

Sidney Township
Minutes
January 6, 2020

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Peterman, Leyrer, Stover, Wills.
Absent: Welder

AGENDA .

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

MINUTES

Motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Stover to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019 meeting and December 10 and December 27 special meetings as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk:

Wills presented a resolution to adopt alternate start dates for Board of Reviews conducted in 2020.

A motion was made by Wills and seconded by Stover to adopt the alternate start dates for March, July, and December 2020 board of reviews. Motion carried. (See attached)

Supervisor:

Peterman gave an update on the Sidney sewer. Carrie talked to the township's insurance carrier and there are some questions concerning who will provide coverage.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

A report was presented by Deputy Austin Edwards. A copy of the report is attached.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Michelle Willmore addressed the board on behalf on the White Pine Library. She gave an overview of happenings at the library and presented brochures on the millage request that will be on the March ballot. Michelle also informed the board that the library has purchased the old Masonic building on New Street and the library will eventually relocate there.

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stover presented the treasurer's report.
There is a current balance of \$71,927.83 in the checking account.

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

CLERK'S REPORT

Wills presented a list of the check disbursements to be approved. Total expenses for the month is \$10,854.66.

A motion was made by Stover and, seconded by Leyrer to accept the report and approve payment of the expenses. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leyrer reported that the planning commission reviewed the bid contract being used for snow plowing. The commission is recommending some amendments to the current contract to add additional breakdowns for shoveling and salting.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Wills to approve the amended contract to be used for future biddings. Motion carried. (The current contractor is on a three-year contract so the new form will not be needed until then)

Planning Commission is still working on the parks and recreation plan to meet the requirements needed to apply for grants.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Adam Petersen told the board that the county controller has assured him that the county will continue to carry the necessary insurance on the sewer system. Todd Sattler has been appointed as the new drain commissioner to become official on February 1. The board has held their organizational meeting to appoint members to committees. He discussed the new law suit filed by the county clerk regarding violations of the open meetings act.

ZONING REPORT:

Dale reported he issued 32 permits in 2019. He updated the board on outstanding zoning complaints and asked if the fee could be doubled on sites where building has been started without getting a zoning permit.

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Stover to approve doubling the permit fee to \$50 on projects that are started without obtaining a zoning permit. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Cliff Miles asked why he was not allowed to get an ag zoning on his 6 acre parcel. He is surrounded by farm land and he raises goats.

Dave Overholt has a barn that was built under an ag permit. He is going into partnership to use the barn to produce wood flooring products from hemp. He would like to change the zoning.

Both were told to talk to the township assessor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Carrie Wills
Clerk