

Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting call to order via ZOOM by Supv. Brian Moore followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance: Brian Moore, Kimberly Jones, Judy Wheelock, Keith Moore, Penny Nelson

Additions or corrections to the agenda by Board and/or audience. Clerk added Poverty Exemption Extension under New Business #4. **Motion to approve agenda with addition of Poverty Exemption extension by J. Wheelock; 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Moore. Carried.**

**Motion by K. Moore; 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Wheelock to approve minutes of the January 11, 2021 regular meeting. Carried.**

**Treasurer's report.** Deputy treasurer, Dick Hitchingham reviewed both the operating statement and balance sheet. Property tax income, plus the swamp land compensation.

**Motion by J. Wheelock, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Nelson to pay all bills presented using checks #8509 through 8529. Carried.**

**Fire department report.** Report received via email was distributed to the board. No comments.

**Library report.** January report distributed to board by Mr. Hitchingham. Library open six days a week by appointment.

**Correspondence.** Country Lines, Par Plan, EGLE letter, pipeline training, Carrot Top ad, local Revenue Sharing packet, Manistee Planning Dept letter about aerial photo levels of the township.

**Old business**

- Review of Brian Peterson's offer to purchase vacant lawn owned by township. Purchase agreement signed by Supv. Brian Moore. **Motion to adopt the resolution authorizing sale to Morris Peterson by P. Nelson; 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Jones. Roll call vote: Yes: Brian Moore, Kimberly Jones, Penny Nelson. No: Keith Moore, Judy Wheelock. Resolution adopted.**
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**SPRINGDALE TOWNSHIP BOARD RESOLUTION 2021-01  
RESOLUTION TO SELL 12733 SPRINGDALE ROAD**

WHEREAS Springdale Township owns the property at 12733 Springdale Road; and

WHEREAS, MCL 41.2 authorizes a Township, by Township Board resolution adopted by a majority of members serving, to acquire property for public purposes by purchase, gift, condemnation, lease, construction or otherwise, and to convey or lease that property or part of that property not needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems that the Township property described above is not needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act, MCL 211.78m, authorizes a township to make tax-reverted property available under the Urban Homestead Act, P.A. 127 of 1999, MCL 125.2701 to 125.2709, or for any other lawful purpose, along with other statutes that authorize townships to eliminate blight and promote economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems that it is in the public interest to improve and sell tax-reverted parcels, thereby reducing the number of tax-reverted properties within the Township and returning them to the tax roll, ensuring a healthy and growing tax base, stabilizing and improving neighborhoods, and promoting economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to sell the Township property described above; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined that the economic value of the public purposes stated above, the reduction of costs to the township and the financial value of the tax revenues resulting from the return of the property to private ownership, along with the sale price, equals fair market value for this property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board authorizes the sale of the Township property at 12733 Springdale Road for the price and consideration of \$22,000.

Motion to adopt this resolution made by Board Member, Brian Moore; Seconded by Kimberly Jones.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Yes: Brian Moore, Kimberly Jones, Penny Nelson

No: Keith Moore, Judy Wheelock

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.



Penny Nelson, Clerk

Date: February 8, 2021

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- At closing, the buyer will give the township \$22,000. Then separately, all expenses that the township incurred regarding this property will be deducted from this sum with the remainder being issued to the county.
  - 2. Reminder of budget discussion at 7:00 p.m. March 8, 2021 with the regular meeting at 7:30.

#### **New business**

1. Manistee County-wide 5 Year Recreation Plan and resolution. Asking the township to pay \$1,000 to cover staff expenses. Questions about how this would benefit our township need to be answered. K. Moore to question acquaintance in the Networks North operation about our concerns. **Tabled until the next meeting.**
2. **Motion to approve the Household Hazardous Waste Program renewal program by K. Moore; 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Wheelock. Carried.**
3. Campground information number to call. Agreed that these calls should go to the host.
4. Poverty exemption.

#### **2021 Springdale Township Board Resolution to Allow Extension of Poverty Exemption**

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act, MCL 211.7u, states that the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the supervisor and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under the General Property Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, a township board has the option under MCL 211.7u(6) to permit by resolution a principal residence granted poverty exemption from the collection of taxes in tax year 2019 or 2020, or both, to remain exempt in tax years 2021, 2022, and 2023 without subsequent reapplication for the exemption, provided there has not been a change in ownership or occupancy status of the person eligible for exemption, and may permit a principal residence granted poverty exemption for the first time from the collection of taxes in tax year 2021, 2022, or 2023 to remain exempt for up to 3 additional years after its initial year of exempt status without subsequent reapplication for the exemption, provided there has not been a change in ownership or occupancy status of the person eligible for exemption, if the person who establishes initial eligibility receives a fixed income solely from public assistance that is not subject to significant annual increases beyond the rate of inflation, such as federal Supplemental Security Income or Social Security disability or retirement benefits; and

WHEREAS, a township board also has the option under MCL 211.7u(8) to continue poverty exemptions granted for 2019 or 2020, or both, through 2021, if the assessor determines that a principal residence of a person by reason of poverty is still eligible for this exemption if, on or before February 15, 2021, the township board adopts a resolution that continues the exemption through tax year 2021 for all principal residences within the local assessing unit that were exempt in tax year 2019 or 2020, or both; and

WHEREAS, a township board may require the owner of a principal residence exempt from the collection of taxes to affirm ownership, poverty, and occupancy status in writing by filing Treasury Form 5739—Affirmation of Ownership and Occupancy to Remain Exempt by Reason of Poverty with the township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u(6), that Springdale Township, County, permits a principal residence granted poverty exemption from the collection of taxes in tax year 2019 or 2020, or both, to remain exempt in tax years 2021, 2022, and 2023 without subsequent reapplication for the exemption, provided there has not been a change in ownership or occupancy status of the person eligible for exemption, and permit a principal residence granted a poverty exemption for the first time from the collection of taxes in tax year 2021, 2022, or 2023 to remain exempt for up to 3 additional years after its initial year of exempt status without subsequent reapplication for the exemption, provided there has not been a change in ownership or occupancy status of the person eligible for exemption, if the person who establishes initial eligibility receives a fixed income solely from public assistance that is not subject to significant annual increases beyond the rate of inflation, such as federal Supplemental Security Income or Social Security disability or retirement benefits.

ALSO, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u(8), that Springdale Township, Manistee County, continues the poverty exemption through tax year 2021 for all principal residences within the township that were exempt in tax year 2019 or 2020, or both. The township board requires owners of a principal residence exempt from the collection of taxes pursuant to this provision to affirm ownership, poverty, and occupancy status in writing by filing Treasury Form 5739—Affirmation of Ownership and Occupancy to Remain Exempt by Reason of Poverty with the township.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Keith Moore,<sup>2nd</sup> by Board Member J. Wheelock Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye:" Brian Moore, Kimberly Jones, Judy Wheelock, Keith Moore, Penny Nelson  
No: None.

I, Penny Nelson, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Springdale Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at the regular meeting of said board held on February 8, 2021, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk

**Public comments.** 2-minute limit per person or group during public comments

**Brief board comments.**

Adjournment: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Penny Nelson, Township Clerk