

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, September 12, 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, Troy Ganton and David Herlein. Absent: none. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Fortress.

Guests: Julie Alexander, Mary Ley, Tim McEldowney, Russ Ratkiewicz, Jim Videto, and Ken Wyatt, Jackson Citizen Patriot.

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

Jim Videto, County commissioner, reported that the Jackson County Fair, held in August, did very well. All the Commissioners volunteered time at the fair. The Civil War Muster in August was also well attended. The second floor of the Tower Building is finished relocation of county departments has begun. Julie Alexander, County Commissioner, reported that the transition with the new County administrator is going well; the storm water issue is being discussed. Becky Cunningham reported that the Falling Waters Park has received a donation of land from Faith Kline and the Surveyor has reduced the amount of his services by \$1,100. Harold Devine Jr. is doing his Eagle Scout Project in the park and work has begun cleaning, fencing and leveling the ground and planting seed. He has plenty of help (over 250 man hours so far) but is in need of donations for the fence railings. Mary Ley presented the board with a written request for information regarding her termination. She would like a response in writing. Public Comment closed at 7:13 p.m.

Expenditures. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Herlein to approve the following expenditures for August: The General Fund expenditures #50564-50665 totaling \$73,734.72; Fire Department Fund expenditures #50569-50660 totaling \$18,719.73; Street Light Fund expenditure #50587 & 50651 totaling \$5,395.36; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #50569-50660 totaling \$5,519.52; Sewer Fund expenditures #50569-50660 totaling \$100,200.76; Water Fund expenditures #50584-50660 totaling \$9,873.44; Current Tax Collection #4731-4739 totaling \$565,083.50 . Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Freehling to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$59,969.82. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Minutes: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Herlein to approve the minutes of the August 81, 2011 regular board meeting with corrections; unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Buck to approve the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for August 2011; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for August 2011; police and fire report for August; Building permit report for August; Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of August 10, 2011; the Master Plan Committee minutes of May 25, June 1, 8, 15 and 28, July 6 and August 17 and 24, 2011; and the planning commission minutes of August 9, 2011. The financial report showed the following balances as of August 31, 2011:

General Fund Cash	\$ (8,605.47)
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Certificate of Deposit	353,735.52
Fire Operations Cash	(3,848.21)
Fire Operations CD	884,713.81
Street Light Fund Cash	(5,199.39)
P.I.F. Cash	6,176.61
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	56,695.58
Building Inspection Fund Cash	13,823.48
Building Inspection Fund CD	44,800.88
Historical Endowment Fund Cash	0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	29,692.89
Sewer Funds	735,131.65
Water Funds	375,384.97
Trust & Agency Funds	1,011.00
Current Taxes	<u>510,880.69</u>
Total	<u>\$2,994,394.01</u>

Unanimously approved

REPORTS:

Police Reports: Chief Ratkiewicz reported that school is back in session and it cooling down, so watch for busses and dear and drive defensively. The perp in the Richard Street drug raid has pled guilty and will be sentenced in October.

Fire Report: Chief McEldowney reported August will be a busy month for training and recruiting. The Club helped with the display of US Flags for September and would like to extend the area covered by these flags for future displays.

Supervisor Report: Advised the board of deputy appointments, Restoration Energy has not responded to our inquiries; the library steps are repaired and Gallagher Park restrooms will be closed in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deputy Wages: A motion was made by Buck that the Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer be paid a rate of \$12.00 per hour. Herlein seconded that motion. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Police Department Clerical hiring and wages: A motion was made by Ganton, seconded by Herlein to approve the hiring of Mary Koreen as the secretary in the police department and paid a rate of \$12.00 per hour. Roll Call: Yes: Buck, Fortress, Ganton, Gibbs, Herlein and Stonestreet. No: Freehling. Approved

Appointments of Fire Fighters: At the request of Chief McEldowney Guck made a motion to hire four new fire fighters: Justin Davis, David Van Riper, Tyrel Buckland and William Buckland. This was seconded by Freehling. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Building and Zoning administrator work hour adjustments: Fortress asked that the budgeted hours be adjusted from 27 to 32 per week. A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Herlein

to approve the increase in budget. Roll call: 7 yes. Approved

Fire Fighter life insurance: Fortress reported that he life insurance for the fire fighters had a death benefit that was covering heart and circulatory issues at \$50,000 and all other issues at \$200,000. Provident has provided an alternative that would benefit the fire fighters for any death at \$100,000 for an increase in premium of \$596. A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Herlein to approve this change. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

AFLAC: Our AFLAC representative would like to be allowed to approach our employees and firefighters with a presentation regarding the various additional insurances that are available. This would not be at an expense for the Township but a personal expense. Ganton made the motion and Freehling seconded that AFLAC may talk to Township personnel. Approve.

Cemetery: Fortress would like to have Emerald Lawn Service apply a weed control at the cemetery for a bid of \$1,232. Ganton made the motion and Stonestreet seconded to have Emerald treat the cemetery. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

CORRESPONDENCE: none

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Treasurer Gibbs reported that the Christmas lights contributions are beginning to come in. Clerk Stonestreet mentioned that she would not be at the October meeting as she would be at a TGA class and reminded the board that someone would have to take the minutes in October in her absence. Also she reminded all committees that minutes were due by September 28 to allow time to prepare quarterly paychecks.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Stonestreet to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.; unanimously approved.

Approved at the October 10, 2011 board meeting

Julia K. Stonestreet
Township Clerk