

## Spring Arbor Township Board - March 9, 2009

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, March 9, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Randi Holthouse, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees Troy Ganton, Patricia Short and Brent Williams. Trustee Joel Freehling arrived at 7:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Supervisor.

Guests were: Ken Wyatt, Russ Ratkiewicz, Tim McEldowney, Stan Lyon, Tom Fiero, Adam Hoskins, Ann Marie Ulstad, Mr. Ulstad and Earl Poleski.

**Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:05 p.m.

**Expenditures.** Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Short to approve the following expenditures for February 2009: General Fund expenditures #47471-47546 totaling \$47,852.56; Fire Department Fund expenditures #47471-47545 totaling \$13,031.74; Street Light Fund expenditure #47496 totaling \$4,561.94; Public Improvement Fund expenditure #47518 totaling \$5,379.94; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #47476-47541 totaling \$735.66; Sewer O & M Fund expenditures #47470-47544 totaling \$52,202.31; Water O & M Fund expenditures #47476-47541 totaling \$1,449.08; Trust & Agency expenditures #1928-1929 totaling \$636.00; and, Tax Fund expenditures #4401-4419 totaling \$127,247.74. Roll Call: 6 yes. Motion was made by Williams and supported by Ganton to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$265,284.67. Roll Call: 6 yes.

**Minutes.** Motion was made by Williams and supported by Holthouse to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2009 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 February 2009; general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for February 2009; Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of February 11, 2009; Sewer & Water Committee minutes of February 11, 2009; Planning Commission minutes of March 3, 2009; and, Budget Committee minutes of March 4, 2009. The financial report showed the following balances as of February 28:

General Fund Cash	\$57,860.26
Certificate of Deposit	409,672.05
Fire Operations Cash	24,408.42
Fire Operations CD	529,325.28
Street Light Fund	3,207.77
Public Improvement Fund	0.00
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	62,800.85
Building Inspection Fund	9,729.54
Historical Endowment Fund	0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	31,313.04
Sewer Funds	920,905.10
Water Funds	381,509.31
Trust & Agency Funds	45.00
Current Taxes	721,346.27;

carried.

## **REPORTS:**

**A. Police and Fire Reports.** There were 47 medical rescue runs, four fire alarms, one mutual aid call, seven fire runs, and no carbon monoxide incidents, Hazmat responses, or bomb threats during February. Police statistics include: 130 calls, six accidents, 42 tickets, 25 verbal warnings, five arrests, and eight assists to other departments.

The Chief of Police reported that February was a little quieter for the department as they were down almost 40 calls compared to January. The department is still monitoring traffic on King Rd. and noted that traffic counters will be placed when the weather permits. The Chief presented recognition awards to Sgt. Adam Hoskins and Ann Marie Ulstad for their contributions that helped in the apprehension of two criminals. Motion was made by Holthouse and supported by Short to accept the police report; carried.

The Fire Chief reported that the department had an ISO evaluation in February and he is hoping it will result in a better insurance rating for fire coverage within the Township. He is planning to pursue a grant through FEMA again and will be revising it for a lower amount than previously requested. The department is also waiting on a free software upgrade to bring them into compliance with new regulations effective April 1, 2009. Both grass rigs are up and running in anticipation of the spring grass fire season. Motion was made by Williams and supported by Ganton to accept the fire report; carried.

**B. Zoning & Building Permit Reports.** The report of building permits issued during the month of February showed miscellaneous permits for a total value of \$2,900.00. No new home permits or commercial permits were issued in February. Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Williams to accept the zoning and building report; carried.

**C. Supervisors Report** . Advised the board: of the status of the water extension project; that the Assessor completed the 14-point review process through the State accomplishing 100% compliance; that the Budget Committee has started working on the budget process; and, of possible stimulus dollars for Jackson County .

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Chapel Rd. Water Extension.** Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Williams to approve an expenditure of \$10,000.00 to have plans prepared for the extension of water on Chapel Rd. Roll Call: 7 yes.

**B. Building Inspector Contracts.** Motion was made by Short and supported by Williams to approve the proposed two-year contract with Carl Janson for mechanical and plumbing inspections with no changes from the previous contract. Roll Call: 7 yes. Motion was made by Williams and supported by Holthouse to approve the proposed two-year contract with Joe Smith for building inspections and plan reviews with no changes from the previous contract. Roll Call: 7 yes. Motion was made by Short and supported by Williams to approve a contract ending on August 31, 2009 with Ed Allen for electrical inspections, including a monthly payment of \$50.00 plus \$50.00 for each inspection. Roll Call: 7 yes.

**C. Resolution to Amend Group Pension Plan.** Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Freehling to approve a resolution amending the group pension plan to eliminate the specific positions covered by the pension plan and to change the language to read that the eligible class of employees will be all employees that work at least 20 hours on a regular basis. Roll Call: 7 yes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Township Law News.  
Local Government Law Bulletin.  
Project Review Notice.

**PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT:** Public comment opened at 7:43 p.m.

Public comment closed at 7:49 p.m.

**Adjournment.** Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.; carried.