

Meeting Minutes of Spring Arbor Township Board of Trustees, March 11, 2024

Meeting called to Order at 6 o'clock

Trachsel was appointed Secretary for the meeting – Buck motioned/Walz seconded. Approved.

1. Roll Call. Present: Buck, Ganton, Herlein, Trachsel and Walz. Absent: Archer and Bush.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comment. None.
4. Reports
 - A. Sheriff is hosting jail millage informational meeting in Spring Arbor on May 13 at 6 o'clock. \$40k software fix made between 911/Huron Valley Ambulance dispatch allowing "computer aided dispatching." County Treasurer issued report today.
 - B. Police Department: Chief Deering. Chief Deering appreciates the 6-3 vote at the County regarding FLOCK. Public Safety Report review. Stated over ~6 months, 4-5 B&E have occurred at construction sites in Spring Arbor. Thanks to private surveillance and FLOCK cameras a suspect was apprehended. More details to follow at March meeting.
 - a. Agenda amended to include Resolution for Police Department Purchase of 2 Laptop Computers. Added to new business as D.
 - C. Fire Department: Chief McEldowney. Reviewed Public Safety Report. Deputy Chief Woolworth at confined space rescue training in February. A cadet stepped away from fire training for personal reasons. Remains down ~6 people from where he would like to see staffing levels. With that, single man run possibilities increasing.
 - D. No Report by State Representative, Sarah Lightner.
5. Bills
 - A. Disbursements: Walz motioned/Buck seconded. Roll call: five ayes, zero nays. Approved.
 - B. Open and paid, journalized and unjournalized report: Buck motioned/Ganton seconded. Roll call: five ayes, zero nays. Approved.
6. Minutes: Ganton motioned/Walz seconded. Approved.
7. Consent Agenda: Walz motioned/Buck seconded. Trachsel commented on revenue difference in reports (timing and late input of tax distributions) and net revenue change. Approved.
8. Supervisor Report: Mentioned budget, specifically sewer and water. No water rate increase budgeted. Waiting on EGLE for test well. Wells should be on property owned by Spring Arbor Township and would be at the site of the new Western School District elementary building. Deal to combine with Summit water system needs to be set by end of 2024. Dearing Road corridor: Federal infrastructure funding is a possibility – in process now. Road/traffic study for Western School District: as the County has no money to help, Western School District paying for solutions (such as school zone speed limits/lights/driveway positioning). Blueprints are set for Spring Arbor Township building and are going out for bid. Original plan had DPW building changing but with storm water issues it may not be the best idea. Mentioned pole barn parcel that would act as DPW building. Environmental tests are necessary first.
9. New Business
 - A. Budget overview. Trachsel went through assumptions used to create budget and major variances vs. prior year. Budget hearing will be held on Monday, March 25 at 5:30.
 - B. Resolutions for elected officials salaries
 - a. Clerk – Walz motioned/Buck seconded. Roll call: five ayes, zero nays. Approved.

- b. Treasurer – Ganton motioned/Walz seconded. Roll call: five ayes, zero nays. Approved.
- c. Supervisor - Ganton motioned/Walz seconded. Roll call: five ayes, zero nays. Approved.
- C. Appointment of Bruce Ulrich to Construction Board of Appeals. Walz motioned/Buck seconded. Approved.
- D. Police Department Resolution to purchase 2 Laptops. Buck motioned/Ganton seconded. Roll call: five ayes, zero nays. Approved.

Summary of February 27 election information was included in the Board Packet. This issue was not discussed/hold for next meeting when Bush is available.

- 10. Old Business: None.
- 11. Public/Board Member Comment. No public comment. Herlein mentioned future election paperwork, for those looking to run in elections this year, available later this week from Bush. Needs to be turned into Bush as well.
- 12. Meeting adjourned at 7:06.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Trachsel, Treasurer and Acting Secretary

Next Meeting Scheduled:

Budget Hearing: Monday, March 25, 2024 at 5:30

Board of Trustees: Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6 o'clock