

Sidney Township  
Minutes  
October 4, 2021

The Sidney Township Board meeting held at Sidney Township Hall, 3019 S Grow Road, Sidney, Michigan on October 4, 2021 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: Jed Welder and Ray Leyrer  
ABSENT: Treasurer: Corinda Stover

AGENDA:

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

APPROVE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Welder to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk:

Wills reported that the American Rescue Plan Act forms have been reviewed by the state. There were a couple of errors that have been corrected and the forms were resubmitted.

One of the ways to use the funds could be an addition on the front of the hall for offices and remodeling the present office into a kitchen. We should know soon how much money we will be getting from ARPA.

A motion was made by Wills and seconded by Welder to get three quotes for adding office space to the front of the hall and remodeling the present office into a kitchen. Motion carried

Supervisor

Nothing to report

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Laura Engel

Laura commented that much of the contention about the wind turbines has come from influences outside of the township. She is asking the board to reconsider the approved ordinance.

Pat Millard

Pat is concerned about the mud bog events that are being held in a residential area and should be considered as a commercial event. The noise from the vehicles and the fireworks are disturbing. The issue was tabled until the next meeting so the board will have time to look into the matter and review the zoning ordinance.

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Wills gave the Treasurer's report for Stover. Current checkbook balance is \$178,799.52.

A donation was received from Plan B and money was received from the college for their half of the cost to repair College Drive.

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Welder to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Wills presented a list of expenses for the month. Total expenses reported was \$10,570.10

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

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leyrer reported that their last meeting was on September 20. The commission was asked to look into drafting an ordinance to oversee short-term rentals. His advice was that a formal complaint would need to be presented to the township board and the board could then direct the commission to look into it. The suggestion was to cover rentals that are less than 28 days and to cover the whole township not just a particular area. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

County Commissioner, Adam Petersen, gave an update on county business. The budget resolution has been approved and the redistricting map has been approved for commissioner districts. As a result of the new census, the districts were re-drawn and the number of commissioners will be reduced to seven members starting next year.

ZONING REPORT:

Dale was absent due to illness. There is only one property left on the inspection list. Any new locations will be discussed at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS:

MTA Dinner

The MTA dinner is scheduled for October 19, 2021. No one has received any information on the location. Adam offered to get the information and pass it on to the board.

Donation Suggestion

It was suggested that the board consider using the donation money from Plan B to purchase new chairs for the hall. A portion of the hall rental fees have also been set aside for new chairs. It is estimated that the cost will be about \$30 per chair. The board will look at this topic at the next meeting so prices can be obtained and the total of available funds can be determined.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Dave Cooper: Does the board know when the road maintenance will be done on Lakeside Drive. The Road Commission is waiting until mid-October when traffic will be lighter as lake residents will have gone South for the winter.

Mary Baez: As owner of the mud bog, she invited Mr. Millard to come to the next bog event and see what goes on there. All money collected is donated to the community. Mud bogs are held only twice a year and are normally done by 5 or 6 p.m. She is sorry that it disturbs people; it is not there intent to create problems

Bruce Jorgensen: Reported there is a sewer advisory meeting schedule for October 23. Todd Sattler, the Drain Commissioner, attended the Derby Lake Association meeting in September and explained to the residents that a debt service may be added to the sewer billings to help cover the cost of bond interest. Because so many assessments have been paid off early, there will be a shortfall when the bond payoff is due. He says the amount could be only \$25 per year.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Welder to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Carrie Wills  
Clerk