

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
JULY 8, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday July 8, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Julia Stonestreet, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees James Buck and David Herlein. Absent: Troy Ganton, and Joel Freehling. The Pledge of Allegiance was led Supervisor Fortress.

Supervisor added an additional item to new business – Falling Waters Festival.

Guests: Julie Alexander – County Commissioner, Mike Edger, Stan Lyon, Earl Poleski-State Representative, Russ Ratkiewicz and Ken Wyatt-Jackson Citizen Patriot.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:05 p.m. Julie Alexander gave updates on JCDOT hiring a new Managing Director, Jerry Peterson; township road repair and budget issues including Recovery Resource Facility retirees' health care. Mike Edger asked to board to reconsider closing the recycling center. Earl Poleski reported on issue in the House and Senate and that he will be in his office on Thursdays. Public comment closed at 7:29 p.m.

Expenditures: Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Herlein to approve the following expenditures for June: (Checks 53061 through 53192 were used for June expenditures) General Fund expenditures totaling \$78,992.71; Fire Department Fund expenditures totaling \$42,772.55; Street Light Fund expenditures totaling \$4,410.01; Building Inspection Fund expenditures totaling \$3,702.04; Sewer Fund expenditures totaling \$55,524.11; Water Fund expenditures totaling \$284.25; Trust and Agency expenditures (Check # 2030 and 2033) \$474.00; Becky Cunningham Historical Fund \$1,355.53; West House Historical Fund expenditures totaling \$604.41. Roll Call: 5 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Herlein to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$80,569.02. Roll Call: 5 yes. Approved

Minutes: Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Buck to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2013 regular board meeting. Approved. Motion made by Stonestreet and seconded by Buck to approve the Special Board meeting minutes of April 30, 2013. 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 June 2013; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for June 2013; Zoning/Building permit report for June 2013; Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of June 19, 2013; the Parks Committee meeting minutes of June 20, 2013 and the Public Safety Committee meeting minutes of June 19, 2013. Approved. The financial report showed the following balances as of June 30, 2013:

General Fund Cash	\$6,010.68
Certificate of Deposit	676,699.07
Fire Operations Cash	20,601.14
Fire Operations CD	951,137.46
Street Light Fund Cash	12,212.36
Street Light Fund MM	22,056.54
P.I.F. Cash	5,592.50
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	77,695.60
Building Inspection Fund Cash	8,712.76
Building Inspection Fund CD	62,110.33

Historical Endowment Fund CD	29,918.71
West House Historical Fund Cash	153,577.19
West House Historical Fund CD	90,726.00
Sewer Funds	791,815.62
Water Funds	379,311.88
Total	<u>\$3,288,177.84</u>

Unanimously approved

REPORTS:

Police and Fire Report: Chief Ratkiewicz elaborated on his written report. Russ also reported that there were no traffic fatalities in the area over the 4th of July weekend. A motion was made by Buck and seconded by Herlein to accept the public safety report. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Street Light contract: Supervisor Fortress presented the Street Light contract/resolution sent to us by Consumers Energy. A motion was made by Stonestreet and seconded by Herlein to approve the contract. Roll Call: Yes – Stonestreet and Fortress. No – Buck, Gibbs, and Herlein. A second motion was made by Herlein and Buck to approve the contract with reservations as to why Consumers Energy is NOT using the most energy efficient methods and to let Consumers know of our hesitation to approve the contract. Roll Call: 5 yes.

Public Officer Employment: Supervisor Fortress outlined a recommendation of the Public Safety Committee to employ Jan Noppe as a part-time police officer. Motion was made by Herlein and second by Buck. Roll Call: 5 yes. Approved. Supervisor Fortress recommended the pay rate for Officer Jan Noppe begin at \$15.00 per hour due to her extensive experience. Motion made by Herlein and seconded by Buck to approve the rate. Roll Call: 5 yes.

Committee Appointments: The Senior Center Advisory Board would like the board to confirm three committee members. June Dodd, Jesse Moore and Thomas Cooney all three terms expire in May 2016. Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Stonestreet to confirm the appointments, Approved.

Cemetery Ordinance: A correction to the current Cemetery Ordinance is needed for clarification. All headstones need a cement foundation and all fees must be paid in advance before headstones are placed. Motion was mad by Stonestreet and seconded by Gibbs. Roll Call: 5 yes. Approved

Building Inspectors Contract: Supervisor Fortress recommended a change in the Building Inspectors contract due to additional responsibilities as our State mandated Building Official. The following changes are being considered:

- Increase rate of pay for court appearances to \$50.00Roll
- Increase rate of pay for commercial and industrial site plan reviews to \$50.00 per hour.

Minimum payment for commercial and industrial site plan reviews of \$100.00

Motion was mad by Herlein and seconded by Gibbs to approve the changes. Roll Call: 5yes. Approved.

Falling Waters Festival: The Falling Waters Festival being held on July 19 and 20, 2013 is being organized by the Becky Cunningham a member of the Township’s Historical Committee. After discussion, a motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Buck to be a sponsor of the festival. Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Stonestreet presented the Board with a Thank You letter from for the City of Jackson for the Township’s Fire Department responding to a high rise fire in the former Consumers Energy building.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: Treasurer Gibbs reported that the letter explaining the closing of the recycling center was mailed with the tax bills, and is on line. Supervisor Fortress informed the board of a possible land division problem.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Herlein to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. unanimously approved.

Julia Stonestreet
Township Clerk

Approved at the August 12, 2013 board meeting