

SPRINGVALE TOWNSHIP
January 13, 20226
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Springvale Township Board met in regular session on January13, 2026, at 7:00 PM, at the Springvale Township Hall, 8198 East Mitchell Road. Three visitors were present.

CALL TO ORDER 7:03 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 November Board Meeting Minutes: No comments.

Payment of bills: General discussions regarding line items.

Clerk and Treasurer’s Report: Dawn Derue advised, and Kyle Ulrich made a motion to renew the St. Francis Credit Union CD for three months for best percentage rate. Becky Fettig seconded.

Roll Call Vote: All said “Yes”.

Kyle Ulrich made a motion that the 4 Front Credit Union CD be changed to a 24-month CD for a better percentage rate; Becky Fettig seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All said “Yes”.

Dawn also advised, in preparation for FY2026-27 budgeting, that revenue-sharing income from the State of Michigan will be lower this year by about \$6000.00. Becky Fettig made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Kyle Ulrich seconded the motion. All said “Yes”.

VERBAL REPORTS

Ordinance Enforcement Officer (OEO): Becky Fettig reports 11557 on Pickeral Lake Road, show-cause hearing July 2025 needs to have the conditions in the minutes for this meeting.

Those conditions are included as follows:

11557 Pickerel Lake Rd. 5/29/24 A letter was sent regarding Sect.3:D junk, trash, and rubbish. 6/2/24 The owner called to see what all needed to be done. 10/7/24 An encouragement letter was sent. 11/11/24 Left a voicemail message. 11/11/24 Owner called back. He has ordered a new cover for the garage door and is working on finishing the yard before winter. 5/6/25 An encouragement letter was sent, a copy of their April-May report, and a new description of what needs to be dealt with on their property. 6/20/25 A “Show Cause” letter was sent for the owner to appear at the July 8, 2025 meeting. 7/8/25 The owner came to the meeting. He is going to put up a fence in the front of the garage, clean up beside the garage, and make a door to keep out the stray cats. 7/9/25 Pallet fence was put in front of the garage. 7/18/25 A pallet fence was put by the garage. 9/3/25 A temporary tarp was put up on the garage. 9/13/25

The owner has put up pallet fences by the side of the garage and higher ones in front of the garage. 11/7/25 An encouragement letter was sent.

Seven open cases and one completed.

Fire Department: Ed Sutfin reported on the current status of new fire truck, and the future of the truck that has been replaced—eg, advertising the old truck for sale. Two fire fighters retired in December. Their positions have been filled internally and there are two applications for the vacancies. Randy McCune shared that the fire department has a notification to give to residents regarding the use of CO2 Detectors in homes throughout the community.

Lake level reports: Randy reported that improvements continue at the locks.

OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery Policy #2026011301: Kyle Ulrich made a motion to accept the policy as presented with the addition that cremains must be buried in a non-degradable container, which will be added to point #5. Pat McCune seconded the motion. All members say “aye”.

Trails End Sewer-Ellsworth Rd.: Discussion takes place regarding how to move forward on the Spectrum drilling/boring damage to the sewer lines on N. Ellsworth Rd. occurring summer 2025. Spectrum has refused to acknowledge their responsibility in the sewer line damage and refuses to pay for the considerable cost of repair. Two residents are involved in the discussion with the Board members. Randy McCune will be moving forward with the case.

Marian Center case closed in Township Favor: Property taxes will be paid in all future years.

Show Cause Hearing: Becky did not receive an answer to the request for a particular individual to appear January 13, 2026 at Board Meeting—tonight—for Show-Cause Hearing. That person did not show up to this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Federal Mileage Rate-2026: Kyle Ulrich moved to accept the Federal Mileage Rate, Pat McCune seconded.

Roll Call Vote: All said “Yes”.

Seldon Road Repair Bid for 2026: Randy McCune and Kyle Ulrich will negotiate with Emmet County Road Commission to see if we can have an updated bid to repair and gravel Seldon Road instead of paving.

Road Commission Sealcoat Projects for 2026: Reviewed by the members and discussion moved to table any decision until February meeting.

FY2026-27 Compensation Policy #2026011302: Pat McCune solicited input for compensation changes. Dawn DeRue brought cost-of-living increases to the board’s attention. The emphasis was regarding the assessors. Pat McCune recommended a \$100 combined increase for assessors. Becky Fettig suggested an increase for Board members. A \$50 each per month raise was suggested for Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer. Kyle Ulrich recommended a review of the fire department call compensation. This will need to be determined after the FY2026-27 Fire Department budget revenues have been established. Kyle Ulrich made a motion for increases of \$50 per month each for Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer, as well as \$100 per month for assessors combined. Pat McCune seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All said “Yes”.

2026 Poverty Guidelines Resolution: Kyle Ulrich made a motion to accept the guidelines. Becky Fettig seconded.

Roll Call Vote: All said “Yes”.

FY2025-2026 Budget Amendments: Clerk brought the over-budget amounts of several line items to the attention of Board Members with proposed increased amounts in those budgeted items. Kyle Ulrich made a motion to **increase** the following items to the amounts noted:

101-101-958.000	\$3200.00
101-257-726.000	\$3500.00
101-567-702.000	\$4500.00
101-567-710.000	\$400.00
101-567-800.000	\$18,000.00
101-751-800.000	\$5700.00
206-336-937.000	\$45,000.00
570-536-930.000	\$5000.00

and to **decrease** the following item to the amount noted:

206-900-970.000	\$20,000.00
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Pat McCune seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All said “Yes”.

Comments from the floor:

Comments from the Board:

Adjournment: 8:38

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Rambow, Springvale Township Deputy Clerk

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Approved by Springvale Township Board on _____