

Spring Arbor Township Board - October 14, 2008

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at 7:00 p. m., with the following members present: Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Randi Holthouse, and Trustee Troy Ganton. Absent: Treasurer Gloria Melchiori, Trustees Scott Rogers, Patricia Short and Brent Williams. The board members in attendance did not represent a quorum of the board. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Supervisor.

Guests were: Dave Probst, Mel Rice, Sue Rice, Myrt Dexter, Dean Boss, Russ Ratkiewicz, Earl Poleski, Larry Clanton, Lloyd Ganton, John Eiler, Stan Lyon, Ruth Dexter and Gerald Dexter.

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

Commissioner Earl Poleski reported that MIOSHA is investigating the accident at the Road Commission that resulted in the death of an employee. The county has formed a committee to look into duplicate street names throughout the county; the airport runway project is almost complete for the fall; the county heard from the Attorney General's office that no charges will be filed against a former Road Commissioner; and, the county is looking at the bond interest issue with the Vineyard Lake project.

Supervisor Fortress commented that the levels in the water towers (Robinson Rd. , M-60, Parma) all are at the same level.

Public comment closed at 7:12 p.m.

REPORTS:

A. Supervisor s Report . The Supervisor reported that approximately 40 people showed up for the water main extension meeting, including representatives from OMM and DEQ. He also mentioned the storm water project on Second St. noting that the project was almost completed. Lloyd Ganton asked if the storm water project was under budget; the Supervisor indicated that it was running about \$20,000 under the projected budget amount. Stan Lyon commented that he noticed they were using concrete instead of pvc pipe. The Supervisor explained the absence of the Fire Chief (recuperation from back surgery). He also commented on the recent fires that the department assisted other townships with.

B. Police Report. Chief Ratkiewicz reported the department handled 180 calls for service the previous month and were required to write up reports for 45 of those. They had three accidents at the beginning of the month, minor accidents, and ended up with a total of 13 accidents throughout the month, mostly attributed to car/deer accidents. The department dealt with some felony warrant issues and are also participating in a sex offender sweep (verifying residency). They also plan to participate in the Trunk or Treat for Halloween.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Township Law News, newspaper articles, email article – MTA Diamond Award, letter from Comcast.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Public comment opened at 7:19 p.m. No public comment.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.