

**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Dave Herlein, Clerk Julia Stonestreet, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees Mike Archer, James Buck, Troy Ganton and Josh Walz. Absent: none. The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment:** Opened at 6:02. None.

**Reports:** County Commissioner Earl Poleski reported that the “Soups on for Seniors” Fundraiser is set for March 14; Pickleball Courts have been approved; Jury Duty “no shows” will be receiving notices to appear in court; \$2 million grant for County Tower updates has been approved and the County has submitted a balanced budget for 2023. Chief Dan Deering reported on the month’s statistics and some of the unusual calls that were handled by the police; grant from Michigan Township Participating Plan was granted and he is working towards a potential new ire for the department.

**Expenditures:** Motion was made by Archer and seconded by Walz to approve the disbursements for the month of January 2023 totaling \$2,484,674.57 including taxes. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Buck and seconded by Stonestreet to approve the payment of January 2023 outstanding invoices totaling \$156,934.17. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Walz to accept the Regular Board minutes of January 9, 2023. Approved.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion was made by Ganton and seconded by Walz to accept the following items under the consent agenda, the General Ledger Report of Revenues and Expenditures for January 2023; the Financial Reports of January 2023 and the Public Safety Report for January Approved.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Supervisor Herlein reported that the Par Plan Grant was awarded; the EGLE Audit from October 22 report was received in February 2023 and shows that all is well; Consumers Energy will begin tree trimming with Dearing Road; the Consumers Energy work on the lagoons and lift stations is almost complete; four Trustees will be going to the MTA Convention; the Old Library space will be outfitted for temporary additional meeting space; and he has received a proposal for Solar Energy Panels on the Township Hall and Public Safety building for possible consideration with the building upgrades.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Township Hall upgrade:** Supervisor Herlein presented the Preliminary Floor Plan for the new office. The next step is to have a full set of plans for the building and site. Motion to move on with the full set of prints and plans to remodel the Township Hall and campus was made by Ganton and seconded by Gibbs. Approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fence Repairs:** Herlein asked the board to approve a bid for \$9,786.00 for fence repairs throughout various Township properties. Motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by Ganton to approve the

expense. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved.

**Non-Binding Letter of Intent:** Herlein explained the letter of intent to combine Spring Arbor and Summit Townships water systems. He explained the need for this to continue the work that they have started. Motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by Ganton to approve the signing of the Non-binding Letter of Intent by the Supervisor and Clerk in the name of the Township. Approved

**Board of Review Appointment:** The motion to appointment Katie Traschel as a Board of Review Alternate Member. Approved.

**Trash Day:** A motion was made by Gibbs and seconded by Walz to approve a date for Trash Day of May 20<sup>th</sup> and to approve the increase in fees from Emmons. Roll Call vote: 7 yes. Approved.

**Appointment of Clerk:** Supervisor Herlein recommended that the Board appoint Patricia Bush to the position of Township Clerk. Roll Call Vote: Unanimously 7 yes.

**Public and Board Comment:** Tim McEldowney gave the Police Departments of Jackson for their response to a possible school shooting. He said that the Spring Arbor Department deserves recognition for their work. Colleen Gibbs also thanked both the Police and Fire Chiefs for their work in the Township. Josh Walz commended the chiefs also. Julia Stonestreet said that there will be a May 8 Schools Election but will not begin with the nine days of early voting

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Julia Stonestreet, Township Clerk

Approved at the March 13, 2023 regular board meeting