

Sidney Township Board Minutes
February 6, 2023

The Sidney Township Board meeting held at the Sidney Township Hall at 3019 S Grow Road Sidney, Michigan on February 6, 2023 was called to order by Supervisor Peterman at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor: Terry Peterman, Clerk: Carrie Wills, Treasurer: Corinda Stover; Trustees: Ray Leyrer, Erik Benko

AGENDA:

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

APPROVE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Benko to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk:

Wills received the resolutions from the assessor that we get every year for Board of Review.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to approve signing the Board of Review resolutions for accepting protests in writing, alternate start dates, and poverty exemption standards. Motion carried.

Board of Review members are required to be reappointed in every odd year.

Training is now required every two years so he will need to go through training again next year.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to reappoint Randy Lund to serve on the Board of Review for 2023 and 2024.

Wills informed the board that a special Election is scheduled on May 2nd for a 911 increase proposal. She asked for a motion to appoint Wes & Marilyn Thomsen, Betty Wakefield, Lynette Peterman, and herself as election inspectors for May 2nd.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to appoint Wes & Marilyn Thomsen, Betty Wakefield, Lynette Peterman and Carrie Wills as election inspectors for the May election. Motion carried.

The Short-term Rental Ordinance should now be correct on the website and a correction was published in the Daily News. There was discussion as to whether the correction should have been done by public hearing and republication of the ordinance. Wills will check with MTA for their opinion.

The Budget Meeting was scheduled for March 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Supervisor

Peterman informed the board that the water softener needs to be replaced at a cost of \$2700. This one has been in use since the hall was built and no longer works. Water is running through the water lines constantly because it has bypassed the softener.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to replace the water softener for \$2700. Motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Kyle Shumaker and AJ Skidmore, from Shumaker Technology Group were invited to attend the meeting to present their proposal for developing a new township website and options for keeping the website updated. They presented three options for setup and design and two separate options for management of the site and support from their firm.

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stover gave the treasurer's report. Current checkbook balance is \$315,079.13

There was no change to the Covid Relief fund and the park fund went down because the final payment was made for the park toys. The park fund is part of the general fund. Hall rentals are up but will have to be discontinued when construction of the new addition starts.

A motion was made by Wills and seconded by Leyrer to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Wills presented a list of expenses for the month. Total expenses reported was \$13,181.72.

Included in the report was the renewal and member fee for the liability insurance.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leyrer reported that the planning commission for December did not have a quorum so the meeting was canceled. That meeting has been rescheduled for February 9. The next quarterly meeting will be on March 7, 2023

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Petersen was not present

ZONING REPORT:

Zoning Administrator, Dale Main, gave an update of the status of the reported zoning complaints. Property owner at Nevins Lake with the burned home has applied for permits but still looking for an excavator; the complaint for 3980 S Holland Road was removed from the list; Hillman Road has to get the renter evicted; and 1641 Holland Road will be issued a ticket. Other locations are being checked. Dale also presented a draft of a permit application for the new short-term rental ordinance. Two sentences regarding bedroom size and maximum number of renters were suggested being removed.

OLD BUSINESS

Local Covid Funds-Addition to Building

Stover reported that a second bid has been received but it was past the deadline for submission and was a higher bid than the first bid.

Website

A bid for designing a new website from Laura Baker was received. She created the website for Evergreen Township.

Park Update

The toys built by Larry Matson have all been delivered and painting will be done in March or April.

Fire Incorporation With Sheridan Fire Dept

The board discussed the proposed Fire Department Incorporation Agreement. There are still areas of concern that need to be addressed so the board did not approve signing the document.

NEW BUSINESS:

Law Enforcement Agreement

A Law Enforcement Agreement that was received prior to the meeting was discussed. The agreement will allow the Sheriff Department to have officers on site at all the Central Montcalm School locations. There were a couple of typo errors that were manually corrected.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Wills to approve signing the agreement. Motion carried.

ZBA Members

Dale has an appeal to bring before the Zoning Board and wanted to verify which members are still on the board. Board members are Larry Ek, Shawn Wheat and Pete Jeppesen.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried.

Carrie Wills

Clerk