

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, January 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Julia Stonestreet, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees James Buck, Joel Freehling and Brent Williams. Absent: Troy Ganton. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Fortress.

Guests: Julie Alexander, Mary Ley, Tim McEldowney, Russ Ratkiewicz, Cindy Sherwood and Ken Wyatt.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:05 p.m.

Julie Alexander reported as the County commissioner of District 5 that the county's first priority to hire a controller/administrator. She also asked all to check out the County website. Ken Wyatt asked that the county look into linking to township websites.

Expenditures. Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Freehling to approve the following expenditures for December. The General Fund expenditures #49790-49927 totaling \$51,697.35; Fire Department Fund expenditures #49792-49925 totaling \$30,468.09; Street Light Fund expenditure #49862 totaling \$5,204.68; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #49834-49925 totaling \$2,881.16; Sewer Fund expenditures #49821-49928 totaling \$73,103.55; Water Fund expenditures #49825-49928 totaling \$635.49 Trust and Agency expenditures #1981-1982 totaling \$48.00; Tax Fund #4647-4651 totaling \$6654.09. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Buck to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$99,668.18. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

Minutes: Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Freehling to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2010 regular board meeting; unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Gibbs to approve the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for December 2010; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for December 2010; the Senior Center Board minutes of December 8, 2010; Park Audit Committee minutes of December 7, 2010 and the Master Plan Committee minutes of December 29, 2010. The financial report showed the following balances as of December, 2010:

General Fund Cash	\$	85,576.03
Certificate of Deposit		346,567.92
Fire Operations Cash		(32,959.28)
Fire Operations CD		500,861.68
Street Light Fund Cash		(28,753.72)
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit		59,997.68
Building Inspection Fund		8,222.30
Building Inspection Fund CD		41,429.26
Historical Endowment Fund		0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD		29,118.32
Sewer Funds		742,607.72
Water Funds		368,275.81
Trust & Agency Funds		0.00
Current Taxes		<u>686,183.10</u>
Total		\$2,807,126.82

Unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

A. Police and Fire Reports. Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Buck to accept the police and fire report: unanimously approved

B. Zoning & Building Permit Reports. Motion was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Williams to accept the zoning and building report; unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. MTA Educational Conference On the recommendation of the Supervisor, Williams made the motion to approve up to \$1,200 for expenses for Stonestreet and Fortress to attend the annual MTA Conference. Freehling seconded the motion. Roll Call 6 yes: Approved.

B. Mileage reimbursement. On a recommendation by the Supervisor Buck made a motion to change the Township mileage reimbursement from \$.50 to \$.51 as per IRS guidelines. This was seconded by Freehling. Roll Call 6 yes: Approved.

C. Summer Tax Collection Fee – Treasurer Gibbs recommended that the Township continue the fee for collecting summer taxes for the schools at a rate of \$1.50 per parcel. Moved by Williams and seconded by Freehling to continue the fee at the current rate. Unanimously approved.

D. Annual Highway Permit and Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies On recommendation by Clerk Stonestreet a motion was made by Williams and seconded by Gibbs to approve the performance resolution required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for the purpose of obtaining a highway closure permit on M-60; unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Par Plan News

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Ken Wyatt asked about the report of the honor of Spring Arbor being designated one of the best places in the States to raise a family. Marston Fortress informed that board that he is investigating, for future reference, the best way to sell and buy new tractors and equipment for township maintenance

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Freehling to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.; unanimously approved.

Approved at the February 14, 2011 board meeting

Julia K. Stonestreet
Township Clerk