

SEPTEMBER 14, 2009
SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, September 14, 2009, at 7:01 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Randi Holthouse, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees Joel Freehling, Troy Ganton, Patricia Short and Brent Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Supervisor.

Guests were: Martin Riske, Jim Videto, Ken Wyatt, Russ Ratkiewicz, Tim McEldowney and Stan Lyon.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:02 p.m. and closed at 7:14 p.m.

Expenditures. Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Short to approve the following expenditures for August 2009: General Fund expenditures #48086-48180 totaling \$52,663.14; Fire Department Fund expenditures #48086-48180 totaling \$19,762.69; Street Light Fund expenditure #48094 totaling \$4,906.44; Public Improvement Fund expenditure #48141 totaling \$3,427.51; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #48087-48180 totaling \$4,254.33; Sewer O & M Fund expenditures #48090-48180 totaling \$1,438.52; Water O & M Fund expenditures #48099-48180 totaling \$37,183.72; Trust & Agency Fund expenditures #1943-1944 totaling \$516.00; and, Tax Fund expenditures #4459-4467 totaling \$442,746.05. Roll Call: 7 yes. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$146,931.53. Roll Call: 7 yes.

Minutes. Motion was made by Short and supported by Williams to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2009 regular board meeting; carried.

Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Holthouse to approve the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for August 2009; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for August 2009; Park Committee minutes of July 9, 2009; Policy & Communications Committee minutes of July 20, 2009; Public Safety Board minutes of July 27, 2009; Sewer & Water Committee minutes of July 29, 2009; Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of August 12, 2009; Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of August 24, 2009; and, Planning Commission minutes of September 9, 2009. The financial report showed the following balances as of August 31:

General Fund Cash	\$(5,791.17)
Certificate of Deposit	358,539.72
Fire Operations Cash	(2,668.12)
Fire Operations CD	717,366.77
Street Light Fund	(4,824.49)
Public Improvement Fund	99.70
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	44,090.57
Building Inspection Fund	25,012.55
Historical Endowment Fund	0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	31,469.73
Sewer Funds	916,082.27
Water Funds	349,140.92
Trust & Agency Funds	0.00
Current Taxes	441,132.61;

carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police and Fire Reports. There were 31 medical rescue runs, four fire alarms, two mutual aid calls, four fire runs, one carbon monoxide incident, and no Hazmat responses or bomb threats during August. Police statistics include: 129 calls, 10 accidents, 37 tickets, 17 verbal warnings, eight arrests, and 20 assists to other departments.

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

B. Zoning & Building Permit Reports. The report of building permits issued during the month of August showed miscellaneous permits for a total value of \$78,000.00. Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Freehling to accept the zoning and building report; carried.

C. Supervisor's Report. Advised the board: of the status of the water extension project; of the completion of the parking lot repair work; of an insurance reimbursement received for damage to a lift station and control panel; of the decreased amount received from revenue sharing; of a letter written to Congressman Schauer requesting funding for projects; of the status of reduced hours for the Building & Zoning Administrator; of completion of the cemetery roads project; of the status of the new police car; of increased safety regarding traffic flow at Warner Elementary School; of the contract proposed for electrical inspection services; of the updated fee schedule; of the contract proposed for the Assessor position; and, of the status of the purchase of the new fire truck.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. New Firefighter. Chief McEldowney presented a recommendation to the board for a new volunteer fireman. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Williams to appoint Eric Trader to the fire department as a paid on-call fireman; carried

B. Electrical Inspection Contract. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Williams to approve the contract with Martin Riske Electrical Inspections, LLC for electrical inspection services; carried.

C. Assessor Employment Contract. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve the employment contract with Julie Pulling for assessing services. Discussion. Motion to call the question; carried. The original motion carried with two nay votes cast.

D. Purchase of fire truck. Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Ganton to have this agenda item returned to the Public Safety Committee for additional consideration and review and to have the Budget Committee meet to review the Township finances; carried.

E. Budget Amendment. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Holthouse to approve the following budget amendment:

Revenue, 101-000-695.000, Use of Fund Balance, decrease by \$625.00; and

Expense, 101-301-982.000, Police Reserve Account, decrease by \$625.00. Roll Call: 7 yes.

F. Resolution to Adopt Fee Schedule. Motion was made by Holthouse and seconded by Ganton to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Fee Schedule as per the attached list of fees. Roll Call: 7 yes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Township Law e-Letter.
Letter from Comcast.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Public comment opened at 8:30 p.m.

Public comment closed at 8:43 p.m.

Adjournment. Motion was made by Short and supported by Freehling to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.; carried.

Signed: _____
Randi Holthouse, Township Clerk