the written records, names on all of the tombstones, and looking at the ground-penetrating radar mapping data. If by chance you have knowledge of family, friends, or acquaintance that are buried with no identifying tombstones, we would like to know. Sometimes the only information Springvale Township receives is the burial date or cremation date without any birth or death dates. To establish accurate cemetery records this information is vital. Please provide this information to Sexton Duane Dunshee (231-838-6183) or Supervisor Randy McCune (231-622-1888)
- Also, please visit Springvale's "hidden jewel", Springvale Township Park, which is located on Township Park Road. This year we have revamped the park with a new gravel parking area, new grass and tree removal for new tables and benches, and also a canoe/kayak launch is available. A special thank you to the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation for your generous grant making this possible.

In closing, I would like to make a heart-felt **thank you** to all the folks who make Springvale Township such a "treasure":

Springvale Township's Fire Chief & volunteer firemen, Board members & staff, sexton, assessor and co-assessor, election inspectors, members of the Planning Committee and Board of Review, and also the residents of Springvale Township that make us such a valuable part of Northern Michigan.

A special expression of gratitude to Jim Scott who has dedicated his time as Chairman of, or been part of, the Planning Committee for many years as has Stan Royalty, both men are retiring from their long-held positions. Thank you both!!

Best to all for 2025, **Randy McCune**, Supervisor

Note from your Township Clerk:

Thank you to those who participated in all or some of Springvale Township's four elections in 2024—both residents and election inspectors! It was a very busy year for me, but without Maria Ginop who assisted me in numerous tasks-election training, set up & organization, scheduling, office/work mailings-I would have spent hundreds of more hours to accomplish all that had to be done. Thank you, All!

Patricia McCune

Treasurer Info:

Tax bills are sent out every July 1st and December 1st. If you do not receive your tax bills within these months, please contact me. Summer taxes are due September 15th 2024, and winter taxes are due February 16th 2025. On March 1st, all unpaid taxes need to be paid to the Emmet County Treasurer.

Please make out your **tax payment check for the exact amount owed**. If paying by cash, the exact amount can only be collected. When paying after the due date, please call Dawn DeRue; Treasurer at 231-347-3077 or email her for exact total due. Please include your phone number on your check. If you qualify for a tax deferral, applications are available.

Also, if you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed and stamped envelope with your payment. A **drop box** is located near the mailbox at the hall for your convenience.

Don't forget to use the **recycle** stations at the back of the Township Hall to help keep our township clean. Pick up your **free voucher** for larger items to go to the Transfer Station. Please **NO** household garbage or large items that do not fit in the recycle receptacle. This area is being monitored by cameras. Emmet County Recycling Center phone # is **348-0640**. Vouchers are available for pickup on Tuesday mornings from 9am-1pm or can be mailed if requested.

* Please check out our **Little Free Library** outside the Township Hall entrance. Donations are always welcome *

FIREMAN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY :

On December 20th, 2024, please attend our annual Christmas party! Starts at 6:00 P.M. at the Township Fire Hall with Santa arriving at 6:30. Snacks, beverages and toys for all!

Also, our Fire Department is accepting applications for new membership. Please contact Fire Chief Ed Sutfin for details or email: springvaletwpfiredept@gmail.com

Board Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month and the **Planning Committee** meets each 4th Monday of every month at the Springvale Town Hall at 7:00 P.M.

We have **2** cemeteries in Springvale Township; **Curtiss Cemetery** on Ellsworth Road and **Joy Cemetery** on Maxwell Road. If there are any individuals buried in either cemetery that were veterans and do not have proper recognition, please contact Pat McCune at clerk@springvaletownship.org so we can recognize their service with a flag and/or bronze plaque. There is no cost for this as the VA covers it. For any additional information regarding pricing and general rules please call the Town Hall at 347-3077 or the Sexton, Duane Dunshee 231-838-6183.

Blight issues can be directed to our OEO officer, Becky Fettig. She can be reached by email oeo@springvaletownship.org or call 231-548-5344.

*If you need a **Notary**, please call Dawn DeRue, Treasurer, for hours of availability at 231-330-5601*

The **Township Hall** is available to Springvale residents for a fee of \$50. A deposit of \$50 will also be required and returned after hall inspection. To reserve your date, please call **347-3077**. You may visit the web site to download and fill out the agreement forms.

Our Website address : springvaletownship.org

Springvale Township Hall Directory

TREASURER: Tuesdays 9 A.M. – 1 P.M. ASSESSOR: 1st& 3rd Mondays: 4 P.M. – 8 P.M.

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