

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday February 11, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present Clerk Julia Stonestreet, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees James Buck, Troy Ganton, Joel Freehling and David Herlein. Absent: Supervisor Marston Fortress. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Stonestreet.

Dave Herlein was appointed meeting chair by common consent.

Guests: Julie Alexander-County Commissioner, Jon Ball, Sandra Ball, Kevin Barclay, Karen Bartholomew, Heather Castle, Steve Castle, Pegg Clevenger, Terry Darling, Bob Delmarter, Travis Fojtasek, Stan Lyon, John Pauli, George Peckham, Walter Pettifor, Earl Poleski-State Representative, Bobby Pratt, Russ Ratkiewicz, Patricia Short, Denise Tomasello and Ken Wyatt-Jackson Citizen Patriot

**Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:01p.m. Rep. Earl Poleski reported on the work of the state legislature. Commissioner Alexander reported on the Lime Lake stabilization project, the Jackson County Road Commission being renamed Jackson Department of Transportation (JDOT), and other workings of the County. Pat Short, Pegg Clevenger and Denise Tomasello reported on the work of the Recycling Committee and their recommendation to the board to establish a task force. Pat Short reported that Northwest will accept the discounted rate of \$250 for the recycling service until June 1. Bob Delmarter inquired as to the status of the property on Main Street behind the Frosty Boy. Public Comment closed at 7:40 p.m.

**Expenditures:** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Buck to approve the following expenditures for January: The General Fund expenditures #52543-52630 totaling \$46,326.30; Fire Department Fund expenditures #52543-52630 totaling \$14,652.33; Street Light Fund expenditures #52580 totaling \$4,294.27; Public Improvement Fund expenditures #52559 & 52584 totaling \$4,030.75; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #52549-52613 totaling \$3,632.12; Sewer Fund expenditures #52547-52617 totaling \$30,815.52; Water Fund expenditures #52579-52617 & 1565 totaling \$68,338.05; Trust and Agency Fund Expenditures #2018-2020 totaling \$462.00; Tax Fund expenditures #4874-4902 totaling \$1,002,131.84; West House Historical Fund expenditures #52558-52630 totaling \$516.30. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Freehling to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$56,730.99. Roll Call: 6 yes. Approved

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Gibbs to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2013 regular board meeting. Approved.

**Consent Agenda.** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Gibbs to accept the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for January 2013; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for January 2013; police and fire report for January 2013; Zoning/Building permit report for January 2013;; and Senior Center Advisory Board minutes for January 17, 2013 and the Parks Committee minutes of February 7, 2013.. Approved. The financial report showed the following balances as of January 31, 2013:

General Fund Cash	\$50,113.30
Certificate of Deposit	737,791.91
Fire Operations Cash	27,984.00
Fire Operations CD	862,980.72
Street Light Fund Cash	28,890.24
P.I.F. Cash	(3,545.24)
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	25,074.00

Building Inspection Fund Cash	7,322.02
Building Inspection Fund CD	61,874.47
Historical Endowment Fund Cash	0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	30,914.69
West House Historical Fund Cash	2,028.48
West House Historical Fund CD	90,164.33
Sewer Funds	827,074.28
Water Funds	350,373.74
Trust & Agency Funds	.00
Current Taxes	<u>169,352.01</u>
Total	<b><u>\$3,268,390.95</u></b>

Unanimously approved

#### REPORTS:

**Police and Fire Report:** Chief Ratkiewicz elaborated on his written report. He also reported that the Tahoe police car has been repaired since the car deer accident; O'Brien Road is closed until further notice for bridge repair and Tim Woolworth has begun as our full time fire fighter. Ganton made the motion to accept the police report. Freehling seconded the motion. Approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**Recycling:** A motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Ganton to appoint a task force, consisting of Trustees and Recycling Committee members to review the feasibility and desirability of every household in Spring Arbor Township being serviced with curb-side garbage and recycling pick-up, determine the specific services the bids will require and develop a recommendation for collecting the user fees. This task force will have their recommendation by May 1, 2013. A second motion to commit to continuing to operate the Recycling Center at Hutch's until June 1, 2013 as long as the Recycling Volunteers keep the site clean was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling. Roll Call: 6 yeas. Approved.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Conference:** Colleen Gibbs requested the expenditure of \$1,500.00 to attend the MMTC in June 2013. A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Stonestreet to approve this expenditure. Roll Call: 6 yes.

**Parks Committee Stipend for Sam Lunt:** The Parks Committee requested the expenditure of \$1,000 to be awarded to Sam Lunt for his 90+ hours of work on the Parks Committee Five Year Plan. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Gibbs to approve this expenditure. Roll Call: 6 yes.

**ZBA Committee Resignation:** Bill Jaquays has presented his letter of resignation as a full time member of the ZBA. A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to accept his resignation with deep regret and sincere thanks. Approved.

**ZBA Committee Appointments:** In the Supervisor's report, Fortress recommended the appointment of Larry Atkins as full time committee member and Bill Jaquays as ZBA alternate member. Motion for these appointments was made by Ganton and Seconded by Buck Approved. A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Stonestreet to reappoint Joel Freehling to the Budget Committee. Approved.

**Disposition of John Deere tractor:** In the Supervisor's report, Fortress recommends that the John Deere zero turn tractor be sold at the West House Auction. A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to dispose of the tractor. Roll Call: 6 yes.

**Computer Training:** Treasurer Gibbs asked to be allowed to spend \$300 on computer training. This is a webinar training that will be available for multiple uses for one year. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve this expenditure. Roll Call: 6 yes.

**PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT:** Stan Gibbs commented on the garbage and recycling committee recommendations and pointed out that he has special services that the committee should be aware that exist. Colleen Gibbs reminded that taxes were due this week. Dave Herlein commented on the need to pick a day for our Second Annual Clean Up Day.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. unanimously approved.

Approved at the  
March 11, 2013 board meeting

Julia Stonestreet  
Township Clerk