

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 12, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, March 12, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Julia Stonestreet, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees Joel Freehling, Troy Ganton and David Herlein. Absent: James Buck. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Fortress.

Guests: Julie Alexander- County Commissioner, Betsy Burns, Bonnie Crinkle, Becky Cunningham, Stan Lyon, Tim McEldowney, Anne Milizia, Russ Ratkiewicz, Tonia and Hayleigh Rice, Jim Videto- County Commissioner, and Ken Wyatt-Jackson Citizen Patriot.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:03 p.m. Hayleigh Rice, 2nd grader student at Bean shared with the Board her school's Interest Project – a model of the Township's Fire Station. Julie Alexander reported on the County Commissioners meetings; the appointment of the New Equalization Director; the Senior Millage renewal for August; and the June 23 County Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Jim Videto reported on the 2020 group; IT reorganization and HR services consolidation. Public Comment closed at 7:12 p.m.

Expenditures. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Herlein to approve the following expenditures for February: The General Fund expenditures #51195-51282 totaling \$51,088.60; Fire Department Fund expenditures #51194-51280 totaling \$14,796.60; Street Light Fund expenditure #51225 totaling \$5,410.49; Public Improvement Fund expenditures #51211 totaling \$41,620.77; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #51225-51276 totaling \$2,605.07; Sewer Fund expenditures #51194-51283 totaling \$55,359.21; Water Fund expenditures #51124-51276 totaling \$308.52; Current Tax Collection #4791-4812 totaling \$771,174.08. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Stonestreet to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$110,122.82. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

Minutes: Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Gibbs to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012 regular 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 February 2012; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for February 2012; police and fire report for February; Building permit report for February; Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of February 8, 2012; Election Commission minutes of February 15, 2012 and Park Committee Minutes of February 7, 2012. The financial report showed the following balances as of February 29, 2012:

General Fund Cash	\$ 46,385.54
Certificate of Deposit	550,890.46
Fire Operations Cash	59,512.33
Fire Operations CD	903,930.89
Street Light Fund Cash	18,535.61
P.I.F. Cash	0.00
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	62,075.64

Building Inspection Fund Cash	13,449.27
Building Inspection Fund CD	46,350.88
Historical Endowment Fund Cash	0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	30,125.75
Sewer Funds	774,776.15
Water Funds	403,554.18
Trust & Agency Funds	.00
Current Taxes	<u>56,615.47</u>
Total	<u>\$2,966,202.17</u>

Unanimously approved

REPORTS:

Police Report: Chief Ratkiewicz elaborated on his written report and reported that the new computers are working very well. The new police vehicle may be in by the end of the month.

Fire Report: Chief McEldowney elaborated on his written report and informed the board that he is working with Baker College on a Fire Sciences Degree program and that he has firefighters from Spring Arbor doing the Haz Mat training. The Township will then have 4 certified Haz Mat Technicians.

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Fortress asked Trustee Herlein to update us on the Township Clean-up Day. Herlein reported that the Clean up Day is April 28 at Village Crossing Mall. They will be taking e-waste for a nominal donation, tires, non hazardous material and other trash. There will be advertising by posters, flyers and web-site. Fortress also reported that the money was raised and the new Christmas lights were ordered.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Safety Committee: Fortress reported that Jeremy Burns has moved from the Township and asked the Board to vacate his relationship with the committee. Herlein moved that we vacate the seat and allow the Supervisor to bring a recommendation for a new member. Freehling seconded this motion. Unanimously approved.

Asset Disposal: Fortress asked the Board to approve a committee of himself, Dave Herlein, Troy Ganton and Becky Cunningham to asses the disposal of newly acquired assets of a value of \$500 or less. Stonestreet made the motion and it was seconded by Freehling. Unanimously approved.

Budget Amendments: Supervisor Fortress recommended a list of 2011-2012 budget amendments. The motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Gibbs to approve these amendments. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

Solid Educational Foundation: Supervisor Fortress introduced an amendment to support the Solid Educational Foundation. After discussion Stonestreet made a motion to table the discussion until next Board. The motion was seconded by Gibbs. Approved

Insurance Cap: Supervisor Fortress reported on the state law that imposes “caps” on how much government entities may pay for employee health insurance. The Township is able to opt out of this “cap.” A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to opt out of this limitation. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

Election ID Cards: Clerk Stonestreet explained that due to the census redistricting of the Township has occurred. This has also allowed the Township to change voting precincts. The Voters will be informed by the mailing of Voter Identification cards. She asked that the Board approve the spending of about \$2,200 to allow an outside vendor to prepare and mail these 5,500 cards. Roll Call: 6 yes

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Russ thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during his mother’s funeral. Colleen Gibbs reported that the taxes have been settled and sent to the County. She would also like to look into a new Township sign that would include an electronic notice board. Julia Stonestreet reported that the precinct changes are done and will be in effect for the May 8 election.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. unanimously approved.

Approved at the April 9, 2012 board meeting

Julia Stonestreet
Township Clerk