

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, February 13, 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: Julie Alexander- County Commissioner, Betsy Burns, Becky Cunningham, John Eiler, Bobbie Gallup, Tim McEldowney, Hannon Morgan, Karen Morgan, Earl Poleski and Ken Wyatt-Jackson Citizen Patriot.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:02 p.m.

Julie Alexander congratulated Spring Arbor on being voted the Best Place in Michigan to raise children per the Bloomberg report and also reported on the County Commissioners meetings. Earl Poleski reported that the state is beginning to work on the 2013 budget and two Town Hall meeting March 8 and March 18. Public Comment closed at 7:18 p.m.

Expenditures. Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Buck to approve the following expenditures for January: The General Fund expenditures #51141-51185 totaling \$45,103.96; Fire Department Fund expenditures #51140-51185 totaling \$13,087.98; Street Light Fund expenditure #551167 totaling \$5,347.76; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #51167-51173 totaling \$1,948.31; Sewer Fund expenditures #51143-51180 totaling \$34,942.44; Water Fund expenditures #51162-51175 totaling \$35,821.36; Current Tax Collection #4772-4796 totaling \$1,246,154.73. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Herlein to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$48,820.49. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Minutes: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Gibbs to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2012 regular board meeting. Approved

Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Stonestreet to approve the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for January 2012; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for January 2012; police and fire report for January; Building permit report for January; Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of January 11, 2012; Planning Commission minutes of January 20, 2012 and Park Committee Minutes of January 5 and 19, 2012. The financial report showed the following balances as of January 31, 2011:

General Fund Cash	\$ 116,789.73
Certificate of Deposit	475,424.69
Fire Operations Cash	98,137.59
Fire Operations CD	807,188.45
Street Light Fund Cash	(4,892.74)
P.I.F. Cash	0.00
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	61,996.67
Building Inspection Fund Cash	12,303.34

Building Inspection Fund CD	46,303.53
Historical Endowment Fund Cash	0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	30,052.84
Sewer Funds	742,141.47
Water Funds	372,427.43
Trust & Agency Funds	.00
Current Taxes	<u>134,723.15</u>
Total	<u>\$2,892,596.15</u>

Unanimously approved

REPORTS:

Fire Report: Chief McEldowney elaborated on his written report and reported that the new computers are already being put to work and have been a great help on calls.

Supervisor Report: Reported on the authorization of a new Police Computer in their office and that the necessary funds for the new Christmas lights have been raised.

NEW BUSINESS:

Preserve America: Bobbie Gallup reported on a designation called “Preserve America.” Receiving this designation could help with grant writing. By common consent the board asked Mrs. Gallup to begin working on the application for “Preserve America.”

Parade Committee: The parade committee needs to function within the Township control. A motion was made by Stonestreet seconded by Buck to approve the following persons as the SA Parade Committee. Dustin Lapp-Chair, Barb Hawkins-Vice-Chair, Worth Videto, Betty Videto, Troy Ganton, Evelyn Lyon, Stanley Lyon, Dottie Miller, Wayne Miller, Jayne Asbury, Gloria Melchiori, Sue McNulty, Terry Coleman, Isaiah Videto, Elizabeth Videto, Chad Wright, Quentin Bethke, Jamie Sharple, Karen Stanaszek and Mike Stanaszek. Approved

Clean Up Day: Supervisor Fortress recommended a spring and fall clean up day as many communities do. On a motion by Ganton to appropriate \$2,000 for a spring clean up day to be lead by Dave Herlein. It was seconded by Freehling. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

King Road Park Development: Supervisor Fortress reported that there was a discrepancy in the agreement between a property owner and the Dowley family regarding the land sale made before the donation of the property to the Township. Fortress also requested an approval for expenditures of \$3,000 for the improvement of the entrance of the King Road property. A motion was made by Ganton seconded by Herlein to correct the property dispute. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved. Ganton made a motion and Buck seconded to approve an amount of no more than \$3,000 to improve the entrance of the King Road property at the end of Elwood Blvd. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Debt Payoff: Supervisor Fortress reported that a ‘balloon’ payment on the debt for the School House property has come due in the amount of \$41,620.77. This was not budgeted in the 2012 fiscal year. A motion made by Freehling to approve the payment of this debt and to transfer

money from the fund balance to cover this payment was seconded by Gibbs. Roll Call: 7 yes.
Approved

Training Day: 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 reported that Jackson County Region II was offering a training session appropriate for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals members. He recommended that we pay those members their normal per diem for attending. This motion was move by Ganton and seconded by Buck. Roll Call: 7 yes.
Approved

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Colleen Gibbs provided the board with the first draft of a Parks Committee Survey and asked for comments. Jim Buck and Dave Herlein thanked the board for allowing them to go to the MTA Annual Conference.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Herlein to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. unanimously approved.

Approved at the March 12, 2012 board meeting

Julia Stonestreet
Township Clerk