

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 13, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, December 13, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present: Clerk Julia Stonestreet, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees James Buck, Joel Freehling, Troy Ganton and Brent Williams. Absent: Supervisor Marston Fortress, The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Stonestreet.

On a motion by Ganton seconded by Freehling and approved by the board, Trustee Williams was voted to run the meeting in place of the absent supervisor.

Guests: Julie Alexander, Mary Ley, Stan Lyon, Tim McEldowney, Earl Poleski, Russ Ratkiewicz, Cindy Sherwood and Ken Wyatt.

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

Julie Alexander reported that the County Commission on December 5 will begin at 5:p.m. to allow for a reception for incoming and outgoing members. Earl Poleski spoke of his preparation for moving on. Public comment closed at 7:08 p.m.

**Expenditures.** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve the following expenditures for November. The General Fund expenditures #49656-49789 totaling \$67,685.21; Fire Department Fund expenditures #49663-49787 totaling \$19,869.98; Street Light Fund expenditure #49739 totaling \$5,263.30; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #49685-49787 totaling \$3,512.53; Sewer Fund expenditures #49660--49787 totaling \$44,660.87; Water Fund expenditures #49723-49787 totaling \$826.22; Tax Fund #4638-4646 totaling \$39,490.18. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Ganton to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$90,680.42. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Gibbs to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2010 regular board meeting; unanimously approved.

**Consent Agenda.** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Stonestreet to approve the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for November 2010; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for November 2010; the Senior Center Board minutes of November 20, 2010; Park Committee minutes of November 18, 2010 and the Master Plan Committee minutes of August 17, September 8, October 6, 13 and 27, November 10, and December 1, 2010. The financial report showed the following balances as of November 30, 2010:

|                               |    |                 |
|-------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| General Fund Cash             | \$ | 3,792.84        |
| Certificate of Deposit        |    | 396,935.97      |
| Fire Operations Cash          |    | (25,949.48)     |
| Fire Operations CD            |    | 523,458.29      |
| Street Light Fund Cash        |    | (23,549.04)     |
| P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit |    | 59,908.51       |
| Building Inspection Fund      |    | 8,473.46        |
| Building Inspection Fund CD   |    | 41,379.32       |
| Historical Endowment Fund     |    | 0.00            |
| Historical Endowment Fund CD  |    | 29,046.92       |
| Sewer Funds                   |    | 810,781.87      |
| Water Funds                   |    | 365,582.98      |
| Trust & Agency Funds          |    | 0.00            |
| Current Taxes                 |    | <u>8,301.62</u> |
| Total                         |    | \$2,198,163.26  |

Unanimously approved.

**REPORTS:**

**A. Police and Fire Reports.** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to accept the police and fire report: unanimously approved

**B. Zoning & Building Permit Reports.** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Stonestreet to accept the zoning and building report; unanimously approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Wind Energy Zoning Ordinance** On the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Ganton made the motion and Buck seconded that the Wind Energy Zoning Ordinance be approved. Roll Call 6 yes: Approved.

**B. Federal Poverty Exemption Guidelines 2011.** Stonestreet brought the poverty exemption guidelines to the board for approval. Moved by Freehling and seconded by Ganton. Unanimously approved.

**C. Committee Appointments** - Brent offered his resignation from the Sewer and Water Committee. Moved to accept with gratitude – Ganton and seconded by Freehling. Approved. Tom Zeller was put forth to be appointed to the Sewer/Water Committee. Moved by Stonestreet and seconded by Gibbs. Approved. Board of Review Reappointment – Gordon Holton, Mel Rice and Shane Williams with Mike Kesterson as alternate. Moved by Ganton and Seconded by Freehling. Approved. Budget Committee – Brent Williams reappointed. Moved by Ganton and Seconded by Stonestreet. Approved. Audit Committee – Brent Williams’ reappointment for 2 years and Jim Buck appointment for 1 year. Moved by Ganton and seconded by Gibbs. Approved.

**D. Sunday Morning Liquor Sales** State legislation has been approved to allow Sunday morning liquor sales. Due to the flurry of contradictory information, the discussion was tabled.

**E. Pay raise** In an effort to acknowledge the work of the office personnel and that fact that they were last given raises in January 2010, Fortress wanted to consider a 1% pay raise beginning January 1, 2011. Then additional raises for the year would then be adjusted at budget time with the rest of the Township raises. Moved by Ganton and seconded by Freehling. Approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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**PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT:** Marston Fortress called into the meeting to inform the board of a possible donation of property. The board asked Fortress to pursue this possible donation

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Buck to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.; unanimously approved.

Approved at the January 10, 2011 board meeting

Julia K. Stonestreet  
Township Clerk