

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 13, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, June 13, 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 David Herlein. Absent: Trustee Troy Ganton. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Fortress.

Supervisor Fortress added three additional items on the agenda: Approval of supplemental health insurance presentation to the fire fighters, Senior Center Committee appointments and presentation of Alternative Energy.

Guests: Becky Cunningham, Stan Lyon, Tim McEldowney, Earl Poleski, Sheriff Steven Rand, Russ Ratkiewicz and Ken Wyatt.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:02 p.m.

Supervisor Fortress introduced newly appointed Trustee David Herlein and welcomed him to the Board. Sheriff Rand introduced himself and stated that all were welcome to contact him at any time. Representative Poleski reported that the state is working hard – budget, emergency managers, teacher tenure and the Bridge in Detroit. He will be having an open forum on June 28 regarding the bridge question in downtown Jackson. All are welcome. Public comment closed at 7:07 p.m.

Expenditures. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Buck to approve the following expenditures for May. The General Fund expenditures #50241-50346 totaling \$64,850.82; Fire Department Fund expenditures #50238-50346 totaling \$14,905.29; Street Light Fund expenditure #30302 totaling \$5,376.17; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #50245-50346 totaling \$1,787.75; Sewer Fund expenditures #50238-50346 totaling \$89,441.30; Water Fund expenditures #50246-50346 totaling \$1,252.18. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Freehling to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$42,051.30. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

Minutes: Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Gibbs to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2011 regular board meeting; unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Gibbs to approve the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for May 2011; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for May 2011; the Senior Center Board minutes of May 11, 2011; and the Public Safety Committee Minutes of May 4, 2011. The financial report showed the following balances as of May 2011:

General Fund Cash	\$ (3,880.61)
Certificate of Deposit	342,636.76
Fire Operations Cash	8,147.77
Fire Operations CD	929,868.05
Street Light Fund Cash	10,973.74
P.I.F. Cash	6,176.61
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	56,454.87
Building Inspection Fund Cash	5,434.29
Building Inspection Fund CD	44,660.17
Historical Endowment Fund Cash	0.00

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Sewer Funds	772,323.42
Water Funds	380,106.25
Trust & Agency Funds	48.00
Current Taxes	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$2,582,424.36

Unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

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

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

Supervisor Report: Advised the board that at Gallagher Park the electrical improvements have been installed and no problems have arisen due to the bathrooms being opened. Also thanked Colleen Gibbs on a job well done planting flowers around the Township buildings.

NEW BUSINESS:

PA 116 Farmland Preservation Approval: Clerk Stonestreet presented requests of renewal of the PA116 for parcels in the township. A motion to approve the PA116 for the parcels owned by DeGlee was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Buck. Approved. A motion to approve the PA116 for the parcels owned by Sears was made by Freehling and seconded by Stonestreet. Approved.

Legacy Donation: A donor who wishes to remain anonymous would like to prepare to gift property to the township. He would like the township to sign an agreement that we would accept the gift under the terms of his trust and will: to maintain it as an historic sight with the maintenance expenses coming from the donor's gift. ~~A motion was made for Supervisor Fortress to sign~~ Recommendation was made by Supervisor Fortress to accept the donor's terms. ~~Motion mad~~ The motion was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Herlein. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved.

Resignations from the Planning Commission: A motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Buck to accept, with regrets and thanks, the resignation of Robert Poole from the Planning commission. Approved. A motion was made by Buck and seconded by Freehling to accept, with regrets and thanks, the resignation of Troy Ganton from the Planning commission. Approved.

Committee Appointments: Supervisor Fortress submitted a list of appointments for committees for approval.

Mechanical Board of Appeals	Jack Ripstra	6/30/16
Park Committee	Colleen Gibbs	5/31/14
	Todd Long	5/31/14
	Randy Comfort	5/31/14
Plumbing Board of Appeals	Jack Ripstra	6/30/16
Budget Committee	Joel Freehling	12/31/11
Audit Committee	Joel Freehling	12/31/11
Public Safety Board	Ken Melville	6/30/16
	Jeremy Burns	6/30/14
Historical Fund Committee	Troy Ganton	6/30/14

Planning Commission	Jeff McGraw	2/28/14
Senior Center	Gary Clayton	5/31/14
	Carl Jacobson	5/31/14
	Barbara Pohanka	5/31/14

Motion was mad by Freehling and seconded by Herlein. Approved

Change of status on Commissions: It was recommended by Fortress that the Supervisor's position on the Budget, Audit, Public Safety and Sewer/Water Committee be changed to "Ex Officio". A motion was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Freehling to approve this change. Approved. It was also recommended that the Clerk be "Ex Officio" member of the Budget committee. A motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Buck to approve this change. Approved.

Committee Dissolutions: It was recommended that the Compensation Committee and Ogle Park Committee be dissolved. Motion by Herlein and seconded by Stonestreet. Approved.

AFLAC for Firefighters: Patti Michels of AFLAC, our township agent, asked permission to speak to the firefighters to see if there was an interest in this insurance. This would be directly between AFLAC and the insured. Buck made a motion to allow AFLAC to contact the paid-on call firefighters. Freehling seconded the motion. Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you letters to the Police Department and Fire Department

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Colleen Gibbs announced that there will be on line payment capability through ACH by July 1.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Stonestreet to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.; unanimously approved.

Approved at the July 11, 2011 board meeting

Julia K. Stonestreet
Township Clerk