

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held ~~Tuesday~~, **MONDAY** December 9, 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, John Eiler, Jay Johnston, Tim McEldowney and Russ Ratkiewicz.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:01 p.m. Julie Alexander reported that Jim Videto has been appointed to the County Fair Board and the Veterans Affairs legislation has been signed to help disabled veterans with property taxes. Public comment closed at 7:05 p.m.

Expenditures: Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Herlein to approve the following expenditures for November: (Checks 53586 through 53664 were used for November expenditures) General Fund expenditures totaling \$60,172.73; Fire Department Fund expenditures totaling \$17,160.71; Street Light Fund totaling \$3,891.12; Building Inspection Fund expenditures totaling \$4,089.56; Sewer Fund expenditures totaling \$42,594.09; Water Fund expenditures totaling \$1,953.92 Cunningham Historical Fund expenditures totaling \$220.00; West House Historical Fund \$1,093.75; Trust and Agency Fund (Check # 2044 through 2048) totaling \$915.00; Current Tax Collection (Check #4985 through 4994) totaling \$50,201.37. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Stonestreet to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$80,585.97. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Minutes: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2013 regular board meeting. Approved.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Buck to accept the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for November 2013; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for November 2013; Zoning/Building permit report for November 2013; Senior Center Advisory Board meeting minutes of November 13, 2013; Planning Commission meeting minutes of November 5, 2013 and Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting minutes of October 28, 2013.

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

General Fund Cash	\$118,598.04
Certificate of Deposit	741,503.78
Fire Operations Cash	(31,408.06)
Fire Operations CD	879,124.46

Street Light Fund Cash	19,787.73
Street Light Fund MM	2.37
P.I.F. Cash	(20,300.66)
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	68,755.40
Building Inspection Fund Cash	8,994.30
Building Inspection Fund CD	63,890.04
Historical Endowment Fund CD	29,768.33
West House Historical Fund Cash	2,160.20
West House Historical Fund CD	241,381.78
Sewer Funds	885,104.30
Water Funds	364,332.43
Current Tax Collection	9,760.94
Total	<u>\$3,381,455.38</u>

Approved

REPORTS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Property Tax Poverty Exemption: Supervisor Fortress reported that the Board of Review felt that the Property Tax Poverty Exemption was a bit too stringent for the Township. The BOR revised the policy to have a more lenient income level and more complete ancillary information. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Buck to accept the new BOR policies. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

MDOT Performance Resolution: Supervisor Fortress presented the annual MDOT Performance Resolution that is necessary to begin approval for closing M-60 for the Memorial Day Parade. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

Treasurer's Office Expenditure: Treasurer Gibbs presented drawings and costs to the board to purchase walls for her desk area. As they were just given to the board at this time, by common consent, the issue was held over until the next board meeting in January.

Outdoor Township Office Sign: The Sign Committee presented to the board a picture of the two office signs that the committee felt were the best choices. After a written vote of the best style of the signs presented, discussion ensued regarding price. A motion was made by Buck and seconded by Ganton to approve \$25,000 total for the Johnson Company sign and other necessary expenditures for the installation. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

Zoning Board of Appeal appointment of alternate member: Supervisor Fortress reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals has a vacancy. He recommends the Bruce Inosencio be appointed to the

board as the second alternate. Motion made by Freehling and seconded by Herlein to approve the appointment. Approved.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Jay Johnston, a Miller Trailer Village resident, addressed the board.

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

Julia Stonestreet
Township Clerk

Approved at the January 13, 2014 board meeting