

JANUARY 11, 2010  
SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, January 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Randi Holthouse, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees Joel Freehling, Troy Ganton, Patricia Short and Brent Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Supervisor.

Guests were: Ken Wyatt, Jim Buck, Rob Mitchell, Russ Ratkiewicz, Tim McEldowney, Jeff Eccleton and Earl Poleski.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:01 p.m. Public comment closed at 7:10.

Expenditures. Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Short to approve the following expenditures for December 2009: General Fund expenditures #48486-48616 totaling \$47,697.09; Fire Department Fund expenditures #48487-48616 totaling \$29,157.66; Street Light Fund expenditures #48530-48609 totaling \$10,154.87; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #48514-48616 totaling \$3,027.18; Sewer O & M Fund expenditures #48488-48616 totaling \$46,519.29; Water O & M Fund expenditures #48512-48616 totaling \$699.10; Trust & Agency Fund expenditures #1951-1952 totaling \$609.00; and, Tax Fund expenditures #4499-4514 totaling \$212,869.81. Roll Call: 7 yes. Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Freehling to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$53,175.41. Roll Call: 7 yes.

Minutes. Motion was made by Williams and supported by Ganton to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2009 regular board meeting; carried.

Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Holthouse to approve the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for December 2009; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for December 2009; and, the Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of Dec. 9, 2009. The financial report showed the following balances as of December 31:

General Fund Cash	\$ 22,920.97
Certificate of Deposit	375,575.45
Fire Operations Cash	22,991.31
Fire Operations CD	619,579.12
Street Light Fund	(24,769.98)
Public Improvement Fund	0.00
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	44,063.13
Building Inspection Fund	15,958.87
Building Inspection Fund CD	25,019.27
Historical Endowment Fund	(1,875.87)
Historical Endowment Fund CD	30,173.44
Sewer Funds	889,173.58
Water Funds	354,625.33
Trust & Agency Funds	0.00
Current Taxes	510,834.23;

carried.

## REPORTS:

A. Police and Fire Reports. There were 52 medical rescue runs, one fire alarm, four mutual aid calls, 12 fire runs, and no carbon monoxide incidents, Hazmat responses or bomb threats during December. Police statistics include: 108 calls, 1 accident, 12 tickets, 22 verbal warnings, three arrests, and 10 assists to other departments. Motion was made by Short and supported by Freehling to accept the police and fire reports; carried.

B. Zoning&Building Permit Reports. The report of building permits issued during the month of December showed miscellaneous permits for a total value of \$0.00. Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Gibbs to accept the zoning and building report; carried.

C. Supervisor's Report. Advised the board: of changes in attendance for the MTA conference; of the status of revenue sharing received from the State; of office workload update; of expected property tax revenues; of an annual road report; of the cost of liquid dust control; of his recommendation for committee appointments; of a fire truck price discount with partial pre-payment; and, of a potential to save money through an alternative natural gas supplier.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Audit Report. Motion was made by Short and seconded by Gibbs to accept the -audit report prepared by Rehmann Robson for the Township fiscal year ended March 3.1,2009\_; carried. \_

## NEW BUSINESS:

A. Liquid Dust Control Agreement. Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Freehling to approve the resolution to authorize the agreement with the Jackson County Road Commission for liquid dust control in 2010. Roll Call: 7 yes.

B. Committee Appointments. Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Williams to appoint the following individuals to township committees:  
Kenneth Moe, Construction Board of Appeals, term expiring 1/31/15,  
Brent Williams, Budget Committee, term expiring 12/31/10,  
Brian Philson, Public Safety Board, term expiring 12/31/14,  
Kenneth Hotchkiss, Public Safety Board, term expiring 12/31/14,  
Joel Freehling, Public Safety Board, term expiring 6/30/15,  
Colleen Gibbs, Sewer & Water Committee, term expiring 2/28/13; carried.

C. Fire Truck Price Discount. Motion was made by Short and seconded by Ganton to approve a pre-payment for the purchase of the new fire truck to Pierce Manufacturing of \$208,065.00 for the purpose of obtaining a discount of \$6,242.00 off the full purchase price; carried.

D. Natural Gas Contract. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Williams to approve the natural gas contract with Volunteer Energy with the understanding that

the contract could be broken at any time by the Township without penalty. Roll Call: 7 yes.

E. Annual Highway Permit&Resolution. Motion was made by Ganton 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. Roll Call: 7 yes.

F. Senior Center Account. Motion was made by Short and seconded by Williams, that based upon the auditor's management letter, the Supervisor will designate a task force to meet with the Senior Center representatives and develop a plan to move the accounts from the center to the Township Treasurer; carried.

G. Resolution for John Rule. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve the wording for the resolution honoring John Rule's years of service to the fire department. Roll Call: 7 yes.

H. Christmas Decorations. Trustee Ganton requested that thank-you notes be sent to Mel Rice and Charles Ragain for their help in putting up the Christmas decorations in the Township.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank-you letter to Township Board; Township Law E-Letter.

#### PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT:

Public comment opened at 7:51 p.m.  
Public comment closed at 7:58 p.m.

Adjournment. Motion was made by Freehling and supported by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.; carried.

Signed:  
Randi Holthouse, Township Clerk