

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.**

Meeting called to order 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: P. Nelson – Spectrum internet

Motion by K. Moore; 2nd J. Wheelock to accept the agenda with the addition of Spectrum internet.

Carried.

Motion by K. Moore; 2nd K. Jones to approve the July 10, 2023 minutes. Carried.

Treasurer's report.

- Treasurer stated that taxes are being paid with no problems. Presented the Balance Sheet and Revenues & Expenditures reports. **Motion by P. Nelson; 2nd J. Wheelock to pay all bills presented using checks #9245 - 9274. Carried.**

Fire department report. None.

Campground Host. Lisa Cypert. Presented revised rules to post which are easy to read and understand. She will print these on a large sheet of paper and post on the bulletin board. Question about adding solar lights in the outhouses. Will bring information and pricing to the next meeting. Asked about painting the inside of them and also to epoxy the floors in the spring. Two groups were banned from future camping. Site 6 will be closed until the problem trees in the site were trimmed. Township to produce a list of banned people that cannot follow the rules.

Blight Enforcement Officer. Kenneth Millard stated that cases on Vondra Rd have been cleared and one is pending; determination of payment schedule for cleanup. Braden property is partially straightened.

New business. Resolution on the attorney recommendation on placing lien on property.

**SPRINGDALE TOWNSHIP
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION 2023-4

Board member, Keith Moore, supported by Board member, Judy Wheelock, moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO ENFORCE STIPULATED COMPLIANCE ORDER

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2023, Manistee County District Court Judge Thomas Brunner, under Case No. 22-0080-ON-1 entered a Stipulated Compliance Order (“Order”) pertaining to the clean-up of

items determined to be junk or other blighted materials on property identified as 18484 Kurick Road, Thompsonville, Michigan owned by James Spayd (“Spayd Property”) pursuant to the terms of the Township’s Blight and Junk Ordinance No 2015-1; and

WHEREAS, Paragraphs 1- 5 of the Order require that a number of items of junk including old appliances, golf carts, debris, building materials, etc. be removed from the Spayd Property by May 1, 2023 and these items were identified in photos attached to the Order; and

WHEREAS, under Paragraph 6 of the Order, no additional items of junk were to be brought to the Spayd Property; and

WHEREAS, as of May 1, 2023, most of the items identified in the Order have not been removed, and additionally, new items of junk have been brought to the Spayd Property based upon observations of Township officials; and

WHEREAS, Paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Order allow “Springdale Township, through its employees, agents and/or contractors to . . . enter upon” the Spayd Property “to remove, or have removed, any junk remaining on the premises” without further order from the Court; and

WHEREAS, under Paragraph 10 of the Order, “Springdale Township is further authorized to charge all costs of the removal as a lien against” the Spayd Property; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to enforce the terms of the Order by entering the Spayd Property, removing the junk and charging the costs of clean up as a lien against the property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Supervisor, Township Clerk and/or the Township Zoning Administrator are hereby authorized to obtain estimates from at least one or more contractors of the costs to enter the Spayd Property, and to remove the items of junk identified in the Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one or more the foregoing Township officials shall return to the Township Board for final authorization to hire the contractor and to instruct the contractor to enter the Spayd Property and to remove the items of junk identified in the Order.

AYES: Keith Moore, Judy Wheelock, Kimberly Jones, Penny Nelson, Brian Moore

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by Township Board of Springdale Township at its regular meeting held on August 14, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. held at the Township Hall with a quorum present.

Dated: August 14, 2023

Penny Nelson

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Springdale Township Clerk

- Consideration of grant request to purchase ground radar for cemetery – Rebecca Parmer, grant writer, reviewed the scope of the grant request to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Two different ground penetrating radar machines and their capabilities described; to share this machine with other entities, Indian boarding schools, tribes, townships, etc. to locate, map, and identify long lost graves. **Motion by J. Wheelock; 2nd K. Moore to apply for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians grant for \$33,675.00. Carried.**
- Placement of a “little free library” from the Manistee County Library at the township hall. Board agreed that it was a good idea but where to place it.
- Form letter to use to permanently ban individuals from the campground. K. Moore asked that we request our attorney write up this letter.
- Internet service. P. Nelson explained that Spectrum made a sales call today to explain that their service is available now. Acentek is coming in but when exactly is a question. K. Moore will ask his contact and advise when that service would be available.
- Septic field is failing and needs to be replaced. Bids needed: Carpenter, Griz, Forbes, Kerby, Bonney, A.J. Excavating. Clerk to solicit bids.

Old business.

- Cemetery. Andy Saarm and Brian Moore updated the board on the progress made so far. The township needs to switch from deeds to certificates. Suggests that plots be sold individually. Also, pricing needs to be looked at too. By law, winter burials cannot be stopped but the cost for those needs to be adjusted. Can pricing be increased mid-budget?

Library report. July report to be emailed to board.

Correspondence. Library reports, conservation district, Honor State fee updates.

Public comments. April Birch commented on campground problems and family being removed from the campground permanently.

Board comments. None.

Adjournment: 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Nelson

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