

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, October 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Julia Stonestreet, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees Joel Freehling, Troy Ganton and Patricia Short. Absent: Brent Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Fortress.

Guests: Julie Alexander, Jim Buck, James Brush, Mike Conrad, Stan Lyon, Tim McEldowney, Earl Poleski, Russ Ratkiewicz, Janice Sweet-Fairley, Denise Tomasello, and Ken Wyatt.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:02 p.m.

Earl Poleski reported on the County and City hiring a human resource director and the state of the incinerator steam sales. Julie Alexander spoke regarding the election. Public comment closed at 7:07 p.m.

Expenditures. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve the following expenditures for September. The General Fund expenditures #49433-49512 totaling \$58,884.90; Fire Department Fund expenditures #49433-49512 totaling \$34,563.43; Street Light Fund expenditure #49436 & 49494 totaling \$5,298.93; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #49436-49501 totaling \$5,443.41; Sewer Fund expenditures #49433-49509 totaling \$56,201.19; Water Fund expenditures #49436-49511&1558-1559 totaling \$13,244.95; Trust and Agency expenditures #1977-1978 totaling \$465.00; Tax Fund #4614-4625 totaling \$3,658,611.03. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Short and seconded by Freehling to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$91,554.01. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

Minutes: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2010 regular board meeting; unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for September 2010; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for September 2010; the Senior Center Board minutes of September 8, 2010; the Planning Commission minutes of June 23, 2010 and the Sewer and Water Committee minutes of September 16, 2010. The financial report showed the following balances as of September 30, 2010:

General Fund Cash	\$	45,523.89
Certificate of Deposit		345,980.49
Fire Operations Cash		9,800.71
Fire Operations CD		521,582.86
Street Light Fund Cash		(13,198.93)
Street Light Fund CD		0
Public Improvement Fund		0
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit		59,728.83
Building Inspection Fund		9,679.34
Building Inspection Fund CD		41,287.85
Historical Endowment Fund		0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD		28,901.99
Sewer Funds		771,667.30
Water Funds		364,442.98
Trust & Agency Funds		0.00

Current Taxes

108,971.07

Total

\$2,294,368.38

Unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

A. Police and Fire Reports. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to accept the police report: unanimously approved. A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Williams to accept the fire report; unanimously approved

B. Zoning & Building Permit Reports. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to accept the zoning and building report; unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Recycling Task Force. The committee made recommendations to improve the use of the recycling area and asks that they have up to \$500 for signage. The motion was made by Ganton and Seconded by Freehling to approve \$500 for signs. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

B. Medical Marijuana Resolution. Fortress presented a resolution directing expeditious review of zoning classification pertaining to medical marijuana dispensaries. Motion was made to adopt the resolution by Ganton and seconded by Stonestreet. Roll Call: 6 yes Approved

C. Aerial Imagery Acquisition: Fortress presented a request to participate in Aerial Imaging of the county at a cost of \$5,199.00 to the township to be paid in equal installments in the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 fiscal years. Motion made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to authorize the expenditure. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

D. Amendment to Cemetery Ordinance: Fortress presented an amendment to Ordinance 39-c to change the wording of Section IX to read “The Township **may** repurchase an cemetery lot or burial space from the owner for the **original price paid for the cemetery lot or burial space, or if the original price cannot be determined, 25% of the prevailing price paid by Township residents,...**” Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve this change of the ordinance. Roll call: 6 yes. Approved

E. Assessor Employment Contract: Fortress presented the annual contract for the Assessor. The motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Short to accept the contract as written. Roll Call: Yes, Freehling, Fortress, Ganton, Short and Stonestreet. No: Gibbs The contract was approved.

F. Introduction of new fire fighters: Chief McEldowney introduced two new fire fighter trainees, James Brush and Mike Conrad. McEldowney asked that the board approve these two young men as Spring Arbor Township Fire fighters and ask that the Township contribute to their training. Motion to accept Brush as a trainee was made by Ganton and approved by Freehling. Unanimously approved. Motion to accept Conrad as a trainee was made by Ganton and seconded by Short. Unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Municipal Law news

Par Plan

Public/Board Comment: Pat Short, Trustee of Spring Arbor Township, submitted her written resignation from the board. Pat has given over 20years of service to the Township in various capacities. A motion was made by

Stonestreet and seconded by Ganton to regretfully accept her resignation. Unanimously accepted.

Fortress commented that the board would begin the task of finding someone to complete Short's term of office as trustee.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Short to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.; unanimously approved.

Approved at the November 8, 2010 board meeting

Julia K. Stonestreet
Township Clerk