

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 29, 2014**

The special board meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Tuesday, October 29, 2014, at 6:00 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

**Public Comment:** Opened at 6:02 p.m. Supervisor Fortress reported that the township will not be sharing the new evidence room with Concord Police Department. He also reported on the LDFA meeting and that he agreed that Spring Arbor Township will be responsible for the normal wear and tear on the pumps. Closed Public Comment at 6:05 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Fire Fighter:** Chief Tim McEldowney put forth the name of Paul Smith, a resident of Aviara Oaks Parkway, as a new paid-on-call fire fighter. He has shown an interest in the fire department and Tim would like to hire him so that he can begin his Fire 1 and Fire 2 training which is scheduled for November. Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Freehling to hire Paul Smith as a paid-on-call fire fighter. Approved.

**MTA “On The Road” workshop:** Treasurer Gibbs asked that the board approve a registration fee of \$99 plus travel and expenses to attend an MTA Tax Collection Workshop on November 18. Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Buck to approve the expense. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

**Shared Services of Fire Chief with Summit Township:** The contract with Summit Township to share the services of Fire Chief Tim McEldowney is up for renewal. Chief McEldowney enumerated the benefits for the townships which are stronger mutual aid; more mutual training; a larger voice in the community; joint purchasing which helps bring down cost; and additional experience for the chief of incidents not normally handled in our township. A discussion ensued as to whether or not we should ask for an increase on the base amount Summit pays for these services. A motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Gibbs to renew the current contract for 2 years at the current rate. Roll Call: YES - Buck, Freehling, Ganton and Gibbs. NO- Fortress, Herlein and Stonestreet. Motion approved by majority vote.

**PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT:** none

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Julia Stonestreet  
Township Clerk  
Approved at the November 10, 2014 regular board meeting