

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.**

Meeting call to order by Supv. Brian Moore at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by K. Moore; 2nd J. Wheelock to add Healy Lake Campground playground equipment to the agenda under old business. Carried.

Motion by J. Wheelock; 2nd K. Moore to approve agenda with addition. Carried.

Motion by K. Moore; 2nd K. Jones to approve minutes of the November 8, 2021 regular meeting. Carried.

Fire department report. None.

Treasurer's report.

- K. Jones: Online payment of property taxes activated today. Operating statement and balance sheet not available due to ongoing QuickBooks problems. K. Moore commented that it was not right to not have these reports available to the public.
- **Motion by K. Moore; 2nd J. Wheelock to pay bills as presented using checks #8738 – 8763. Carried.**

New business.

- Board of Review vacancy. One member retired and spot needs filling. David Purkiss will replace Helen Lundquist. David Mitchell will be alternate member.
- Letter of support for Thompsonville to Kaleva trail grant request from NetworksNorthwest for ARPA funding approved.

Library report. Distributed to the board.

Correspondence. Michigan Focus, Country Lines, Community Fund request for money.

Old business.

- Playground equipment. K. Moore: last month the board approved another plan, but he presented another option that offers more features costing less and was already in production.
- Thrive – Marijuana/cannabis. William Mathes presented draft ordinances created by the committee, for both medical and adult use facilities. Questions: what baseline was used. Benzonia Twp. was used. Broken into two ordinances so that if the township didn't want one of them, the other would be not discarded. Other comments: election change from May to August, as no candidate for elected office would be on the May ballot; being unzoned leaves the

township vulnerable to misuse. Mr. Mathes commented that if zoning is important to the township, these ordinances should be tabled or not voted on by the public until zoning issues were resolved. Question whether a retail outlet could be associated with a grow facility; what is the difference between class A, B, and C licenses. Mr. Mathes: wants to open medical marijuana grow facility in Springdale Twp. with 10,000 plants which he said would currently yield \$32,000,000 a year.

Public comments. Fred Bolton, Patty Millard and Aubry Honeycutt: when will public see the drafts. Communication problems in general were expressed by audience. Question about where the trail would be developed and if it would cost the township any money.

Brief board comments. K. Moore mentioned Michigan Focus magazine which has an excellent article on the marijuana affects various townships. Copy of this article could be emailed to those that asked for it. B. Moore question: what would happen if the supervisor was unable to attend the meeting, or should we have a pro-tem rather than have the clerk run that meeting. Also, confirmed that the township is a general law township.

Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Penny Nelson
Springdale Township Clerk