

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRING ARBOR**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 12, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held on January 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present Supervisor, David Herlein, Clerk, Patricia Bush, Treasurer, Katie Trachsel, Trustees, Troy Ganton, Josh Walz, Mike Archer & Jim Buck.

Herlein called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Herlein advised of an addition to the meeting agenda.

County Commissioner Poleski reported that bridge work bid on Albion Road is expected in March. Construction expected to begin in July. GIS mapping system 2025 aerial commissary has been updated. Grow Jackson will be awarded lease at the armory. Health Department reported 840 Narcan refills in Jackson County. IT director reported that BEAD grant has been awarded.

**Police Report** Chief Deering reported 1586 total calls for 2025. Natural death on Sears Road. OWI related head-on collision at Moscow & Vrooman, no significant injuries reported. All officers completed 2025 continuing education requirements. Western School employee death on Friday. Infant death also reported on Friday.

**Fire Report** Chief McEldowney absent. Herlein discussed increase in run calls received this year and Chief McEldowney as well as public safety committee are working together to find a possible solution of ways to reduce the workload. Herlein stated we may be forced to consider transitioning to a full-time fire department.

**Expenditures** Motion to approve by Archer, seconded by Walz to approve disbursements for the month of December 2025. Roll call: 7 yes. Approved. Motion was made by Buck, seconded by Walz to approve the payment of open and paid, journalized and unjournalized report for December 31, 2025. Roll call: 7 yes. Approved.

**Minutes** Motion made by Ganton, seconded by Archer to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from December 8, 2025. All ayes. Approved. Motion made by Buck and seconded by Walz to approve Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes from November 24, 2025. All ayes. Approved.

**Consent Agenda** Motion made by Archer, seconded by Buck to accept the following items under the consent agenda: General Ledger Report of Revenues and Expenditures for December 2025; the Cash Summary for December 2025. Public Safety Report for December 2025 and Treasurer's Report. All ayes. Approved.

**Supervisor's Report** Budget work to begin in the next few weeks. Sewer negotiations are ongoing. A request of \$1.2 to \$3 million grant request was submitted. \$750,000.00 may be allocated to Summit, Spring Arbor Township, and Spring Arbor University to help fund a new water well and exploration efforts which is waiting Senate approval. Western Schools was submitted letter of intent requesting their approval to proceed with test well. Lot on Main Street previously discussed could potentially be used for additional parking is still available for purchase. Sale of the lot would include purchasing the home as

well. Christmas decorations were taken down last week, thank you to everyone who helped with this task, which includes Fritz Advertising. Discussion with Spring Arbor University regarding potential dates for Trash Day.

**New Business** Poverty Exemption Resolution discussed. Motion to approve Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test Resolution made by Ganton and supported by Walz with typographical corrections requested by Trachsel. Roll call: 7 yes. Approved. Board of Review alternate – Dana Brown credentials presented. Motion to appoint Dana Brown as Board of Review alternate motioned by Ganton and supported by Walz. All ayes. Approved. Accelerate Jackson services discussed, and decision made to table this agenda item until next budget year. Board also requests Accelerate Jackson presentation by Keith Gillenwater. MTA annual convention in April. Board members currently interested in attending, Trachsel and Buck. Surf internet services discussed. Motion made by Ganton and supported by Walz to proceed with Township internet connectivity with Surf internet. Roll call: 7 yes. Approved. 800-Megahertz Radio Work Group Resolution presented. Motion to approve 800-Megahertz Radio Work Group Resolution made by Archer and seconded by Buck. Roll call: 6 yes, 1 abstention. Approved. Ordinance Establishing Battery Storage Moratorium presented. Motion made by Ganton and seconded by Trachsel to approve Ordinance Establishing Battery Storage Moratorium. Roll call: 7 yes. Approved. Ordinance Establishing Data Center Moratorium presented. Motion to approve Ordinance Establishing Data Center Moratorium made by Buck and seconded by Trachsel. Roll call: 7 yes. Approved

**Old Business** None

**Public/Board Member Comment** Opened at 7:06 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia C. Bush, Clerk

**Next Meeting Scheduled: February 9, 2026**