

OCTOBER 13, 2009
SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 7:01 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Randi Holthouse, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees Joel Freehling and Troy Ganton. Trustee Patricia Short arrived at 7:05 p.m. Absent: Trustee Brent Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Supervisor.

Guests were: Charlie Ragain, Ken Melville, Russ Ratkiewicz, Tim McEldowney and Stan Lyon.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:02 p.m. No public comment.

Expenditures. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Gibbs to approve the following expenditures for September 2009: General Fund expenditures #48182-48312 totaling \$73,477.36; Fire Department Fund expenditures #48182-48310 totaling \$42,872.24; Street Light Fund expenditure #48214 totaling \$4,656.37; Public Improvement Fund expenditure #48241 totaling \$268.00; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #48188-48310 totaling \$2,587.64; Sewer O & M Fund expenditures #48181-48314 totaling \$38,886.32; Water O & M Fund expenditures #48187-48314 totaling \$63,651.37; Trust & Agency Fund expenditures #1945-1946 totaling \$504.00; Tax Fund expenditures #4468-4481 totaling \$3,796,894.85; and, Historical Fund expenditure #48211 totaling \$192.43. Roll Call: 5 yes. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Ganton to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$101,755.01. Roll Call: 5 yes.

Minutes. Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Holthouse to approve the minutes of the September 14, 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 September 2009; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for September 2009; Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of September 9, 2009; Park Committee minutes of September 17, 2009; and, Public Safety Board minutes of September 23 & 30, 2009, and October 7, 2009. The financial report showed the following balances as of September 30:

General Fund Cash	\$5,932.36
Certificate of Deposit	388,979.15
Fire Operations Cash	15,740.60
Fire Operations CD	662,225.75
Street Light Fund	(9,480.86)
Public Improvement Fund	0.00
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	43,958.35
Building Inspection Fund	32,885.91
Historical Endowment Fund	5.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	31,376.31
Sewer Funds	896,786.08
Water Funds	372,273.40
Trust & Agency Funds	0.00
Current Taxes	91,892.19;

carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police and Fire Reports. There were 47 medical rescue runs, five fire alarms, four mutual aid calls, seven fire runs, and no carbon monoxide incidents, Hazmat responses or bomb threats during September. Police statistics include: 168 calls, 14 accidents, 42 tickets, 34 verbal warnings, 10 arrests, and 19 assists to other departments.

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

B. Zoning & Building Permit Reports. The report of building permits issued during the month of September showed miscellaneous permits for a total value of \$332,000.00. 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 a recommended sewer operation cost analysis; of the replacement of the furnace at the school house; of the Public Safety Board's recommendation to purchase a new fire truck; and, of an addition to the cash disbursement policy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Authorization to Place Delinquencies on Tax Roll. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to authorize the Treasurer to place eligible outstanding delinquencies on the Winter 2009 tax bill; carried.

B. Cost of Sewer Operation. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Short to authorize an expenditure of \$200.00 to Rehmann Robson for the purpose of providing a cost analysis of the sewer operations. Roll Call: 6 yes.

C. School House Furnace. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Gibbs to authorize an expenditure of \$3,340.00 to Southern Michigan Heating for the purchase and installation of a new furnace and ductwork at the school house museum. Roll Call: 6 yes.

D. Purchase of fire truck. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Gibbs to authorize an expenditure of up to \$450,000.00 to purchase a new fire truck from Pierce. Roll Call: 6 yes.

E. Cash Disbursement Policy. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Holthouse to approve the following addition to the cash disbursement policy:

"Disbursements for emergency repairs or replacements, up to \$5,000.00 with approval of the Supervisor, and over \$5,000.00 with approval of three (3) elected officials."; carried.

F. Resolution to Amend Street Lighting Contract. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Short to approve the Resolution to amend the street lighting contract with Consumers Energy for the addition of five street lights on W. Arbor Heights Dr. at the request of Spring Arbor University. Roll Call: 6 yes.

G. Rezoning Requests. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Holthouse to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to rezone parcel #000-12-16-351-009-00 from Suburban

Residential (RS-1) to Multiple Family Residential (RM-1). Roll Call: 6 yes. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Holthouse to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to rezone parcel #000-12-16-151-002-00 from Agricultural (AG-1) to Multiple Family Residential (RM-1). Roll Call: 6 yes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Township Law News; Township Law E-Letter; Letters from Comcast; Project Review Notice; Thank-you letters.

Trustees Short and Ganton left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Public comment opened at 7:26 p.m.

Public comment closed at 7:53 p.m.

Adjournment. Motion was made by Freehling and supported by Gibbs to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.; carried.

Signed: _____

Randi Holthouse, Township Clerk