

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 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 Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Julia Stonestreet, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees James Buck, Troy Ganton, Joel Freehling and David Herlein. Absent: none. The Pledge of Allegiance was Supervisor Fortress.

Guests: Fran Kingsley, Tim McEldowney, Russ Ratkiewicz, and Ken Wyatt-Jackson Citizen Patriot

Public Comment: none

Expenditures: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Buck to approve the following expenditures for February: The General Fund expenditures #52636- totaling \$59,952.20; Fire Department Fund expenditures #52636-52708 totaling \$15,609.01; Street Light Fund expenditures #52658 totaling \$4,339.01; Public Improvement Fund expenditures #52665 & 52670 totaling \$4,327.58; Building Inspection Fund expenditures #52639-52694 totaling \$3,365.34; Sewer Fund expenditures #52636-52681 totaling \$39,795.84; Water Fund expenditures #52657 & 52684 totaling \$100.21; Trust and Agency Fund Expenditures #2022-21025 totaling \$720.00; Tax Fund expenditures #4903-4925 totaling \$883,190.76; West House Historical Fund expenditures #52664-52690 totaling \$311.82. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Ganton to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$74,992.60. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Minutes: Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Buck to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2013 regular board meeting. Approved. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2013 special 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 February 2013; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for February 2013; police and fire report for February 2013; Zoning/Building permit report for February 2013; the Planning commission meeting minutes of February 12, 2013; the Senior Center Advisory Board minutes for February 13, 2013; the Parade Committee meeting minutes of February 20, 2013; and the Sewer and Water Committee meeting minutes of February 28, 2013. Approved. The financial report showed the following balances as of February 28, 2013:

General Fund Cash	\$72,900.58
Certificate of Deposit	768,315.97
Fire Operations Cash	76,711.56
Fire Operations CD	884,712.81
Street Light Fund Cash	46,260.99
P.I.F. Cash	(8,872.82)
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	25,076.80
Building Inspection Fund Cash	7,671.68
Building Inspection Fund CD	61,922.83
Historical Endowment Fund Cash	0.00
Historical Endowment Fund CD	30,987.41
West House Historical Fund Cash	1,716.66
West House Historical Fund CD	90,270.42
Sewer Funds	853,128.82
Water Funds	383,644.70
Trust & Agency Funds	.00

Current Taxes

53,963.53

Total

\$3,348,411.94

Unanimously approved

REPORTS:

Police and Fire Report: Chief Ratkiewicz elaborated on his written report. He also reported that the Tahoe is back in service after the car/deer accident and that officers are making school “walkthroughs” to increase presence in the community. Herlein made the motion to accept the police report. Buck seconded the motion. Approved. The written report was presented. Tim McEldowney reported that the new full time fire fighter position was in place for one month and going well. The class for fire fighters that Spring Arbor is hosting has been going well and is ending in April. Motion made by Ganton and seconded by Herlein to accept the Fire report. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Clean up Day: Dave Herlein reported on clean up day which is scheduled for April 27. He presented three bids from haulers for that day. A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Buck to pursue hiring Norwest Refuse Inc for that day. Herlein also explained an interest from community members to have a township clean up week end or week with volunteers to clean the township roadways, paint fences, or other types of chores. This group would like to do it Sunday, April 28 as part of the first clean up weekend. A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Buck to have Herlein pursue this activity to approach other groups and supporters and for the Township to fund the cost of it. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Appointments: A motion was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Herlein to approve the committee appointments as outlined by the Supervisor. Approved.

Wastewater System Operation & Maintenance Agreement: The supervisor presented the agreement from OMM for a three year contract to maintain our wastewater system. A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Stonestreet to accept the contract. Roll Call: 7 yes.

Enterprise Group Contribution: Supervisor Fortress expressed interest in supporting the Enterprise Group. After an explanation of the benefits to the township, a motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Buck to support monetarily support the Enterprise Group per their suggested investment. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

Medical Marihuana Text Amendment: The Planning Commission has approved text amendment and it was approved by the Region 2 principal planner. The Commission is asking the Board to adopt the text Amendment. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Herlein to approve the Text Amendment. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

Building Code Enforcement Contracts: The contracts for the building code inspectors are up for renewal. Supervisor Fortress presented pay adjustments for the contracts. A motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Stonestreet to approve the contracts. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

Sale of Miscellaneous: Supervisor Fortress asked that the board allow him to add miscellaneous/extraneous items from the Township to be added to the auction being held at West House. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to allow the supervisor to use his discretion in this matter. Approved.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Fran Kingsley supports the clean up weekend/week and volunteered her time. Ken Wyatt reported that the MLive/Citizen Patriot is attempting to monitor abusive comments on its website and asks that if we see such a comment and it is not removed quickly to inform the site. Joel Freehling reported that the Recycling Task force has met and is moving ahead with its task. Fortress reported that there was a problem with the two wastewater pumps at the MACI plant and it is being worked on.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. unanimously approved.

Approved at the
April 8, 2013 board meeting

Julia Stonestreet
Township Clerk