

## Spring Arbor Township Board - April 13, 2009

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, April 13, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Marston Fortress, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees Joel Freehling, Troy Ganton and Brent Williams. Absent: Clerk Randi Holthouse and Trustee Patricia Short. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Supervisor.

Guests were: Earl Poleski, Barb Coleman, Ken Wyatt, Russ Ratkiewicz, Ken Melville and Stan Lyon.

**Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:03 p.m. and closed at 7:08 p.m.

**Expenditures.** Motion was made by Williams and supported by Freehling to approve the following expenditures for March 2009: General Fund expenditures #47550-47662 totaling \$74,941.59; Fire Department Fund expenditures #47550-47661 totaling \$65,879.68; Street Light Fund expenditure #47557 totaling \$4,435.96; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #47547 totaling \$4,091.97; Sewer O & M Fund expenditures #47550-47661 totaling \$55,086.22; Water O & M Fund expenditures #47569-47661 totaling \$214,110.98; Trust & Agency expenditures #1930-1936 totaling \$1,164.00; and, Tax Fund expenditures #4420-4446 totaling \$735,950.66. Roll Call: 5 yes. Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Williams to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$193,581.94. Roll Call: 5 yes.

**Minutes.** Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Gibbs to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 regular board meeting; carried. Motion was made by Williams and supported by Ganton to approve the special board meeting minutes of March 10, 2009, March 25, 2009 and March 31, 2009; 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 March 2009; general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for March 2009; Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of March 11, 2009; Park Committee minutes of March 11, 2009; Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of March 19, 2009, and March 24, 2009; Budget Committee minutes of March 23, 2009; and, Planning Commission minutes of April 7, 2009. The financial report showed the following balances as of March 31:

General Fund Cash	\$218,151.31
Certificate of Deposit	151,047.70
Fire Operations Cash	21,998.59
Fire Operations CD	803,586.96
Street Light Fund	14,180.20
Public Improvement Fund	0.00
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	62,829.04
Building Inspection Fund	19,749.62
Historical Endowment Fund	0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	31,326.66

Sewer Funds	879,129.80
Water Funds	353,135.60
Trust & Agency Funds	0.00
Current Taxes	253.98;
carried.	

**REPORTS:**

**A. Police and Fire Reports.** There were 46 medical rescue runs, six fire alarms, three mutual aid calls, 19 fire runs, two carbon monoxide incidents, and no Hazmat responses or bomb threats during March. Police statistics include: 163 calls, 12 accidents, 50 tickets, 27 verbal warnings, one arrest, and 17 assists to other departments.

Motion was made by Freehling and supported by Williams to accept the police report; carried.

Motion was made by Freehling and supported by Williams to accept the fire report; 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 \$32,000.00. No new home permits or commercial permits were issued in March. Motion was made by Williams and supported by Ganton to accept the zoning and building report; carried.

**C. Supervisors Report.** Advised the board: of the status of the water extension project; of a request from a property owner to be removed from their water assessment; of changes in accepted plastic recyclables; of a traffic safety meeting at Warner School; of a recommendation to purchase the new police car; and, of a recommendation to approve the purchase of computers for the office.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Conditional Use Permit Request – Coleman, C09-1.** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Williams to approve the Conditional Use Permit request (C09-1) requested by Terry & Barb Coleman for property located at 6420 King Rd. (000-12-10-476-002-00); carried.

**B. Purchase of Police Car.** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve the request to purchase a police car in the amount of \$24,500.00. Roll Call: 5 yes.

**C. Purchase of Office Computers.** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Williams to approve the request to purchase five computers and one server computer for the office at a cost not to exceed \$10,500.00. Roll Call: 5 yes.

**D. Proposal to Upgrade BS&A Software.** Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Freehling to approve the proposal with BS&A Software to upgrade the software programs used in the Township office; carried.

**E. Purchase of Fire Department Equipment.** Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Gibbs to approve the purchase of Scott Paks for the fire department at a cost not to exceed \$37,000.00. Roll Call: 5 yes.

**F. Park Committee Recommendation.** Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Ganton to approve the recommendation from the Park Committee allowing the Little League and soccer groups to use the kitchen area/pavilion at Gallagher Park at no charge provided that they keep the area clean; carried. The Supervisor will investigate if insurance changes are required.

**G. Gallagher Park Pavilion.** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Williams to approve the expenditure of approximately \$1,800.00 to \$2,500.00 for installation of a ceiling in the pavilion at Gallagher Park. Roll Call: 5 yes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Township Law News.

Par-Plan News.

Letters from Comcast.

**PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT:** Public comment opened at 7:39 p.m.

Public comment closed at 7:39 p.m.

**Adjournment.** Motion was made by Williams and supported by Freehling to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.; carried.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joel Freehling, Recording Secretary