

Sidney Township Board Minutes
December 5, 2022

The Sidney Township Board meeting held at the Sidney Township Hall at 3019 S Grow Road Sidney, Michigan on December 5, 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, Erik Benko

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Stover 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 November 7, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk:

Wills reported that the Short-term rental ordinance has been published and the effective date is November 25 which was seven days after it was published. Now we need to address the Zoning Ordinance to include the short-term rentals as an approved residential use.

Supervisor

Peterman reported that Mr. Matson is working on the playground equipment for the park. When they are finished, they will be put in Corinda's garage for painting.

The fire district is updating the by-laws. They have hired an attorney to help with the updating and Peterman will keep us up to date on the progress.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

There was no guest speaker

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stover gave the treasurer's report. Current checkbook balance is \$260,485.28

A finance sheet was provided for the Covid Relief Account and the Park Funds Account.

The township hall will be closed on December 26 but will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, December 30.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

Wills presented a list of expenses for the month. Total expenses reported was \$12,054.20.

Included in the report was the charge for publishing the short-term rental ordinance. Leyrer asked if the board thought the cost for the trash vouchers should be increased and the board discussed allowing township residents two vouchers per year instead of just one per year. The topic will be addressed at the budget hearing in March.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leyrer reported that the planning commission will meet on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Petersen gave an update on county business. Applications are being taken for a building and grounds employee, Dispatch asked to increase the 911 surcharge by 15 cents. The increase would have to be voted on at the next primary election. The DNR is selling 2.1 acres on Bracey Avenue in Greenville. It borders the Flat River but is swamp land. The board also discussed use of the county building by non-government organizations because of security issues and a class action lawsuit concerning foreclosure properties.

Joe Hansen asked if Adam as a county commissioner would support the township if the state tries to take over local government. Adam responded that he definitely supports township governments.

ZONING REPORT:

Dale updated the board on zoning complaint properties: he will issue a ticket to the property on Sheridan Road to clean up the trash; a letter was sent to 1641 Hansen Road about the trailers; will send a letter to 3980 S Holland Road concerning the junk/trash; and reported that the burned out house on Birch Drive is getting a contractor to tear down the house and plans to rebuild new.

OLD BUSINESS

Local Covid Funds-Addition to Building

Bids are being accepted now for the addition to the hall. The deadline to submit bids was extended to the end of December and will hopefully be ready for the January meeting.

Website

Jane Basom's bid is the only one we have received except for the company in Wisconsin. The board would like to keep it local if possible. The issue will be addressed at the budget meeting as there is no funding in the budget for the service.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to come before the board.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Laura Edwards Engels wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Carrie Wills
Clerk