

TOWNSHIP OF SPRING ARBOR

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held on September 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Supervisor, Dave Herlein, Clerk, Patricia Bush, Treasurer, Katie Trachsel, Trustees, James Buck, Michael Archer & Troy Ganton. Absent: Josh Walz.

Public Comment Opened at 6:00 p.m. Brian Huntlocker representing Jackson County Sheriff Department regarding upcoming jail millage proposal. Rod Hatcher recommended reading materials.

Local Jackson District Library advisor, Dawn Iocca held slideshow presentation regarding library millage proposal.

Nells Olman spoke in encouragement of the library millage proposal.

Police Report Chief Deering reported 103 calls last month. The department has passed an MCOLES audit as well as LEIN audit. One infraction with LEIN audit which department was not compliant with a two factor authentication. All officers are required to complete 23-24 hours of continued education credits. Stated that they are thankful there are online classes available. Classes must be completed by January.

Fire Report Chief Tim McEldowney reported that he anticipates calls this year will meet amount of calls last year which stands around 1200 calls. Fire truck driver's training underway. Class training expected to begin in November. Stated they received new gear extracting washing equipment installed paid via FEMA grant funds. Continues looking for additional paid on call recruits.

Expenditures Motion to approve made by Archer and seconded by Ganton to approve disbursements for the month of September 2024. Roll call: 6 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Trachsel and seconded by Buck to approve the payment of open and paid, journalized and unjournalized report for September 2024. Roll call: 6 yes. Approved.

Minutes Motion made by Ganton and seconded by Archer to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2024. All Ayes. Approved.

Consent Agenda Motion made by Trachsel and seconded by Archer to accept the following items under the consent agenda: General Ledger Report of Revenues and Expenditures for September 2024; the Cash Summary for September 2024. Public Safety Report for September 2024 and Treasurer's Report. All Ayes. Approved.

Supervisor Report Herlein reported scheduling this week for cleaning of sewer lines located off of King Road, Renfrew subdivision due to backup. Estimated time to complete work is two days. Reported loss of pump at King Road station. Cost differential between having it rebuilt and replacement would be around \$5,000.00. Township office building construction continues and is reportedly on schedule. Hoping asphalt work to be completed by Friday. Expected four week delay in receiving windows and doors. Plywood will close windows so interior work can begin. Target date to move into new building is expected to be around Christmas or New Year. Currently still under budget but with the IT package will utilize a large portion of the budget deficit.

New Business Police Chief presented three year contract agreement for a school resource officer requested by Western School Superintendent, Mike Smajda for the elementary school. Western requests officer for 70% of time. The remaining 30% of time will work with police department which will be paid for by the Township. Motion to approve entering agreement proposal for school resource officer made by Buck and supported by Ganton. Chief Deering expressed desire to employ another full time officer stating filling part time positions difficult.

Herlein advised power boxes on electrical poles aren't functioning properly. Almost half the total cost of these repairs has already been donated. Request made for board approval for the amount up to \$7,400.00 from fund balance for Consumers Energy to repair all light poles that need repair. Motion to approve by Ganton and seconded by Archer. Roll call: 6 yes. Approved.

Chief Deering reported on becoming two factor authentication compliant with LEIN would require 9 key fob devices. Motion to approve monthly contract for key fob access service for two factor authentication as well as the 9 key fob devices made by Ganton and supported by Trachsel. Roll call: 6 yes. Approved.

Discussion for Spring Arbor Township PD Crash Data handout that dates: 1/01/2018-10/03/2024.

Old Business

Public/Board Member Comment Herlein encouraged everyone to get out to vote for the November 5, 2024 Election.

Meeting Adjourned 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia C. Bush, Clerk

Next Meeting Scheduled: Tuesday, November 12, 2024