

Spring Arbor Township Board - February 9, 2009

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, February 9, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Randi Holthouse, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees Joel Freehling and Patricia Short. Absent: Trustee Troy Ganton. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Supervisor.

Guests were: Brent Williams, Ken Wyatt, Russ Ratkiewicz, Tim McEldowney and Earl Poleski.

SPECIAL ORDER: Motion was made by Short and supported by Freehling to appoint Brent Williams to the vacant position of Township Trustee; carried. The Clerk administered the oath of office to Trustee Williams. Motion was made by Williams and supported by Holthouse to reaffirm all actions taken by the Township Board at the January 2009 board meetings; carried.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:05 p.m. and closed at 7:15 p.m.

Expenditures. Motion was made by Freehling and supported by Williams to approve the following expenditures for January 2009: General Fund expenditures #47390-47461 totaling \$95,255.99; Fire Department Fund expenditures #47389-47464 totaling \$8,789.30; Street Light Fund expenditure #47433 totaling \$4,264.42; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #47391-47448 totaling \$996.26; Sewer O & M Fund expenditures #47392-47456 totaling \$17,950.00; Water O & M Fund expenditures #47425-47438 totaling \$33,766.78; and, Tax Fund expenditures #4375-4407 totaling \$1,210,429.40. Roll Call: 6 yes.

Minutes. Motion was made by Freehling and supported by Williams to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009 regular board meeting; carried.

Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Holthouse and supported by Williams to approve the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for January 2009; general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for January 2009; Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of January 14, 2009; Public Safety Board minutes of January 19, 2009; and, Planning Commission minutes of February 3, 2009. The financial report showed the following balances as of January 31:

General Fund Cash	\$106,754.21
Certificate of Deposit	309,648.26
Fire Operations Cash	7,483.49
Fire Operations CD	479,275.78
Street Light Fund	(8,250.03)
Public Improvement Fund	0.00
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	68,162.91
Building Inspection Fund	9,925.20
Historical Endowment Fund	0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	31,304.80
Sewer Funds	904,974.17
Water Funds	332,952.01
Trust & Agency Funds	636.00

Current Taxes
carried.

120,159.69;

REPORTS:

A. Police and Fire Reports. There were 52 medical rescue runs, four fire alarms, two mutual aid calls, nine fire runs, and no carbon monoxide incidents, Hazmat responses, or bomb threats during January. Police statistics include: 168 calls, 16 accidents, 17 tickets, 11 verbal warnings, six arrests, and 10 assists to other departments.

The Chief of Police reported that they responded to several accidents and breaking and entering incidents during January. The police department also started with a new police report writing system installed on the computer.

The Fire Chief reported that they saw an increase during January compared to the prior year. They implemented their new squad system which seems to be working out well and will be participating in some training with the Parma-Sandstone Fire Department.

Motion was made by Short and supported by Williams to accept the police and fire reports; 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 \$190,000.00. One new home permit and one commercial permit was issued in January. Motion was made by Williams and supported by Freehling to accept the zoning and building report; carried.

C. Supervisors Report . Advised the board: of a bankruptcy filing by Broadstripe; that the Township will continue to operate on the current fire millage collection through March 2011; of the status of the water main extension project; of some damage to the senior center portico; of the use of the board room by the US Census Bureau; of an updated disbursement policy; and of his recommendation for committee appointments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Disbursement Policy. Motion was made by Short and supported by Freehling to approve the proposed cash disbursement policy; carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Committee Appointments. Motion was made by Williams and supported by Freehling to approve the following committee appointments; carried.

Melvin Rice, Board of Review, term expiring 12/31/10;
Gordon Holton, Board of Review, term expiring 12/31/10;
Shane Williams, Board of Review, term expiring 12/31/10;
Michael Kesterson, Board of Review Alternate, term expiring 12/31/10;
Jeff Barton, Construction Board of Appeals, term expiring 1/31/14;
Marston Fortress, Sewer & Water Committee, term expiring 2/28/12;
James Buck, Sewer & Water Committee, term expiring 2/28/12;
Larry VanBlarcum, Electrical Board of Appeals, term expiring 3/31/12;
Richard Roth, Planning Commission, term expiring 2/28/12;
Roy Holton, Planning Commission, term expiring 2/28/12;
Carl Jacobson, Planning Commission, term expiring 2/28/12;

Robert Poole, Region 2 Representative, term expiring 2/28/12;
Tom Zeller, Rental Inspection Board of Review, term expiring 3/31/12;
Tom Zeller, Sewer Board of Review, term expiring 2/28/12;
David Herlein, Zoning Board of Appeals, term expiring 2/28/12;
Earl Miller, Zoning Board of Appeals, term expiring 2/28/12;
Larry Atkins, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate, term expiring 12/31/11
Carl Jacobson, Master Land Use Plan, term expiring 1/12/12.

B. Public Safety Budget Committee. Motion was made by Williams and supported by Short to create a Public Safety Budget Committee consisting of Tim McEldowney, Russ Ratkiewicz, Marston Fortress and Brian Philson, with their terms expiring the same as their service on the Public Safety Board; carried.

C. Budget Amendment. Motion was made by Williams and supported by Freehling to approve the following budget amendment:
Increase Revenue Account, 101-000-600.000, Police Contributions, \$1,800.00, and Increase Expense Account, 101-301-982.000, Police Reserve Account, \$1,800.00.
Roll Call: 6 yes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Township Law News.
Thank-you letter from Melanie Mikovits.
Letters from Comcast, Broadstripe.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Public comment opened at 7:42 p.m.

Public comment closed at 7:45 p.m.

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

Signed: _____
Randi Holthouse, Clerk