

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
MAY 14, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, May 14, 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, Bonnie Cunkle, Bobbie Gallup, Tim McEldowney, Anne Milizia, Earl Poleski – State Representative 64th District, Russ Ratkiewicz, Mary Siders, Don Trumble and Ken Wyatt-Jackson Citizen Patriot.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:03 p.m.

Julie Alexander reported on County affairs including the 2013 Budget, Cascade Falls, Riverwalk Hotel and the website. Earl Poleski reported that the State is working on the 2013 Budget and state office spaces. A constituent asked about township burning policies. Bobbie Gallup reported on her progress on the application for the Preserve America program.

Expenditures: Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Herlein to approve the following expenditures for April: The General Fund expenditures #51421-51533 totaling \$52,426.04; Fire Department Fund expenditures #51307-51373 totaling \$108,196.52; Street Light Fund expenditure #51488 totaling \$5,319.04; Public Improvement Fund expenditure #51477 totaling \$25,523.00; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #51452-51528 totaling \$2,313.58; Sewer Fund expenditures #51419-51512 totaling \$60,881.57; Water Fund expenditures #51437-51512 totaling \$40,933.21; Trust & Agency account #2009-2010 totaling \$459.00; West House Historical Fund #51425-51534 totaling \$1,013.39. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$83,759.41 Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Minutes: Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Buck to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2012 regular board meeting. Approved.

Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Gibbs to accept the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for April 2012; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for April 2012; police and fire report for April 2012; Building permit report for April 2012; Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of April 11, 2012; Planning Commission minutes for April 20, 2012; Zoning Board of Appeals minutes for May 3, 2012; Memorial Day Parade Committee minutes for April 11 and 18, 2012. Approved. The minutes of the May 8 Planning Commission and the April 12 Zoning Board of Appeals were removed from the consent agenda per the motion made by Ganton and Gibbs. Trustee Ganton wished to recuse himself from voting on these minutes due to a possible familial conflict. The motion to accept these minutes was made and seconded by Herlein and Freehling. Approved. The financial report showed the following balances as of April 30, 2012:

General Fund Cash	\$ (11,297.14)
Certificate of Deposit	514,845.46
Fire Operations Cash	(6,103.23)
Fire Operations CD	941,894.89

Street Light Fund Cash	8,808.61
P.I.F. Cash	0.00
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	50,102.58
Building Inspection Fund Cash	10,935.12
Building Inspection Fund CD	51,443.29
Historical Endowment Fund Cash	0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	30,267.01
Sewer Funds	772,921.01
Water Funds	350,997.22
Trust & Agency Funds	.00
Current Taxes	.00
Total	<u>\$2,714,814.82</u>

Unanimously approved

REPORTS:

Police Report: Chief Ratkiewicz elaborated on his written report. The new police car is in and being outfitted. He also displayed a painting of the late Police Chief Al Newcomb that was donated by his family and will hang in the police office.

Fire Report: Chief McEldowney elaborated on his written report. He informed the board that Pancake Day was a success, the annual Family Night (in appreciation of the support of the families of the fire men) was well attended and there will be a mock disaster staged at Spring Arbor University soon.

Supervisor Report: The supervisor's reported King Road Property improvements; Landscape trailer from last month has been cancelled; Memorial Day Flyover will not happen; and Christmas Decorations are here and stored awaiting the winter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Solid Education Foundation Resolution: The resolution was laid on the table until next month by a motion and second by Ganton and Freehling. Approved.

Clean Up Day: Dave Herlein reported the day was a success. Over 1300 tires were collected for disposal. Residents were very enthused. He also thanked all those that helped. The Board thanked Dave for his work.

Preserve America Resolution: Bobbie Gallup gave the board copies of the Preserve America application. She asked that the Supervisor be allowed to complete the application. Motion made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cafeteria Plan Resolution: This annual resolution was presented to the board. Motion to accept this resolution was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

Conditional Use Permit: The planning commission asked that a conditional use be approved. A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Gibbs to accept their recommendation. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

*****Master Plan Distribution Approval:** *A motion was made by Joel Freehling to approve the distribution of the Master Plan as prescribed by law and for the Planning committee to bring back to the Township Board the adopted plan after public hearing and their final approval. This was seconded by Stonestreet. Approved.*

Planning Commission: Nancy Denton has tendered her resignation from the Planning Commission. Ganton moved to accept her resignation. Herlein seconded. Approved.

Auditor renewal: The Supervisor asked that we renew the contract for 5 more years with Rehmann Robson for our annual audit at a rate of \$6,987.50 per year. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Buck to accept. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

Gallagher Park Pavilion Roof: Supervisor Fortress presented bids for the replacement of the Pavilion roof and asked that we approve the expenditure. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to accept the bid by Wagner. Roll Call: 7 yes.

Assessor CAD Software: Supervisor Fortress requested that the township purchase Apex Sketch Software for the assessing department. Motion made by Herlein and seconded by Stonestreet. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

Senior Center Board Appointments: The senior center minutes requested appointment of three board members Dorthy Bortel, Elwin Johnson and Della Turk. Motion was made by Ganton and Seconded by Buck to approve the appointments. Approved.

Parks Committee Request: Gibbs brought to the Board the Parks Committee request to purchase tables for the Gallagher Park Pavilion. The Township Board asked for more details before approval of the expenditures

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Tim McEldowney reiterated that Clean Up Day was a big success and even though the weather did not cooperate the volunteers did enjoy the day. Julia Stonestreet reported that the first election after redistricting went well. Betsy Burns asked about the placement of benches in the township.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. unanimously approved.

Approved at the June 11, 2012 board meeting

Julia Stonestreet
Township Clerk

***** Correction added and approved at the September 10, 2012 board meeting.**

Julia Stonestreet Township Clerk