

Sidney Township  
Minutes  
February 3, 2020

Supervisor Peterman called the Sidney Township Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Peterman, Wills, Stover, Leyrer, ABSENT: Welder

**AGENDA:**

Motion by Leyrer to approve the agenda. Supported by Stover. All in favor. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Leyrer to accept Board minutes from January 6, 2020 as presented. Supported by Stover. All in favor. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Clerk**

Wills asked the board to approve the appointment of election inspectors for the upcoming March 10 election.

Motion was made by Leyrer and supported by Stover to appoint Marilyn Hansen, Lynette Peterman, Betty Wakefield, Corinda Stover and Carrie Wills as election inspectors for the March 10, 2020 election. Motion carried.

Wills presented the proposal for renewal of the liability insurance coverage from Michigan Municipal League Liability. Premium this year will be \$3,112, up \$150 from last year.

A motion was made by Stover and supported by Leyrer to approve renewal of the liability insurance. Motion carried.

Wills informed the board that an individual is interested in purchasing a vacant lot that is within the sewer district. He wants to build on the lot and will have to connect to the sanitary sewer system. No REU was assigned to the lot so no special assessment has been paid. According to the ordinance he will need to pay a connection fee computed by calculating the amount of the original assessment at time of construction plus an inflationary factor. However, it does not say what factor to use. New hookups on another county sewer system are charged an additional \$250 each year from the date of the original hookup.

A motion was made by Leyrer and supported by Stover to charge the original REU fee plus an additional \$250 per year each year from the date of startup of the system. The board will review the ordinance and determine if they should continue to use that fee scale. If a decision is made to use a lesser amount in the future, this new buyer will be refunded the difference. Motion carried.

**Supervisor**

Peterman gave an update on the sewer project. Todd Sattler is the new Drain Commissioner and we are not sure if he will be interested in transferring administration of the system over to the board. Terry will talk with Todd to see how he feels about the transfer

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:**

The Sheriff report was given by Officer Austin Edwards. Sheriff Williams gave a brief update on the millage proposal to be on the March 10 ballot.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Andrea Krause, prosecuting attorney, told us about the program IM Safe. The program is made up of trained personnel and professionals that help children deal with physical and/or sexual abuse and sex trafficking. The child advocacy center can get grants to help support the program but must be able to raise funds matching a portion of the grant. Donations can be made on the website at [www.imsafecac.org](http://www.imsafecac.org)

**REPORTS:****TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Stover presented the Treasurer's Report. The fire millage needs to be renewed and put on the ballot in August. Current balance in the checking account is \$123,530.35.

Motion by Wills to approve Treasurer's Report. Supported by Leyrer. All in favor. Motion carried.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

Wills presented bills for board approval. Total expenses to approve was \$5,656.39.

Motion by Stover and supported by Leyrer to accept and pay the bills. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Leyrer reported that the next regular planning commission meeting will be on March 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The committee is recommending that the board reappoint Michelle Damaska as chairperson for the next three years. Attorney Hilding is going to look over the grant application for the park.

Motion was made by Leyrer and supported by Stover to appoint Michelle Damaska as chairperson of the Planning Commission for the next three years. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

Commissioner Petersen reported that Eric Smith was hired as the new EMS director. A large group was present at the last board meeting and offered public comments on the second amendment issue. The issue has been added to the agenda for the next commissioners' meeting.

**ZONING REPORT:**

Dale Main was present to deliver the Zoning report. Two sites have been cleaned up and can be removed from the list. A couple other sites are not responding and need to be ticketed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business to bring before the board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business to bring before the board.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Dave Buckner asked if the attorney would be putting the new parks and recreation information into the master plan. Yes, that has to be done to apply for the grant.

Adam Engelston introduced himself. He will be running for District Court Judge.

A complaint was made about junk cars in his neighbor's driveway.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Leyrer seconded by Stover to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Carrie L. Wills

Clerk