

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, January 9, 2012, 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: Betsy Burns, Mark Dowley, John Eiler, Jon Hall, Consumers Energy, Tim McEldowney, Russ Ratkiewicz, James Videto, County Commissioner and Ken Wyatt-Jackson Citizen Patriot.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:05 p.m.

James Videto commented on County Business including "Made in Jackson" Campaign and that the County has a balanced budget for the year. John Hall and Todd Fulk of Consumers Power explained the tree trimming program that will be going on in the Township. Public Comment closed at 7:27 p.m.

Expenditures. Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Buck to approve the following expenditures for December: The General Fund expenditures #50978-51131 totaling \$67,521.65; Fire Department Fund expenditures #50979-51133 totaling \$41,195.23; Street Light Fund expenditure #51061 totaling \$5,264.95; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #51061-51075 totaling \$2,394.74; Sewer Fund expenditures #50980-51132 totaling \$52,445.11; Water Fund expenditures #50986-51132 totaling \$1,285.15; Trust and Agency expenditures #2000-2004 totaling \$552.00; Current Tax Collection #4768-4771 totaling \$34,134.07. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$75,711.24. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Minutes: Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Herlein to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011 regular board meeting. Approved. Motion by Ganton and seconded by Herlein to approve minutes of December 20, 2011 Special Board Meeting. Approved. Motion by Freehling seconded by Buck to approve December 29, 2011 Special Board Meeting. Approved

Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for December 2011; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for December 2011; police and fire report for December; Building permit report for December; Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of

December 7, 2011; Mast Plan Committee minutes for September 12 and 21, October 12 and 26, November 9 and 16, December 7, 2011; Election Commission minutes for December 29, 2011. The financial report showed the following balances as of December 31, 2011:

General Fund Cash	\$ 137,324.51
Certificate of Deposit	374,938.99
Fire Operations Cash	(15,234.96)
Fire Operations CD	805,686.52
Street Light Fund Cash	(33,036.75)
P.I.F. Cash	0.00
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	61,917.33

Building Inspection Fund Cash	12,349.65
Building Inspection Fund CD	46,256.00
Historical Endowment Fund Cash	0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	29,979.87
Sewer Funds	721,938.44
Water Funds	369,741.22
Trust & Agency Funds	.00
Current Taxes	<u>706,764.75</u>
Total	<u>\$3,218,625.57</u>

Unanimously approved

REPORTS:

Police Reports: Chief Ratkiewicz elaborated on his written report, reported on the annual “Shop with a Cop” Christmas donation and that beginning in December the Prosecutor’s office will be doing Warrant reviews electronically.

Fire Report: Chief McEldowney elaborated on his written report and reported that the new computers are being tested.

Supervisor Report: all new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Donation: Mark Dowley presented to the board the information regarding the 56.234 acres that his family wishes to donate to the Township. A motion to accept the land, with gratitude, was made by Herlein and seconded by Gibbs. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Parade Resolution: The Annual Performance Resolution for Government Agencies for the purpose of obtaining the Memorial Day Parade Permit was presented by Stonestreet. A motion was made by Ganton seconded by Freehling to approve the resolution. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approve

Committee Appointments: Committee appointments and reappointments are: Construction Board of Appeals - George Scholl; Water And Sewer-James Buck; Planning commission - Richard Roth, Carl Jacobson, (New) Nancy Denton, (New) Mike Archer; Region 2 Representative – David Herlein; Sewer Board of Review - Tom Zeller; Zoning Board of Appeals - David Herlein, Earl Miller, Larry Adkins (alt); Budget Committee - Joel Freehling; Audit Committee - James Buck and Master Plan Committee - Carl Jacobson. A motion to accept these recommendations was made by Ganton and seconded by Stonestreet. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Adoption of Ordinance 2B: Supervisor Fortress recommended that Ordinance 2-B be amended in Section 6 - Penalty. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Herlein to approve the recommendation. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Adoption of Ordinance 35 B: Supervisor Fortress recommended that Ordinance 35-B be amended in Section 6 - Penalty. Motion was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Freehling to approve the recommendation. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Request for Legal Action: Supervisor Fortress asked for permission to commence legal action for ordinance violation for three addresses: 2342 Chapel Road, 2570 Brandon and 7996 Ivan. Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Ganton. Roll Call: yes – Buck, Fortress, Freehling, Ganton, Herlein and Stonestreet. No: Gibbs. Approved

Purchase of Police Vehicle: Supervisor Fortress recommended that the purchase of a new Police vehicle for a price of no more than \$36,000 be approved. Motion made by Ganton, seconded by Freehling. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Purchase of Scott Packs: Supervisor Fortress recommended that we purchase 13 Scott Packs (breathing masks and tanks) for the Fire Department. Motion mad by Ganton and seconded by Stonestreet. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Land Division: Supervisor Fortress recommended that we approve a lot line adjustment/land split to correct where a home was built partially on another lot. Platted Subdivision changes must be approved by the board. Motion made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve the change. Roll Call: 7 yes.

Park Committee Long Range Plan: Colleen Gibbs informed the board that the Park Committee will be working on the 5 year plan. The Committee will have the help of a SAU student, Samuel Lunt, assisting the committee. The committee would like to give the regular stipend of \$40 per committee. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Buck to approve up to \$500 in committee fees to be used for Mr. Lunt. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Colleen Gibbs reminded all of the collection for Christmas Lights for the Township and that the current total is about \$6,700. Russ Ratkiewicz thanked the board for their support. Dave Herlein suggested that the Township consider a newsletter to keep the constituents informed. Julia Stonestreet will work with Dave on this. Julia Stonestreet mentioned that there will be a voting precinct redistricting this year due to 2010 Census and reapportionment. Betsy Burns asked about water treatment and to whom she should speak if there is a problem.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Herlein to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. unanimously approved.

Approved at the February 13, 2012 board meeting

Julia Stonestreet
Township Clerk