

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.**

Meeting called to order by Supv. Brian Moore followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supv. B. Moore became sick and left the meeting. Clerk P. Nelson continued the meeting in his absence.

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

Additions or corrections to the agenda by Board and/or audience. Clerk: add electric service bid and assessor contract to new business. **Motion by J. Wheelock; 2nd K. Moore to accept the agenda with the additions. Carried.**

Motion by K. Moore; 2nd J. Wheelock to approve the March 11, 2024 budget minutes. Carried.

Motion by J. Wheelock; 2nd K. Moore to approve the March 11, 2024 to approve the March 11, 2024 regular board meeting minutes. Carried.

Treasurer's report.

- Treasurer K. Jones reports that she deposited \$238,000 into the money market account, leaving \$50,000 in the checking account, getting a better return. Motion by J. Wheelock, 2nd K. Moore to pay all bills using checks #9424-9449; 1475-1477. Carried.

Fire department report. Report distributed to the board. Clerk read the report aloud.

Blight Enforcement Officer. Kenneth Millard

- Reviewed the pending blight cases. Spoke with Manistee County about Braden's property. Spayd property is still blighted. Stated that what's needed is an ordinance to control the trailers and sanitary needs. The health department doesn't want to step in and assist with several properties. K. Moore: building codes enforcement needs to happen.

New business.

- Mike Szokola – Networks North. Presented a variety of options and level of services for zoning, costs, and support staff. Asked for a zoning opinion survey be completed by board and sent to him as soon as possible. Discussed the benefit of zoning and the problem with waiting to zone as current situation would be grandfathered.
- Katie Mehl – Manistee County Land Bank. Reviewed the purpose of the land bank which is to remove blighted properties and to get them back on the tax rolls. Also discussed brownfields, and how they could be restored to the tax rolls. Cannot just take properties but through foreclosures, donation or purchase.
- Review of cemetery rules and cemetery fees. The cemetery ordinance draft was also discussed but needs to be re-read, revised before adoption. Questions: how to transfer a gravesite within family members as it could be regarded as the estate's asset; how to prevent incorrect burials. K.

Moore stated that all the rules, fees and ordinance be held up until the whole board is present and in agreement.

- Campground opening. To open May 1, closing October 31, 2024.
- Manistee “Dirtbirds Club” regarding ORV trail changes. The group would like to speak to the board about road access for ORVs in the future.
- Electric service. Clerk explained the scope of the project to add more outlets, replace the main hall’s one ceiling fan, replace the fuse box. **Motion by K. Moore; 2nd K. Jones to accept the quote from Glen Lake Electric. Carried.**
- Assessor contract. Motion by K. Moore; 2nd J. Wheelock to ratify the contract between Springdale Township and Jared Litwiller for \$14 per parcel from 4/1/24 – 4/8/2025 for \$16,674.00 based on 1,191 parcels as of 4/9/2022.

Old business.

- Ground penetrating radar policy. Clerk explained that our insurance company is trying to figure out how to insure it as it’s a unique item.
- Resolution to retain township millage:

Resolution 2024 – 3

At the April 8, 2024 regular meeting of the Springdale Township board, a motion by Trustee, Judy Wheelock; 2nd Trustee Keith Moore: Resolved, to set the township millage for 2024-2025, retaining the same millage of 1.2684 and be adopted. Aye: carried. Nay: none.

Respectfully,

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- **Library report.** The March 12, 2024 report was distributed to the board.

Correspondence. Various advertisements, MTA Focus.

Public comments. Tracy Davis, Housing North. She asked that if we were interested, MSU Extension as an uninterested party, could discuss present zoning options, pros and cons, and talk through that process. She would be able to write a grant for \$50,000 if we decided to go to county zoning.

Board comments. K. Moore stated that he would be interested in this discussion as we need more but not the zoning like larger communities.

Adjournment: 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

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