

## TOWNSHIP OF SPRING ARBOR

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held on November 12, 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. Absent: Troy Ganton.

**Public Comment** Opened at 6:00 p.m.

**Reports** County commissioner Poleski commented that county commissioners will have to arrive at how to balance the budget less \$1.5 million dollars as a result of the jail millage proposal not passing in the November 5, 2024 election. Commented on continued correspondence with Senator Shink's office regarding things moving forward regarding Arbor Village. Also mentioned he had been in contact with Representative Lightner and that she has been in contact with EGLE regarding the matter as well. Resident on McCain Road being contacted by JCDOT with concern of tree removal in the right-of-way received by his office. He commented this action is a safety issue. Poleski advised to refer residents to contact his office regarding this issue.

**Police Report** Chief Deering reported of an officer related shooting in Jackson on Wednesday evening. Officer survived. Suspect killed in incident. Reported of one natural death. Stalking complaint at Spring Arbor University resulted with issuing two warrants for subject. He also assisted complainants in acquiring personal protection orders. Reported on fatal crash on Hatch Road.

**Fire Report** Chief Tim McEldowney reported average month. They also responded to the natural death call. Also a few car accidents. Advised most calls were medical. Reported that he has been spending time at central dispatch to evaluate response protocols into some of the nursing home facilities to see if they are able to minimize calls where their services may not necessarily be needed. Driver's training class work held last week. Teaming with Parma/ Sandstone at Bailey's Excavating and will train on gravel. Continues to look for additional firefighters. They are receiving more interest out of their cadet program. Township resident is currently working on fire classes at the career center and has participated in ride-a-longs.

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

**Minutes** Motion made by Archer and seconded by Trachsel to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2024 with requested changes. All Ayes. Approved.

**Consent Agenda** Motion made by Walz and seconded by Archer to accept the following items under the consent agenda: General Ledger Report of Revenues and Expenditures for October 2024; the Cash Summary for October 2024. Public Safety Report for October 2024 and Treasurer's Report. Archer requested clarification of town hall expense balance. Trachsel advised report is reflecting the expense and funds are being drawn from ARPA monies. All Ayes. Approved.

**Supervisor Report** Herlein advised they received EGLE approval with a site for well field. Hoping first well to be drilled by the end of the year which will be a test well and will also need to conduct additional pump testing. Moving to establish a lifetime easement for property to access water well access.

Sewer update: Dearing Road sewer improvement/equalization plan still in progress. Working with Western School District as to how to fund as well as establishing a well location on their property. Advised Sandstone Township there is no capacity for sewer beyond the township line without equalization. He commented on Christmas lights issues pertaining to the utility poles on M-60. Has agreement in place with a deadline for November 23<sup>rd</sup> for repair. Project estimated repair costs have increased from \$7,000 to \$10,060 due to oversight in overall repair estimate. Advised as of today, \$9,700 has already been donated from the community and local businesses. Thank you correspondence forthcoming to donors. Donations are still being accepted. Commented that the building renovations are currently on schedule. Delay on windows, doors and architectural steel. Estimated move-in date for the new building is between Christmas & New Year. Board meetings from this time forward to be held in the old library building until construction/remodeling is completed.

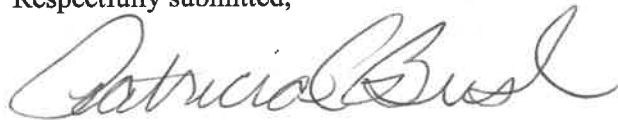
**New Business** Clerk Bush reported on voter turnout numbers for the November 5, 2024 State General Election. She thanked election workers as well as office staff for their assistance with preparation for said election.

**Old Business** Environmental contract review for the property located at 236 E. Main Street. Two contracts presented for review. Motion made by Trachsel and seconded by Walz to approve Tri Terra contract. Roll call: 6 yes. Approved. Motion made by Archer and seconded by Walz to adopt the Consolidation agreement for Summit Township & Spring Arbor Township Municipal Water Systems. Roll call: 6 yes. Approved.

**Public/Board Member Comment**

Meeting Adjourned 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia C. Bush, Clerk

**Next Meeting Scheduled: Monday, December 9, 2024**