

Sidney Township Board Minutes
October 3, 2022

The Sidney Township Board meeting held at the Sidney Township Hall at 3019 S Grow Road Sidney, Michigan on October 3, 2022 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, Trustees: Ray Leyrer, Erik Benko
ABSENT: Treasurer: Corinda Stover

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Benko 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 September 12, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Benko to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2022 special meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk:

Wills asked the board to approve the following election inspectors for the November 8, 2022 election: Wes & Marilyn Thomsen, Betty Wakefield, Dave & Shay Cooper, Lynette Peterman, Darcie Goodenough, Jeff Guinn, Chip Kireger and Carrie Wills.

A motion was made by Wills and seconded by Benko to appoint Wes & Marilyn Thomsen, Betty Wakefield, Dave & Shay Cooper, Lynette Peterman, Darcie Goodenough, Jeff Guinn, Chip Krieger and Carrie Wills as election inspectors for the November 8, 2022 election. Motion carried.

Supervisor

Supervisor Peterman reported that the new gates have been installed at the park and padlocks were added to stabilize the gates to the posts when they are open. He thanked everyone that helped with the gates.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Jane Basom/Website Presentation

Jane Basom gave a presentation on what she can do to create a new website for the township and keep it updated and maintained. She suggested a subcommittee to work with her in setting it up. Cost for the project would be \$6000 to develop the site and \$2000 per year for three hours each month for updating. Rate for extra time worked would be \$60 per hour. She would show us how to add information to the calendar etc.

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer was absent so there was no treasurer's report

CLERK'S REPORT:

Wills presented a list of expenses for the month. Total expenses reported was \$11,230.88. Included in the report were charges for the new gates at the park and postage for mailing absentee ballots.

A motion was made by Leyrer 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 will meet on December 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. They will be working on updating a DNR plan for Dickerson Creek

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Petersen reported that the new fiscal year has begun for the county. The audit will be done sometime in February. A hazardous waste drop-off day has been scheduled for October 27. The animal control officer has resigned. The review of the junk ordinance for the county has been turned over to the attorney for consideration.

ZONING REPORT:

Dale has issued 4 or 5 permits, 3 letters for violations, and a ticket to the owners at Nevins Lake with the chickens. He has learned that tickets can be mailed instead of personally delivered so that is how they will be handled in the future. When asked how long the ticket process takes he responded it takes 14 to 15 days to pay the ticket and if not paid it is turned over to the county magistrate.

OLD BUSINESS

Short-Term Rental Ordinance

The special meeting to review the short-term ordinance was productive. Attorney Rasmussen is making the corrections approved by the board and will return it by October 15.

Local Covid Funds-Addition to Building

No change

Trash Service

No change.

Website

Leyrer has talked to two other companies about creating the website. Neither of them is a local company but will send quotes for the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to come before the board.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Bullen asked what happens when the Sheriff Department doesn't issue a ticket but just gives the people in violation of the Short-term rental ordinance a warning. Is the planning commission or board looking at the big picture; how many of these rentals are we going to allow in the township?

Other comments were what if a rental is advertised with lake access and there is no access and how is that handled. Does the board even know how many rentals are already available and how do we know if they have lake access?

The board explained how some access sites are dedicated in the plats and others may be deeded.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Wills and seconded by Benko to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Carrie Wills
Clerk