

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, November 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Marston Fortress, Clerk Julia Stonestreet, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs Trustees James Buck, Joel Freehling, Troy Ganton and Dave Herlein. Absent: none. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Fortress.

Guests: Julie Alexander–County Commissioner, Earl Poleski-State Representative, Tim McEldowney, Russ Ratkiewicz and Kirby Runyon.

Supervisor Fortress asked that a second item be added to new business – approval of fireworks display by Night Magic for the University’s “Hanging of the Greens”.

**Public Comment:** Opened at 7:02 p.m. Earl Poleski reported on the schedule of the State House schedule through December 31, 2014. Julie Alexander brought the board up to date with the work of the County Commission including the Street Naming Ordinance update; Airport update; and 211 update. Closed Public Comment at 7:17 p.m.

**Expenditures:** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Herlein to approve the following expenditures for October: General Fund expenditures totaling \$55,054.99; Fire Department Fund expenditures totaling \$15,912.01; Street Light Fund expenditures \$3,896.25; Public Improvement Fund expenditures totaling \$19,627.77; Building Inspection Fund expenditures totaling \$3,493.79; Sewer Fund expenditures totaling \$40,904.77; Water Fund expenditures totaling \$42,038.90; Tax Collection Fund totaling \$120,303.97; Becky Cunningham Historical Fund \$277.60. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Freehling to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$131,797.29. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Stonestreet to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2014 regular board meeting. Approved. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to approve the special meeting minutes of October 29, 2014. 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 October 2014; the general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for October 2014; Zoning/Building permit report for October 2014; Parks Committee meeting minutes of October 20, 2014; the Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of October 8, 2014 and the Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 14, 2014. Approved.

The financial report showed the following balances as of October 31, 2014:

General Fund Cash	\$227,074.01
Certificate of Deposit	690,554.47

Fire Operations Cash	22,311.81
Fire Operations CD	872,102.56
Street Light Fund Cash	31,886.83
Street Light Fund MM	.00
P.I.F. Cash	(305,708.15)
P.I.F. Certificate of Deposit	11.69
Building Inspection Fund Cash	11,705.15
Building Inspection Fund CD	64,409.80
Trust and Agency Fund Cash	.00
Historical Fund Cash	(1,102.60)
Historical Endowment Fund CD	17,403.70
Sewer Funds	882,950.78
Water Funds	306,485.80
Current Tax Collection MM	9,733.11
Fixed Assets	2,000.00
Total	<b><u>\$2,831,818.96</u></b>

**REPORTS:**

**Police and Fire Report:** Chief Ratkiewicz reported on the month's activities. The department had a TASER recertification in October and firearms qualification will happen in November. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Freehling to accept the police report of October 2014. Approved. Chief McEldowney reported on the fire activities for the month. The department held a Halloween night activity for the "trick or treaters" and the ladder truck was put through its five year non-destructive tests and it is expected to be certified for another five years. Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Herlein to accept the fire report of October 2014. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Delinquent Utility Bill Penalty:** Last month Treasurer Gibbs presented the Sewer/Water ordinance and spoke to the method of charging penalties to the bills and that the ordinance is not specific as to how the penalties are applied. It is recommended that the policy for this change be brought to the board in November but the implementation may begin with the next penalty application. The policy is not ready for the November board meeting and by common consent tabled until December.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Property Tax Poverty Exemption:** The property tax poverty exemption has to be approved each year by the board. Supervisor Fortress presented the guidelines from last year and recommended we use those again this year. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Buck to approve the poverty tax guidelines as presented by the supervisor. Roll call: 7 yes. Approved.

**Night Magic Display Fireworks approval:** Supervisor Fortress asked that the board approve the fireworks display done by Night Magic for the Spring Arbor University's "Hanging of the Greens" on December 5, 2014. The motion to allow Night Magic to have a fireworks display was made by Buck and seconded by Ganton. Approved.

**PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT:** Tim McEldowney and Russ Ratkiewicz both thanked the board for the police department addition and upgrades to the Public Safety building. Tim thanked the board and voters for passing the millage vote. Russ reminded us that the first snow is predicted to happen soon and to be conscious of good winter driving tactics. Colleen Gibbs told everyone to check the county website for information regarding personal information on it. Julia Stonestreet informed the board that the Township website is well on its way and all are welcome to look at the prototype and make suggestion.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:37p.m.

Julia Stonestreet  
Township Clerk

Approved at the December 8, 2014 regular board meeting