

**Sidney Township**  
**Minutes**  
**October 5, 2020**

Supervisor Peterman called the Sidney Township Board meeting to order at 7:00 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDENCE: Peterman, Stover, Wills, Welder, Leyrer

**AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Welder and seconded by Stover to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Welder and seconded by Stover to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Welder to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2020 public hearing regarding the parks and recreation master plan. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Clerk

Wills received a copy of an application from the state for a liquor license for M66 Mini Mart

Supervisor

None

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:**

Officer Austin Edwards presented an overview of last month's sheriff activities. There was a property damage report at the Heritage Village and another on Pine Street.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Stover reported that summer taxes are in and revenue sharing was received from the state with no cuts being made. Hall rentals are going back up. Current checkbook balance is \$108,229.63

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Welder to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

Wills presented a list of expenses for the month. The third application of chloride for township roads was included, otherwise just normal monthly expenses. Total expenses reported was \$28,781.44.

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Welder to approve the Clerk's report and pay the monthly expenses. Motion carried.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Leyrer reported that the grant application for the park has been turned over to an attorney who would normally charge \$250 per hour. Susan Wenzick, who processes the grants, has offered to do the work for \$50 per hour. The commission needs to get bids for the items wanted for the park improvements and a list of costs for attorney fees and publications as these costs can be added to the total of what the township can pay and that will be matched by the grant funds.

Next project for the commission is an ordinance for wind turbines and solar farms.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

County Commissioner, Adam Petersen, updated on county proceedings. The budget process has been completed. The county clerk was approved to hire new employees so her office will again be open five days a week. Some requested raises were granted.

ZONING REPORT:

Dale gave an update on zoning complaints. A couple locations are soon due for ticketing for lack of progress on cleanups.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wind Farms

The special meeting for the planning commission scheduled for September 30 was cancelled because notices were not posted.

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Welder to schedule another special meeting for October 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the township hall. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Weed Control Assessments

A 2020 weed report was presented by Stover. Derby Lake is carrying a good fund balance so weed assessments could be lowered to \$50 for a front lot and \$25 for a back lot for this year's tax roll. Stover recommends that Nevins Lake remain at current amounts of \$80/\$40. It is also time to renew the application contract with PLM.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to set the rates as discussed and to sign the Contract with PLM for weed treatments. Motion carried.

November Meeting Date

Because the November election is the day after the regular meeting date for the township board, it was suggested that the board meeting be rescheduled to the next Monday, November 9.

A motion was made by Welder and seconded by Wills to move the November meeting to Monday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried.

Carrie Wills  
Clerk