

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
JULY 13, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present: Clerk Julia Stonestreet, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees James Buck, Joel Freehling and Dave Herlein. Absent: Supervisor Marston Fortress and Trustee Troy Ganton. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Stonestreet.

The board appointed Trustee Buck to be the moderator of the meeting in the Supervisor’s absence.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:02 p.m. Ms. Darlene Stilson reported that she and her daughter had a difficult time seeing a large rock in the grass near the drive at the Senior Center. It is there to keep cars from cutting the corner and driving on the grass. Her daughter had significant damage to her car. Mrs. Stilson provided pictures to prove her point. Apparently they are not the first to have a problem. She asked that the board consider replacing the rock with a taller fence or post that would be easier to see. Public Comment closed at 7:12 p.m.

Expenditures: Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Freehling to approve the following expenditures for June: General Fund expenditures totaling \$86,594.50; Fire Department Fund expenditures totaling \$61,622.94; Street Light Fund expenditures totaling \$4,020.38; Public Improvement Fund expenditures totaling \$5,722.00; Building Fund expenditures \$45,307.71; Sewer Fund Expenditures \$43,117.60; Water Fund expenditures totaling \$41,060.62; Trust and Agency Fund \$120.00; Cunningham Historical Fund \$420.00. Roll Call: 5 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Herlein to pay outstanding invoices totaling \$111,060.74. Roll Call: 5 yes. Approved

Minutes: Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Stonestreet to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2015 regular board meeting. Approved.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Gibbs to accept the following items under the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports for June 2015; general ledger report of revenues and expenditures for June 2015; the Zoning/Building and Permits report for June, 2015; the Senior Center Advisory Board meeting minutes of June 17, 2015; Planning Commission meeting minutes for June 9, 2015 and the Election Commission meeting minutes of July 2, 2015. Approved.

The Financial Reports showed the following balances as of June 30, 2015:

General Fund Cash	\$41,039.80
Certificate of Deposit	629,262.38
Fire Operations Cash	4,216.04
Certificate of Deposit	864,321.16
Street Light Fund Cash	43,784.58
Street Light Fund MM	.00
P.I. Fund Cash	.00
P.I. Fund MM	113,960.78

Building Inspection Fund Cash	14,789.42
Building Inspection Fund MM	64,721.74
Trust and Agency Fund	.00
Historical Fund Cash	(1,852.60)
Historical Fund MM	17,432.70
Sewer Fund	949,520.25
Water Funds	305,585.19
Current Tax Collection Fund	.00
Total	\$3,046,781.44

REPORTS:

Police and Fire Report: Chief Ratkiewicz reported on the month’s activities including Fire Arms Training and that there will be shotgun qualifications in July. Chief McEldowney reported that a few fire fighters went to look at new fire trucks and that the summer is busy with trainings. A motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Herlein to accept the reports of the chiefs. Approved

NEW BUSINESS:

FOIA Policies and Forms: Clerk Stonestreet presented the policies and forms for Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests that are mandated by the state if we want to be able to charge a fee for these requests. A motion was made by Herlein and seconded by Freehling to approve the policies. Approved.

MABAS Resolution and Agreement: Chief McEldowney informed the board of the advantages and value of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Herlein to approve the resolution. Roll Call: 5 yes. Approved. A motion was then made by Stonestreet and seconded by Herlein to approve the agreement as written. Approved.

King Road Office: The Supervisor had reported in writing that Arborwood Homes had offered to donate their office to the township for use at the King Road property. The cost to the Township would be up to \$10,000 to move the structure, prepare foundation and land etc. After discussion and with questions unanswered, by unanimous consent, it was decided to postpone the vote until the next board meeting.

Cemetery Garage repairs. Supervisor Fortress, in his written report, presented to the board three bids for the roof replacement and vinyl siding for the cemetery out building. Motion was made by Freehling and seconded by Herlein to accept the bid of May’s construction. Roll Call: 5 yes. Approved.

Cemetery Garage Privacy Fence: The supervisor’s written report had an explanation of the cost for a privacy fence around the cemetery garage. Motion was made by Herlein to approve the expenditure for a privacy fence not to exceed \$4,000. It was seconded by Freehling. Roll Call: Yes – Buck, Freehling, Herlein and Stonestreet. No- Gibbs. Approved.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT: County Commissioner Julie Alexander reported on the county discussions as to how to handle the problem with Leoni's defaulting on a bond payment and the possible ramifications for the county and townships. Trustee Herlein reported that the Fall Trash Day will be September 26, 2015 as soon as he can confirm this with Granger waste collection. Clerk Stonestreet reported that we received a compliment on the neatness of township grounds; election was coming up in August; furnace had a fuse blow and was repaired; General Code has moved to step two in the codification process and the auditors are coming the last week of July.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Julia Stonestreet
Township Clerk
August 17, 2015 regular board meeting