

APRIL 12, 2010
SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, April 12, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Randi Holthouse, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees Joel Freehling, Troy Ganton and Patricia Short. Absent: Trustee Brent Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Supervisor.

Guests were: Ken Wyatt, Julia Stonestreet, Earl Poleski, Julie Alexander, Tim McEldowney, Russ Ratkiewicz, John Rule, Ken Rule, Kevin Rule, Joan Rule, Karyl Rule, Lilly Rule, Kathy Pratt and Stan Lyon.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:01 p.m. Public comment closed at 7:10.

Expenditures. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Holthouse to approve the following expenditures for March 2010: General Fund expenditures #48751-48895 totaling \$53,274.78; Fire Department Fund expenditures #48750-48894 totaling \$37,222.20; Street Light Fund expenditure #48759 totaling \$5,092.30; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #48755-48864 totaling \$1,670.62; Sewer Fund expenditures #48750-48892 totaling \$288,287.39; Water Fund expenditures #48750-48864 and #1553 totaling \$35,136.58; Trust & Agency Fund expenditures #1964-1966 totaling \$420.00; and, Tax Fund expenditures #4589-4601 totaling \$231,340.73. Roll Call: 6 yes. Motion was made by Short and seconded by Freehling to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$27,078.88. Roll Call: 6 yes.

Minutes. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010 regular board meeting; carried. Motion was made by Holthouse and seconded by Ganton to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2010 special board meeting; carried.

Consent Agenda. Trustee Short requested that the Parade Committee minutes be pulled from the consent agenda and considered separately. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Holthouse to approve the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for March 2010; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for March 2010; Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of March 10, 2010; and, the Public Safety Committee minutes of March 25, 2010. The financial report showed the following balances as of March 31:

General Fund Cash	\$ 20,494.65
Certificate of Deposit	321,657.48
Fire Operations Cash	1,754.57
Fire Operations CD	846,826.13
Street Light Fund	12,532.52
Public Improvement Fund	0.00
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	52,458.73
Building Inspection Fund	2,990.34
Building Inspection Fund CD	35,042.86
Historical Endowment Fund	0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	28,465.08
Sewer Funds	677,665.71
Water Funds	358,111.05
Trust & Agency Funds	0.00
Current Taxes	140.32;

carried. After discussion, motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Holthouse to approve the Parade Committee minutes of March 10, 2010; carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police and Fire Reports. There were 36 medical rescue runs, four fire alarms, four mutual aid calls, 12 fire runs, and no carbon monoxide incidents, Hazmat responses or bomb threats during March. Police statistics include: 145 calls, nine accidents, 32 tickets, 24 verbal warnings, three arrests, and 12 assists to other departments. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to accept the police and fire reports; carried.

B. Zoning & Building Permit Reports. The report of building permits issued during the month of March showed miscellaneous permits for a total value of \$74,000.00. Motion was made by Short and seconded by Gibbs to accept the zoning and building report; carried.

C. Supervisor's Report. Advised the board: of communications received; of energy savings through Volunteer Energy; of the status of sewer cleaning; of the fee to upgrade the building software; of a committee recommendation to approve the fire millage request; of recommended changes to two township ordinances; and, of a request for a "take-out" liquor license.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Trustee Pay. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Ganton that the Trustees would not be paid for the special board meeting held to approve the Clerk's job description and the wording of the ad; and reconfirmed that the special board meeting conducted to interview candidates for the position of Township Clerk, which recessed overnight and resumed the following morning, would be paid as one meeting rather than two meetings; carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Building Dept. Software Upgrade. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Short to approve the software upgrade for the building permit program from BS&A Software in the amount of \$5,400.00 to be paid over a two-year period. Roll Call: 6 yes.

B. Resolution for Fire Millage Request. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Short to approve the resolution authorizing a special election for renewal of the millage for the fire department. Roll Call: 6 yes.

C. Amendment to Ordinance 62 – Sewer Use Charges. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Gibbs to approve the amendment to ordinance number 62, amending the ordinance to change the policy on how vacant properties are charged. Roll Call: 6 yes.

D. Amendment to Ordinance 54 – Nuisance Ordinance. Motion was made by Holthouse and seconded by Ganton to approve the amendment to ordinance number 54, amending the ordinance to correct the numbering system. Roll Call: 6 yes.

E. Resolution for Liquor License. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Holthouse to

approve the resolution recommending approval of an SDM Liquor License for JDLD, LLC. Roll Call: 6 yes.

F. MLUP Committee Appointment. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to increase the numbers of members on the Master Land Use Plan Committee from three to five and approving the appointment of David Herlein to the committee; carried.

Trustee Ganton left the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter to Betty Videto.
Local Government Law Bulletin.
Washington Report.
Federal Project Review Notices.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Public comment opened at 8:19 p.m. and ended at 8:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by Short to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.; carried.

Randi Holthouse, Clerk