

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, October 8, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Julia Stonestreet, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees Troy Ganton, Joel Freehling and David Herlein. Absent: James Buck The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Fortress.

Guests: Sally Ingles Western School Board Candidate, Stan Lyon, Tim McEldowney-Fire Chief, Russ Ratkiewicz-Police Chief and Ken Wyatt-Jackson Citizen Patriot.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:01 p.m. Sally Ingles introduced herself and stated her reasons for running for the Western School Board. Public Comment closed at 7:05 p.m.

Expenditures: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Herlein to approve the following expenditures for September: The General Fund expenditures #52027-52187 totaling \$48,946.90; Fire Department Fund expenditures #52026-52188 totaling \$31,839.77; Street Light Fund expenditure #52061 totaling \$4,517.87; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #52062-52187 totaling \$5,378.39; Sewer Fund expenditures #52025-52184 totaling \$35,284.70; Water Fund expenditures #52028-52184 totaling \$276.40; Trust and Agency Fund expenditures #2014 & 2015 totaling \$1,836.00; Tax Fund expenditures #4827-4839 totaling \$3,389,518.23; West House Historical Fund #52046-52174 totaling \$248.72. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Herlein to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$92,476.23. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

Minutes: Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Gibbs to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2012 regular board meeting. Approved

Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Stonestreet to accept the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for September 2012; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for September 2012; police and fire report for September 2012; Building permit report for September 2012; Zoning Board of Appeals minutes for September 20, 2012 and Planning Commission minutes for September 11, 2012; Parks Committee minutes of September 18, 2012; Public Safety Committee minutes of September 10 and 17, 2012; Sewer and Water committee minutes of September 20, 2012 and Senior Center Advisory Board minutes for August 8, 2012. Approved. The financial report showed the following balances as of September 30, 2012:

General Fund Cash	\$42,984.65
Certificate of Deposit	594,450.75
Fire Operations Cash	(217.80)
Fire Operations CD	840,609.37
Street Light Fund Cash	(10,424.71)
P.I.F. Cash	0.00
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	43,309.94
Building Inspection Fund Cash	7,285.25
Building Inspection Fund CD	61,682.41
Historical Endowment Fund Cash	0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	30,627.37
West House Historical Fund Cash	4,782.02
West House Historical Fund CD	90,010.98
Sewer Funds	752,687.44
Water Funds	373,290.95

Trust & Agency Funds	.00
Current Taxes	<u>239,954.80</u>
Total	<u>\$3,071,033.42</u>

Unanimously approved

REPORTS:

Police Report: Chief Ratkiewicz elaborated on his written report. He reported that the officers will be doing firearm training and defensive tactic training.

Fire Report: Chief McEldowney elaborated on his written report. There will be Haz-Mat training.

Supervisor Report: The supervisor reported on the special meeting requested by Recycling Committee for the purpose of exploring how the center will be maintained. The second Township Clean up Day will be October 13.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Service Reliability: Fortress reported on the DEQ review of the township water system. There was a recommendation to review a potential for service disruption if the main on M-60 between Dearing and Henderson Roads fails. Fortress asked for \$15,000 to engineer this project. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve this expenditure. It was explained that this would be paid for by the Water Fund. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved.

College Lift Station Security/Appearance: Supervisor Fortress expressed concern that the lift station was now very visible to the Spring Arbor University Campus since the completion of the soccer fields. He asked that a fence be erected for security and appearance. The cost will be \$5,828.00 with the University to pay \$1,000 a year for three years. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve this expenditure. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved.

Harmony Park Restroom: The supervisor mentioned that the Park 5 year plan included a restroom facility to be constructed in Harmony Park. It has not been done before now due to budgetary constraints. Fortress obtained three bids and asked the board to award J.E. Lucas the job and approve \$50,000 for this project. Motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by Stonestreet to approve this expenditure and award the bid. Roll call: 6 yes. Approved.

Street Lights: Fortress reported that the Consumer Energy has completed their audit. We need to adopt a resolution to continue the contract for continuing the street lights service. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Herlein to adopt the resolution. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved.

Committee Appointment: Fortress placed the name of Douglas Martz for appointment to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jeff McGraw. Ganton made the motion and Freehling seconded to approve the appointment. Approved.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: none

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Ganton to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. unanimously approved.

Approved at the November 10, 2012 board meeting

Julia Stonestreet
Township Clerk