

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, August 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Julia Stonestreet, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees Joel Freehling, Troy Ganton and David Herlein. Absent: James Buck. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Fortress.

Guests: Mary Ley, Stan Lyon, Tim McEldowney, Mel Rice, Russ Ratkiewicz, and Ken Wyatt, Jackson Citizen Patriot.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:03 p.m.

Mel Rice spoke to the board about the possibility of new outdoor lighted Christmas decorations for the township. The current ones are over 24 years old and difficult to fix. Comments from the Master Plan Survey indicated that there is an interest from the constituents to see them replaced also. After sharing pictures, costs and ideas for raising funds the board added the request for support under new business.

Expenditures. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Herlein to approve the following expenditures for July: The General Fund expenditures #50470-50557 totaling \$49,860.34; Fire Department Fund expenditures #50473-50557 totaling \$16,541.84; Street Light Fund expenditure #50504 totaling \$5404.44; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #50479-50545 totaling \$4,578.13; Sewer Fund expenditures #50477-50546 totaling \$57,864.38; Water Fund expenditures #50479-50546 totaling \$36,169.06; Trust and Agency expenditures #1989-1991 \$93.00; Current Tax Collection #4726-4730 \$237,132.81 . Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Herlein to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$114,267.37. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

Minutes: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Herlein to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2011 regular board meeting with corrections; unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by ~~Buck~~ Freehling to approve the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for July 2011; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for July 2011; and the planning commission minutes of July 19, 2011 with corrections; police and fire report for July; Building permit report for July. The financial report showed the following balances as of July 31, 2011:

General Fund Cash	\$ 12,713.39
Certificate of Deposit	373,366.51
Fire Operations Cash	(128.48)
Fire Operations CD	897,932.62
Street Light Fund Cash	195.97
P.I.F. Cash	6,176.61
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	56,617.66
Building Inspection Fund Cash	11,781.00
Building Inspection Fund CD	44,753.41
Historical Endowment Fund Cash	0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	29,620.03
Sewer Funds	763,096.57
Water Funds	354,741.87
Trust & Agency Funds	0.00

Current Taxes	145,648.76
Total	<u>\$2,696,515.92</u>

Unanimously approved

REPORTS:

Fire Report: Chief McEldowney reported that he completed his HAZ/MAT training. He is now a certified technician. The fire department has gone to outside testing of fire hose and so far the tests show that the hoses are in good shape.

Police Reports: Chief Ratkiewicz reported that there were no major incidents over the holiday weekend in July; a home invasion is being handled and there will be training in September to be recertified in gun handling.

Supervisor Report: Advised the board that the tractor purchase is completed at an amount less than quoted; Pine Meadows Condo Development moratorium on building permits until the drainage issue is resolved; energy efficient lighting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Commission Appointment: A motion was made by Ganton that Matthew Potter be appointed to Planning Commission his term ending February 2014. Freehling seconded that motion. Approved

2011-2012 Budget Amendments: A motion was made by Stonestreet, seconded by Herlein to approve the recommended budget amendments. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

Ordinance 60 – Grass and Noxious Weeds: Ganton moved and Freehling seconded that section 1, 4, 6.2, 6.3 of Ordinance 60 be amended. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

Library Steps: A motion was made by Ganton seconded by Stonestreet to approve the expenditure of \$385 plus material to repair the steps to the library. Roll call: 6 yes. Approved

Structure Paintings: Ganton made a motion to accept Able Painting’s bid to repaint the Post Office, Township Office, School House and Gallagher Park Pavilion. Herlein seconded. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

Restoration Energy, LLC: By common consent the board decided to table this business until the committee has more information.

Property and Liability Insurance: Burnham and Flower made their annual insurance bid. It was less than last year by about 10%. Motion by Stonestreet and seconded by Freehling to accept their bid. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

Mail Protest for Board of Review: It is now acceptable to protest tax assessments via the mail. Freehling moved and Herlein seconded the motion to approve the resolution to accept mail protests. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

Temporary Precinct Change: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to allow a combining of precincts if the November 8, 2011 election is for Concord School District only. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

Christmas Decorations: By common consent the board agreed to support the idea of new

Christmas Decorations. A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to have a committee set up with Mel Rice and those who regularly assist him in the holiday decorating for the purpose of soliciting funds, preparing information for the website and researching the possibility of sending information through the tax bills. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

CORRESPONDENCE: Par Plan News, Community Cooperation Workshop

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: none

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.; unanimously approved.

Approved as amended at the September 12, 2011 board meeting

Julia K. Stonestreet
Township Clerk