

TOWNSHIP OF SPRING ARBOR
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 2024

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held on December 9, 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, Josh Walz & Troy Ganton.

Public Comment Opened at 6:00 p.m.

Reports County commissioner Poleski reported county held study session to discuss \$1.5 million dollar deficit in the budget resulting from the jail millage that did not pass in the November 2024 election. Updated on tree removal on McCain Road and to expect more tree work in the future. Advised that he received notification from the medical examiner's office that the morgue is at capacity as well as Henry Ford Hospital morgue. Received report from the county clerk that over 1500 people were summoned for jury duty of which 493 did not attend, nor submitted an excuse for their absence. Commented on meeting held today concerning Arbor Village and its outstanding issues with EGLE.

Police Report Chief Deering reported increased calls year-to-date. Multiple property inspection requests. Another victim has come forward from Spring Arbor University regarding stalking case currently in progress. Reported still waiting for the police radio to be activated in the new police vehicle.

Fire Report Chief Tim McEldowney reported medical runs have increased and fire runs have decreased year-to-date. Fire department held their Christmas party yesterday. Advised township Christmas lights were hung a few weeks ago and offered a thank you to all that assisted with this project. Anticipates a presentation for the January board meeting that would entail information regarding the cadet program. Fire class will begin after the first the year.

Expenditures Motion to approve made by Archer and seconded by Trachsel to approve disbursements for the month of November 2024. Roll call: 7 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Walz and seconded by Buck to approve the payment of open and paid, journalized and unjournalized report for November 18, 2024. Roll call: 7 yes. Approved.

Minutes Motion made by Walz and seconded by Archer to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2024 with requested changes. All Ayes. Approved. Motion made by Trachsel and seconded by Buck to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes from November 18, 2024. All Ayes. Approved.

Consent Agenda Motion made by Walz and seconded by Buck to accept the following items under the consent agenda: General Ledger Report of Revenues and Expenditures for November 2024; the Cash Summary for November 2024. Public Safety Report for November 2024 and Treasurer's Report. Archer requested clarification of town hall expense balance. All Ayes. Approved.

Supervisor Report Herlein commented on water merger with Summit Township schedule to begin in January. Advised currently working out details for payments to be made in Spring Arbor, billing and explanation/information letters for residents that utilize water service. A brochure is being compiled that would give further explanation of service as well options available for payment of service. Advised that they are trying to acquire a lifetime lease of the property from Western Schools for access of the impending new well.

Reported King Road pump station's rebuilt pump has failed within 90 days of repair. Currently researching options for replacement. Advised that a special board meeting may be called by the end of the month to discuss proposed information from Consumers Energy regarding street district in the area around Western School District. Reported on discussions with Western Schools Superintendent, Mike Smajda regarding a new possible funding opportunity for emergency infrastructure improvement grant for sewer upgrades/improvements which has been submitted to the State of Michigan. Commented that the building renovations are currently on budget.

New Business Motion made by Walz and seconded by Ganton to approve the appointment of new plumbing inspector, Tom Trudeau to replace Coleman DeConick and to serve the balance of time on his contract. All Ayes. Approved. Motion made by Archer and seconded by Walz to approve the appointment of Jason Vasaris to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. All Ayes. Approved. Motion made by Ganton and seconded by Buck to appoint Al Sorenson to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate member. All Ayes. Approved. Chief Dan Deering discussed Emma Menghine as a possible new hire as a part time officer. Motion made by Ganton and seconded by Walz to approve the hiring of Menghine barring the result of background check. Roll Call: 7 yes. Approved. Herlein commended both Chief McEldowney as well as Chief Deering for their concern about a succession plan not only for the officers, but for the leadership of the township for future years.

Old Business

Public/Board Member Comment

Meeting Adjourned 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia C. Bush, Clerk

Next Meeting Scheduled: Monday, January 13, 2025