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Sidney Township Board Minutes
April 4, 2022

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

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 Stover to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2022 meeting and the March 14, 2022 Budget Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk:

Wills read a letter received from Jacob VanBoxel, City Manager for City of Stanton. He was asking for a letter of support from the board for a grant application for improvements to Veterans Park. The board approved giving them our support and Welder offered to type the letter.

Supervisor

Nothing

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Laura Engel

Laura commented on her regrets for all of the recalls happening in the county. She expressed her concern for new officers taking over the responsibilities of those positions.

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stover gave the treasurer's report. Current checkbook balance is \$267,006.69
New trash vouchers are available for this year.

A motion was made by Wills 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 \$26,301.80.

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

Wills asked for a motion to appoint Marilyn Thomsen, Yvonne Niswonger, Lynette Peterman, Chip Krieger and Betty Wakefield as election inspectors for the special election on May 3, 2022

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Welder to appoint Marilyn Thomsen, Yvonne Niswonger, Lynette Peterman, Chip Krieger and Betty Wakefield as election inspectors for the special election on May 3, 2022. Motion carried.

Wills announced that she will be in the hall every Wednesday in April from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday April 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for voters to pick up ballots, vote by absentee ballot and/or register to vote.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The board discussed the status of the short-term rental ordinance and the issue of getting a response from Jourdan Rasmussen, the township attorney. Leyrer commented that Jourdan doesn't return his calls and the planning commission is still waiting to hear from him concerning the ordinance. Wills stated he always returns her calls and she talked with him today prior to the meeting. Dave Cooper, who is a planning commission member, thinks we should get a different lawyer. Peterman said he will talk to Jourdan and see what the problem is.

A motion was made by Leyrer to find a different attorney for reviewing the ordinance. The motion failed for lack of support.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Petersen gave an update on county business and how some of the Covid Relief funds are being used.

ZONING REPORT:

Dale reported that a permit was issued for a new home at the location of the burn out on Carlson Road. Another letter will be sent to Colby Road and he had a dog complaint.

OLD BUSINESS:

Local Covid Funds-Addition to Building

A draft of the plans for the addition to the building have been received from DeWitt Lumber. Copies will be emailed to board members. Payment will be sent to DeWitt so they can complete the drawings.

Trash Service

No status change.

Cemetery/Park Parking Lot

Peterman got bids for gravel for the driveway at the cemetery. Bid was \$1550. Crushed asphalt or concrete can be added later if needed. Bid for gravel for the park parking lot was \$5550 for crushed asphalt. Peterman remarked that he is not going to measure out the lots for the new part of the cemetery until next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grow Road Speed Limit

There have been two complaints about semis going too fast on Grow Road. There are no legal speed limits for dirt roads in Michigan.

MTA Meeting

MTA meeting is April 19, 2022 at Ferris Center Church. Cost is \$14 per person.

22-23 Roads-Chloride

The new budget was approved at the budget meeting for only two chloride applications. There has been some concern that there should be at least three applications. To keep the budget as is, it was determined that the cost of Island Drive will be reimbursed by property owners so we can take that out of the calculation. The work on Holland Road and brush spraying along township roads will not be done this year. There will then be enough in the budget to cover another chloride application.

A motion was made by Welder and seconded by Stover to amend the budget as follows: the cost of Island Drive will be reimbursed by property owners so we can take that out of the calculation. The work on Holland Road and brush spraying along township roads will not be done this year and a third application of chloride will be included in the budget. Motion carried.

Bids: Cleaning Lady

Bids were received from two individuals that are interested in the cleaning position for the township hall.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Wills to award the lower bid for cleaning to Laura Thompson. Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

There were no public comments

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Welder to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Carrie Wills
Clerk