

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
MAY 12, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday May 12, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Julia Stonestreet, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees James Buck, Dave Herlein and Troy Ganton. Absent: Joel Freehling, The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Fortress.

Guests: Patricia Short, Kay Dunckel, Lloyd Ganton, Judith Ganton, Stan Lyon, Tim McEldowney and Russ Ratkiewicz. Julie Alexander-County Commissioner and Earl Poleski-State Representative.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:02 p.m. Stan Lyon requested information about the lagoon odor problem. Supervisor Fortress responded. Kay Dunckel and Pat Short presented the board with information regarding Lime Lake and requesting a letter of support for the Lime Lake Flow Project. Dave Herlein made a motion to draft a letter of support endorsing the Lime Lake Project. Jim Buck seconded the motion. Approved. Public Comment closed at 7:30 p.m.

Expenditures: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Herlein to approve the following expenditures for April: General Fund expenditures totaling \$50,626.68; Fire Department Fund expenditures totaling \$16,084.25; Street Light Fund expenditures \$3,911.83; Public Improvement Fund expenditures totaling \$977.19; Building Inspection Fund expenditures totaling \$2,751.81; Sewer Fund expenditures totaling \$78,206.17; Water Fund expenditures totaling \$756.11; Trust and Agency Fund expenditures totaling \$918.00. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Herlein to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$154,465.64. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

Minutes: Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Buck to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2014 regular board meeting. Approved.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Stonestreet to accept the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for April 2014; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for April 2014; Zoning/Building permit report for April 2014; Parade Committee Minutes of April 15 and 22, 2014; Senior Center meeting minutes of April 9, 2014 and Parks Committee meeting minutes of April 21, 2014. Approved.

The financial report showed the following balances as of April 30, 2014:

General Fund Cash	\$(38,890.17)
Certificate of Deposit	875,890.15
Fire Operations Cash	7,074.87
Fire Operations CD	1,015,953.28
Street Light Fund Cash	50,668.95

Street Light Fund MM	.00
P.I.F. Cash	(977.19)
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	139,222.88
Building Inspection Fund Cash	6,475.38
Building Inspection Fund CD	64,126.51
Trust and Agency Fund Cash	.00
Historical Fund Cash	.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	29,957.02
Sewer Funds	894,521.96
Water Funds	310,121.44
Current Tax Collection MM	(675.91)
Fixed Assets	2,000.00
Total	<u>\$3,355,469.17</u>

REPORTS:

Police and Fire Report: Chief Ratkiewicz reported on the month's activities and reported that e-ticketing is in use and seems to be working fine and that the Optimist Club honored police officers for their service. Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Herlein to accept the Police report. Approved. Chief McEldowney reported on the month's activities including "Serv-o-lution", Pancake Day and Township Clean-up day and future trainings. A motion was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Buck to accept the Fire report. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Safety Building: The supervisor recommended that the board accept the recommendation from Jason Covalle, architect, to accept the bid on the public safety building addition from Mercer and Co. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Buck to approve the bid from Mercer Co. at a cost of no more than \$429,100. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved.

Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Ganton to approve expenditures for technology, furniture and security/fire monitoring in the Public Safety addition of no more than \$37,100. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved.

History Books: Becky Cunningham, local historian, has had 1,000 Spring Arbor Township history books printed at her own expense. Ms. Cunningham has asked the township to repay her the cost of printing the books. She has supplied the Township with the figure of \$15,000. The eventual sale of these books will recoup the cost and add to the Historical Fund. A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Buck to repay Ms. Cunningham the amount of \$13,650.00 (the cost of the books less an amount already repaid to Ms. Cunningham) with a letter explaining how we came to this figure. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Buck to approve this expenditure. Roll Call: Yes-Buck, Ganton, Gibbs, Fortress and Stonestreet. No- Herlein. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Adjustment: Supervisor Fortress asked for a Budget adjustment of \$466,100 from General Fund to Public Improvement to cover the expected cost of the Public Safety Building Addition. Motion made by Herlein and seconded by Buck to approve the adjustment. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved.

Parking lot bumper blocks: The supervisor asked that the board approve replacement of parking lot bumper blocks at a cost of no more than \$810. Motion made by Ganton and seconded by Buck to approve the expenditure. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved.

Refusal of Foreclosed properties: The County sent a list of township properties foreclosed for taxes. A motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Buck to respectfully refuse these properties. Roll Call 6 yes. Approved.

Sign for Harmony Park: The supervisor asked for approval for the cost of refurbishing the previous township office sign to become a sign for Harmony Park at a cost of \$1,400.00. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Stonestreet to approve the expenditure. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved.

Senior Center Tables: Folding tables at the Senior Center are old, scarred and heavy. The supervisor would like to replace them with composite tables from Sam's at a cost of no more than \$700.00. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Herlein to approve the expenditure. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved.

Committee Appointments: Supervisor Fortress recommends the following committee appointments:

Jerry White	Public Safety
Joel Freehling	Park Committee
Todd Long	Park Committee
Craig Withrow	Park Committee
Randy Comfort	Park Committee
Tom Zeller	Mechanical Board of Appeals

Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Buck to approve the appointments. Approved.

MAMC Conference: Clerk Stonestreet asked for the approval for and expenditure of no more than \$800 to attend the annual Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks conference. Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Herlein. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Opened at 8:08 p.m. Earl Poleski-State Representative reported on state business including budgeting and road funding. Julie Alexander-County Commissioner reported on county issues including JDOT working with MDOT to replace guard rails; Lime Lake issue; Cascades renovation project and Fair Board. Tim McEldowney spoke of his support on the Lime Lake Flow project and the

Cascades renovation project. Caleb Runyon spoke of his support on the Lime Lake issue. Dave Herlein would like to send a thank you to the SAFMC for cleaning up the township during their "Serv-o-lution". He will also have a formal report next month on the Township Clean-up day. Colleen will send a thank you to the Modern Woodsman and the Girl Scout troop that help to beautify the Township Grounds. Julia Stonestreet thanked Dave Herlein for all his hard work in the Township's name for the clean-up days. Marston Fortress thanked Julie Alexander for her help in getting the bid from JDOT for Spring Arbor University in their desire to upgrade the roads around their property. Public Comment closed at 8:28 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Herlein to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Approved.

Julia Stonestreet
Township Clerk

Approved at the June 9, 2014 regular board meeting