

**FEBRUARY 8, 2010**  
**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, February 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Marston Fortress, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees Joel Freehling, Troy Ganton, Patricia Short and Brent Williams. Absent: Clerk Randi Holthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Supervisor.

Guests were: Ken Wyatt, Jim Buck, Jim Videto, Russ Ratkiewicz, Tim McEldowney, Stan Lyon, Earl Poleski and Mary Ley.

**Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:01 p.m. Public comment closed at 7:13.

**Expenditures.** Motion was made by Short and seconded by Ganton to approve the following expenditures for January 2010: General Fund expenditures #48617-48676 totaling \$40,319.83; Fire Department Fund expenditures #48617-48676 totaling \$216,396.35; Street Light Fund expenditures # totaling \$0.00; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #48622-48676 totaling \$1,984.41; Sewer O & M Fund expenditures #48617-48676 totaling \$14,719.66; Water O & M Fund expenditures #48620-48676 totaling \$35,041.89; and, Tax Fund expenditures #4530-4558 totaling \$520,898.85. Roll Call: 6 yes. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Ganton to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$53,869.13. Roll Call: 6 yes.

**Minutes.** Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Williams to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2010 regular board meeting; carried.

**Consent Agenda.** Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Williams to approve the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for January 2010; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for January 2010; Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of January 13, 2010; Budget Committee minutes of January 15, 2010; and, the Policy Committee minutes of January 18 & 19, 2010. The financial report showed the following balances as of January 31:

General Fund Cash	\$ 16,150.87
Certificate of Deposit	476,142.22
Fire Operations Cash	8,236.65
Fire Operations CD	464,998.97
Street Light Fund	(12,949.76)
Public Improvement Fund	0.00
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	44,096.00
Building Inspection Fund	15,634.46
Building Inspection Fund CD	25,025.29
Historical Endowment Fund	(1,625.87)
Historical Endowment Fund CD	30,006.25
Sewer Funds	914,630.79
Water Funds	343,566.36
Trust & Agency Funds	438.00
Current Taxes	638,086.06;

carried.

**REPORTS:**

**A. Police and Fire Reports.** There were 47 medical rescue runs, two fire alarms, three mutual aid calls, eight fire runs, and no carbon monoxide incidents, Hazmat responses or bomb threats during January. Police statistics include: 149 calls, 16 accidents, 29 tickets, 15 verbal warnings, four arrests, and 15 assists to other departments.

- : Motion was made by Short and supported by Ganton to accept the police report; carried.
- : Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Freehling to accept the fire report; carried.

**B. Zoning & Building Permit Reports.** The report of building permits issued during the month of January showed miscellaneous permits for a total value of \$15,000.00. Motion was made by Williams and supported by Ganton to accept the zoning and building report; carried.

**C. Supervisor's Report.** Advised the board: of the successful presentation by Township Assessor, Julie Pulling, at the MTA conference; of the status of the Second St. storm drain; of complaints regarding loose dogs on township property; of township employee Christopher Ragain's trip to Haiti; of Earl Poleski's announcement to run for higher office; of the freeze in the audit fee from Rehmann for two years; and, of federal legislation regarding length and weight of semi trucks.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Rehmann Audit Fee Proposal.** Motion was made by Williams and supported by Ganton to approve an annual audit fee of \$6,500.00 to Rehmann for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2011; carried.

**B. Resolution To Oppose Truck Weights and Lengths.** Motion was made by Williams and supported by Ganton to table the resolution suggested by the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks opposing the increase in semi truck weights and lengths until further information was available; carried.

**C. Selection Method for New Clerk.** Randi Holthouse, Township Clerk, has announced that she has sold her home and will be moving out of state. Through general consensus of the Board, it was agreed to have the Clerk resign effective May 10, 2010, and to have the Supervisor prepare information regarding the responsibilities of the Clerk's position and an advertisement for the position. The Board will meet to approve the language. The Board will interview during the first part of March with the intent to have a new person in place to be trained starting April 1, 2010.

**D. Purchase of Camera.** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Williams to authorize the Supervisor to purchase a camera up to \$200.00 to install at the recycling center at Hutch's. Roll Call: 6 yes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Thank-you letter to Chief McEldowney from the Jackson Fire Department for supportive role played in Fire Captain Promotional Process.

Township Law E-Letter.

**PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT:** Public comment opened at 7:45 p.m. There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Williams and supported by Ganton to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.; carried.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Ley Deputy Clerk