

Sidney Township
Special Meeting
Minutes
May 18, 2021

Supervisor Peterman called the Sidney Township Board meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Reason for today's special meeting is to hear the FOIA appeal from Apex and adopt a FOIA policy.

ATTENDANCE:

Supervisor Terry Peterman; Treasurer Corinda Stover; Clerk Carrie Wills; Trustees Ray Leyrer & Jed Welder

AGENDA:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

FOIA Appeal

Wills updated the board on the status of the Freedom of Information Act request from Apex. A response was sent to them with parts of it being denied. Apex has sent an appeal of the denied information. The response to the appeal should be ready to submit in a few days. The law firm of Foster Swift has been assisting Wills with the responses. This is the same firm that assisted the planning commission with the wind and solar ordinances.

Wills asked if any board member had any texts or emails from Apex that should be included in the response. All board members reported that they had had no communication with anyone from Apex.

Welder asked if there was a reason why the board is using Foster Swift. That was the choice for the FOIA request because they were familiar with the ordinance for which the FOIA request was submitted. Welder then asked Leyrer if there was anyone who recommended this firm for the ordinance overview. Leyrer responded that he had not been coached by anyone to choose this law firm.

ADOPT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) POLICY AND PROCEDURES

A copy of a FOIA policy and procedures was presented to the board prior to the meeting. At this time the township does not have a policy in place for handling FOIA requests. It is a state requirement to have a policy for FOIA.

A motion was made by Wills and seconded by Stover to adopt the policy as presented and to pass the resolution for the policy. Roll call vote was taken. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Stover and seconded by Welder to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Carrie Wills
Clerk