

## Spring Arbor Township Board - December 8, 2008

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, December 8, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Randi Holthouse, Treasurer Gloria Melchiori, Trustees Joel Freehling, Troy Ganton and Patricia Short. Absent: Trustee Brent Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Supervisor.

Guests were: Earl Poleski, Ken Wyatt, John Eiler, Russ Ratkiewicz, Lawrence S. Male, Stan Lyon and Joe Lowden.

**Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:05 p.m. and closed at 7:20 p.m.

**Expenditures.** Motion was made by Holthouse and supported by Melchiori to approve the following expenditures for November 2008: General Fund expenditures #47114-47240 totaling \$72,846.10; Fire Department Fund expenditures #47113-47235 totaling \$13,262.21; Street Light Fund expenditure #47218 totaling \$4,252.63; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #47116-47235 totaling \$2,984.52; Sewer O & M Fund expenditures #47119-47233 totaling \$68,473.58; Water O & M Fund expenditures #47146-47233 totaling \$502.43; Trust & Agency Fund expenditures #1922-1923 totaling \$175.47; and, Tax Fund expenditures #4363-4366 totaling \$19,801.66. Roll Call: 6 yes.

**Minutes.** Motion was made by Short and supported by Ganton to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2008 board meeting as corrected; 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 November 2008; general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for November 2008; and Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of November 12, 2008. The financial report showed the following balances as of November 30:

General Fund Cash	\$97,231.87
Certificate of Deposit	259,635.07
Fire Operations Cash	3,578.40
Fire Operations CD	478,800.88
Street Light Fund	(9,566.00)
Public Improvement Fund	0.00
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	67,725.56
Building Inspection Fund	10,839.26
Falling Waters Endowment Fund	0.00
Falling Waters Endowment Fund CD	31,252.03
Sewer Funds	866,665.65
Water Funds	336,270.21
Trust & Agency Funds	0.00
Current Taxes	17,889.58;

carried.

## **REPORTS:**

**A. Police and Fire Reports.** There were 52 medical rescue runs, one fire alarm, three mutual aid calls, 13 fire runs, and no carbon monoxide incidents, Hazmat responses, or bomb threats during November. Police statistics include: 173 calls, 24 accidents, 16 tickets, seven verbal warnings, six arrests, and 14 assists to other departments.

The Chief of Police reported that their calls are up by 55 compared to the previous year. They have been working on clearing up some prior cases and watching road activity on King Rd. He also reported that the fire department had two structure fires last month in Arbor Village and they assisted with the fire at Queens church .

Motion was made by Freehling and supported by Short to accept the public safety reports; carried.

**B. Zoning & Building Permit Reports.** The report of building permits issued during the month of November showed miscellaneous permits for a total value of \$11,000.00.

Motion was made by Holthouse and supported by Freehling to accept the zoning and building report; carried.

### **C. Supervisors Report .**

Advised the board: of snow removal guidelines; of the status of the water main extension project; of reduced hours in the building department; that a church group is interested in maintaining the recycle center; of problems with the vendor for the lift station renovation project; of the increasing popularity of wood burners; of an interested party in purchasing the post office; and of a recommendation regarding how the Treasurer is paid.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Outdoor Wood Burners.** The general consensus of the board was to move ahead with an ordinance or text amendment to the zoning ordinance regarding outdoor wood burners.

**B. Sale of Post Office Property.** Motion was made by Short and supported by Freehling to decline the offer to sell the post office property; carried.

**C. Treasurer's Pay.** Motion was made by Holthouse and supported by Ganton to rescind the motion from the November 10, 2008 township board meeting regarding pay for the Treasurer; carried.

**D. Summer Tax Collection Fee.** Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Short to approve the recommendation of the Treasurer regarding the summer tax collection fee; carried.

**E. Budget Amendment.** Motion was made by Short and supported by Freehling to approve the following budget amendment:

Increase 101-000-696.000, Use of Police Reserve Account, \$259.00

Increase 101-301-982.000, Police Reserve Account, \$259.00.

Roll Call: 6 yes.

**F. King Rd. Speed Study.** Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Freehling to approve the request for a speed study on King Rd., specifically between Dearing Rd. and Chapel Rd., and to gather information about the number of people that walk, bicycle, jog, etc. on that portion of King Rd., and to have the Chief of Police investigate the number of accidents that have occurred on this road and to approach the Jackson County Road Commission and the Michigan State Police with this information; carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Township Law News.

Letter from Wightman & Associates.

Letters from Comcast.

**PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT:** Public comment opened at 7:57 p.m.

Stan Lyon requested that the Supervisor, Marston Fortress, a representative from OMM, and himself take the Exacto Blue Prints for the water services in Stonehaven and inspect these services as they are all not to State code. He stated that when they freeze this Township will be responsible for this problem.

Public comment closed at 8:32 p.m.

**Adjournment.** Motion was made by Ganton and supported by Freehling to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.; carried.