

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, September 10, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Julia Stonestreet, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees James Buck, Troy Ganton, Joel Freehling and David Herlein. Absent: none. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Fortress.

Guests: Julie Alexander-County Commissioner, Stan Lyon, Tim McEldowney-Fire Chief, Russ Ratkiewicz-Police Chief and Ken Wyatt-Jackson Citizen Patriot.

**Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:03 p.m. Julie Alexander updated the board regarding County Commission activities. Marston Fortress commented that the flags displayed along M-60, an Eagle Scout project for Hannen Morgan, looked great. Public Comment closed at 7:12 p.m.

**Expenditures:** Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Herlein to approve the following expenditures for August: The General Fund expenditures #51911-52023 totaling \$65,833.48; Fire Department Fund expenditures #51912-52021 totaling \$20,427.12; Street Light Fund expenditure #51958& 52011 totaling \$4,597.88; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #51913-52011 totaling \$4,855.05; Sewer Fund expenditures #51919-52021 totaling \$47,036.30; Water Fund expenditures #51954-52024 totaling \$11,653.86; Tax Fund expenditures #4818-4826 totaling \$601,051.67; West House Historical Fund #51968-52012 totaling \$1,093.53. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Buck to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$45,469.77. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve the corrected minutes of the May 14, 2012 regular board meeting. Approved. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Buck to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2012 regular board meeting. Approved

**Consent Agenda.** Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Ganton to accept the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for August 2012; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for August 2012; police and fire report for August 2012; Building permit report for August 2012; Zoning Board of Appeals minutes for August 23, 2012 and Planning Commission minutes for August 14, 2012 and Senior Center Advisory Board minutes for August 8, 2012. Approved. The financial report showed the following balances as of August 31, 2012:

General Fund Cash	\$ (28,554.60)
Certificate of Deposit	573,965.97
Fire Operations Cash	(13,329.98)
Fire Operations CD	884,114.76
Street Light Fund Cash	(5,906.84)
P.I.F. Cash	0.00
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	43,237.09
Building Inspection Fund Cash	8,598.64
Building Inspection Fund CD	61,633.86
Historical Endowment Fund Cash	0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	30,554.65
West House Historical Fund Cash	5,030.74
West House Historical Fund CD	90,000.00

Sewer Funds	782,610.93
Water Funds	372,087.71
Trust & Agency Funds	453.00
Current Taxes	<u>662,956.13</u>
Total	<b><u>\$3,467,452.06</u></b>

Unanimously approved

**REPORTS:**

**Police Report:** Chief Ratkiewicz elaborated on his written report.

**Fire Report:** Chief McEldowney elaborated on his written report with updates on the Arbor Stone fire, on-going trainings and the Spring Arbor fire department as a regional training facility.

**Supervisor Report:** The supervisor reported on the Recycling Committee and their plan to try and improve the cleanliness of the site

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Zoning Request:** Global Parts Solutions and Transport LLC have asked that a small portion of land be rezoned from Multiple Family to Light Industrial. It was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission and Region 2. A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Gibbs to approve the rezoning. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

**Master Plan Resolution:** After comments by Dave Herlein regarding the Master plan and its purpose and changes Ganton made a motion to approve the resolution to support the plan. The second was made by Gibbs. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

**Committee resignation:** Jeff McGraw a member of the Planning Committee and has moved from the community. A motion was made to accept his resignation by Stonestreet and seconded by Freehling. Approved.

**Clean up Day:** Dave Herlein presented the bids for the fees for a fall Clean up Day. Buck made a motion to accept the Northwest bid. Seconded by Gibbs. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

**Energy efficiency:** In an effort to become more energy efficient in the office and to take advantage of possible rebates from Consumers Energy the board was asked to approve up to \$12,433 to update lighting in the Township Buildings. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

**PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT:** Stan Lyon asked about the status of the West House. Colleen reminded us that taxes were due.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Buck to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. unanimously approved.

Approved at the October 8, 2012 board meeting

Julia Stonestreet  
Township Clerk