

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Julia Stonestreet, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees James Buck, Joel Freehling, Dave Herlein and Troy Ganton. Absent: none. The Pledge of Allegiance was led Supervisor Fortress.

Guests: Jason Covalle of Covalle Group, Tim McEldowney and Russ Ratkiewicz.

Public Comment: Opened and closed at 7:01 p.m.

Expenditures: Motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by Freehling to approve the following expenditures for September: (Checks 53373 through 53498 were used for September expenditures) General Fund expenditures totaling \$55,462.97; Fire Department Fund expenditures totaling \$79,492.24; Street Light Fund totaling \$2,238.11; Public Improvement fund totaling \$8,950.00; Building Inspection Fund expenditures totaling \$3,294.97; Sewer Fund expenditures totaling \$25,525.23; Water Fund expenditures totaling \$4,052.55; West House Historical Fund expenditures totaling \$23.63; Trust and Agency Fund (Check # 2038 through 2041) totaling \$1,095.00; Current Tax Collection (Check #4964 through 4973) totaling \$2,747,185.06. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Buck to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$101,697.63. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Minutes: Motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by Freehling to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2013 regular board meeting. Approved. Motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by Freehling to accept the minutes of the Special Board meeting of September 24, 2013. Approved

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Gibbs to accept the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for September 2013; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for September 2013; Zoning/Building permit report for September 2013; Senior Center Advisory Board meeting minutes of September 11, 2013; Planning Commission meeting minutes of July 9 and September 10, 2013; ZBA meeting minutes from September 19, 2013 and Parks Committee meeting minutes of September 16, 2013. Approved.

The financial report showed the following balances as of September 30, 2013:

General Fund Cash	\$44,936.16
Certificate of Deposit	740,105.40
Fire Operations Cash	(7,526.35)
Fire Operations CD	875,897.67
Street Light Fund Cash	27,570.01
Street Light Fund MM	2.37

P.I.F. Cash	(8,550.00)
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	68,740.70
Building Inspection Fund Cash	9,088.57
Building Inspection Fund CD	63,794.62
Historical Endowment Fund CD	29,960.10
West House Historical Fund Cash	3,253.95
West House Historical Fund CD	241,119.53
Sewer Funds	818,331.07
Water Funds	364,925.74
Current Tax Collection	658,918.47
Total	<u>\$3,930,568.01</u>

Approved

REPORTS:

Police and Fire Report: Chief Ratkiewicz elaborated on his written report. A motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Buck to accept the report. Approved. Chief McEldowney elaborated on his report. Motion by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to accept the report. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Safety Building Renovation: Jason Covalle of Covalle Group presented a design for a proposed addition to the Public Safety Building. After discussion, by common consent the board asked that the presentation be made to the Public Safety Committee for their recommendations.

Street Light Contract: Supervisor Fortress presented the Board with the updated street light contract. Motion was made by Ganton and second by Herlein to accept and sign the contract. Approved.

Township Office Sign: The subject of a new township sign was entertained. By common consent it was decided that there be a committee made up of Jim Buck, Dave Herlein and Julia Stonestreet to investigate designs and costs.

Health Insurance Renewal Change: Due to the changes in the healthcare regulations the current health care coverage will no longer be a viable option. If we opt to change our open renewal time to December we have the opportunity to extend our current coverage for an additional six (6) months to December 2014. The change in cost will be 5% beginning in December. This extension will give us additional time to investigate the best options we have going forward. A motion was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Herlein to change our open renewal time. Roll Call: 7 yes. It was also requested that we would begin to look at insurance options beginning mid-year 2014 to be prepared for the renewal time.

Rezoning of Lot 6 Arbor Valley Subdivision: Based on a recommendation from the Planning Commission and the Jackson County Planning Commission a motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to change the zoning on Lot 6 of the Arbor Valley Subdivision from Rural

Non-Farm Residential (RNF-1) to Suburban Residential (RS-1). Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

MTA Conference: Supervisor Fortress asked that \$5000 be approved for expenditures to allow 5 board members to attend the MTA Conference in January 2014. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve the expenditure. Roll Call: 7 yes.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Marston Fortress reported that after speaking to Deb Thompson, Coach of the Spring Arbor University girls' softball team, there seemed to be an interest from the team to help set up and prepare the township softball field. He will continue to pursue this matter.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Freehling to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. unanimously approved.

Julia Stonestreet
Township Clerk

Approved at the November 12, 2013 board meeting