

Sidney Township Budget Meeting  
Minutes  
March 27, 2021

Supervisor Peterman called the Sidney Township Board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

The board reviewed the budget from 2020-2021 fiscal year. Balance totals were over budget in line items for Supervisor, Assessor, Board of Review, Drains, Planning Commission, Payroll Taxes, and Law Enforcement in the amount of \$11,413.20. Trustee, Constable and Fire Department accounts ended with a zero balance. All other accounts showed positive balances.

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Welder to transfer funds from the Road account surplus to the over budget line items to balance the budget.

The line item for Law Enforcement will no longer be used as the board has ended the contract with the sheriff department.

Motion Detection Cameras

Stover remarked that there is a surplus in the Treasurer account of \$1,928.32 and she would like to use \$600 to purchase security cameras for the office and the hall entry door.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Welder to approve the purchase of security cameras in an amount not to exceed \$600 with payment to come from the Treasurer's account.

Discussion: There is also a surplus in the line item for the township hall and grounds. Cost of the cameras should actually come from that account.

The original motion was amended to approve payment of the cameras to come from the hall and grounds account. Motion carried.

Board of Review

The Board discussed the outcome of the March Board of Review that was done jointly with Montcalm and Ferris Townships. Randy Lund and Dale Main were the only board members that attended the two day meetings so they handled reviews for all three townships. The board agreed that Montcalm and Ferris Townships should be billed for a portion of the cost for the wages for Randy and Dale.

Road Contracts

Proposed contracts for road repairs received from the Montcalm County Road Commission were reviewed. Welder presented a list of the proposed nine projects and the cost for each. After discussion concerning the seal coat job for College Drive, it was agreed that the township would pay half of the cost and the college will pay the other half. The board approved the contracts for three township wide chloride treatments and brush spraying; asphalt overlay on Lakeside Drive; and gravel on Grow, Main and Nevins Roads. A new contract will be drafted for the seal coat on College Drive. The two projects for chip seal on Muskrat were denied. Budgeted amount for road repairs was set at \$131,000.

Increase Rates

Rates for hall rentals and the cost of cemetery lots were discussed. Cemetery lots are \$100 each for township residents and \$400 for non-residents. Fees for hall rental are \$75 for township residents and \$125 for non-residents. Chairs at the hall are in bad shape and need to be replaced.

A motion was made by Leyrer to raise the rental rates by \$50. The motion died for lack of support.

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Wills to raise the rental rates by \$25 with the additional money going in a fund to purchase new chairs. Ayes: Wills, Leyrer, Peterman. Nays: Stover, Welder. Motion carried.

The cost for cemetery lots was not changed.

**A copy of the proposed budget is attached.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. by Stover seconded by Welder. Motion carried.

Carrie Wills  
Clerk