

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Tuesday, November 12, 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: Julie Alexander, County Commissioner, Paul Bucholz, Earl Poleski, Lloyd Ganton, Tim McEldowney and Russ Ratkiewicz.

**Public Comment:** Opened at 7:01 p.m. Julie Alexander reported that the county commission has changed the Health Insurance plan for retirees and is considering the new location for 911 facilities; solid waste management plan; new Parks and Rec director and JCDOT road share policy. Earl Poleski reported that the state is still working on road funding and auto insurance reform. Public comment closed at 7:15 p.m.

**Expenditures:** Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Freehling to approve the following expenditures for October: (Checks 53499 through 53585 were used for October expenditures) General Fund expenditures totaling \$52,515.36; Fire Department Fund expenditures totaling \$17,621.14; Street Light Fund totaling \$3,891.16; Public Improvement fund totaling \$11,750.66; Building Inspection Fund expenditures totaling \$3,824.71; Sewer Fund expenditures totaling \$41,310.24; Water Fund expenditures totaling \$47,415.68; Cunningham Historical Fund expenditures totaling \$220.00; Trust and Agency Fund (Check # 2042 through 2043) totaling \$459.00; Current Tax Collection (Check #4974 through 4984) totaling \$676,846.10. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Buck to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$112,826.05. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Herlein to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2013 regular board meeting. Approved.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to accept the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for October 2013; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for October 2013; Zoning/Building permit report for October 2013; Senior Center Advisory Board meeting minutes of October 9, 2013 and Public Safety Committee meeting minutes of October 29, 2013. Approved.

The financial report showed the following balances as of October 31, 2013:

General Fund Cash	\$37,048.61
Certificate of Deposit	740,657.12
Fire Operations Cash	(19,259.49)

Fire Operations CD	877,371.21
Street Light Fund Cash	23,678.85
Street Light Fund MM	2.37
P.I.F. Cash	(20,300.66)
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	68,748.32
Building Inspection Fund Cash	9,553.86
Building Inspection Fund CD	63,841.69
Historical Endowment Fund CD	29,810.40
West House Historical Fund Cash	3,253.95
West House Historical Fund CD	241,253.13
Sewer Funds	869,033.81
Water Funds	339,621.14
Current Tax Collection	36,085.06
Total	<b><u>\$3,300,399.37</u></b>

Approved

**REPORTS:**

**Police and Fire Report:** A motion was made by Buck and seconded by Freehling to accept the police department report. Approved. Motion by Ganton and seconded by Buck to accept the fire department report. Approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ganton Retirement Center Plans:** Mr. Lloyd Ganton and Mr. Paul Bucholz reported to the board their plans for additions and new buildings at the Dearing Road Ganton campus. The board will be receiving recommendations on the site plans from the Planning Commission at a future meeting.

**SAU Fireworks:** Night Magic Displays of Olivet has asked for a permit to do a fireworks display for Spring Arbor University on December 6, 2013 for the Hanging of the Greens. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Buck to allow the display. Approved.

**Public Safety Building Renovation:** The Public Safety Committee was presented the plans for the building renovations. They recommended that the Township move forward with the renovations. The motion was made by Ganton to accept the recommendation of the Public Safety Board and move on the next step of the plans for construction drawings, specifications and prepared bid documents for a cost of no more than \$30,000. Roll call: 7 yes. Approved.

**Fire Department Employment Policy:** There has been a long standing practice that paid on call firefighters live within the boundaries of the township. Due to challenges in recruiting these firefighters Chief McEldowney has recommended, and the public safety committee concurred, that we allow persons who live within 10 miles of the Township boundary and who reach the fire station within 15 minutes driving the legal posted speed limit to be employed. Motion was made by Ganton to approve the policy as written. Motion was seconded by Herlein. Approved.

**Paid On Call Employment Recommendations:** Chief McEldowney asked that the board approve his four hiring recommendations for paid on call firefighters. They are Jim Stilson, Christopher Ragain, Alexander Watson and Kyle Watson. Three of them are from outside of the township and all have previous experience. Motions was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve the employment of these men. Approved.

**Emergency Entry Ordinance:** The public safety committee recommended that a new Ordinance to require the placement of a Knox Box on specific buildings that are new or remodeled be presented the board. Motion was made by Ganton to approve the ordinance and seconded by Buck. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

**PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT:** Lloyd Ganton wished to commend the safety personnel of the township for their fine work and commitment to the people of the area. Julia Stonestreet reported that the Sign and Website committees are still looking at what options are available.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Freehling to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. unanimously approved.

Julia Stonestreet  
Township Clerk

Approved at the December 9, 2013 board meeting