

Sidney Township Board Minutes
March 7, 2022

The Sidney Township Board meeting held at Sidney Township Hall, 3019 S Grow Road, Sidney, Michigan on March 7, 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 ABSENT: Trustee, Jed Welder

AGENDA:

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

APPROVE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Wills to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2022 meeting with one amendment to change the language of the motion as follows:

Wills made a new motion to pay Leyrer for the Planning Commission meetings he attends because they are not to be included in the amount of his salary as trustee. Stover reluctantly seconded the motion as she feels he is being double paid because he also gets salary.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk:

Wills reported that she received proposed contracts from the Road Commission for work to be done this year. They will be addressed at the budget meeting next week.

Wills requested board approval to purchase a new computer because the one she has now has several problems such as crashing and not booting properly. She would also like approval to purchase different finance software. Quick Books is not recommended for government use and it is not user friendly. Money for both can come out of the ARPA funds. The request for new software was tabled until more bids can be provided.

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Stover to approve the purchase of a new laptop computer to be paid from ARPA funds. Motion carried.

Supervisor

Peterman reported that Kim Hansen is interested in replacing Deb Wolf, who has asked to resign, as an alternate on the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Wills to appoint Kim Hansen to the vacancy as alternate on the planning commission. Motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Laura Engel

Commented that social media has been getting people riled up about the recall election scheduled for the May 3rd election.

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stover gave the treasurer's report. Current checkbook balance is \$230,931.16.

Settlement with the county treasurer is done. There are brochures available for the public tonight regarding the library and concerning the bond proposal for Greenville Public Schools that will be on the May ballot.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

Wills presented a list of expenses for the month. Total expenses reported was \$9,833.88. The board has been putting together figures for park improvements for the funding request from the county.

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 met last Wednesday. Shawn Wheat has been appointed to take Kim Smith's place on the commission but wondered if he should also take Kim's position on the ZBA. The recreation plan needs to be added to the master plan. Eric Benko has already added the wind and solar ordinances to the master plan. The short-term rental ordinance draft was sent to attorney Rasmussen but was not returned in time for the meeting. Wills called and found out that he had gotten the ordinance in his email but it was overlooked. He will review it this week. The Planning Commission would like to send it to Foster Swift for review and meet every two weeks to get ready for the public hearing. It was decided to give Attorney Rasmussen a chance to review the ordinance draft and to have the commission meet once after the ordinance is back from the attorney and hold the public hearing at the regularly scheduled June meeting.

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Stover to appoint Shawn Wheat to the ZBA board. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Petersen was not present

ZONING REPORT:

Dale reported that permits have been down in number. He will wait until spring to continue with the junk complaints.

OLD BUSINESS:

Local Covid Funds-Addition to Building

Stover and Wills met with Lonnie at DeWitt Lumber. He will draft plans for the new addition to the building for \$1000. Most of that money will be refunded if materials are purchased from DeWitt. He can also get the plans stamped by an engineer for \$700 which is not refundable.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Wills to approve paying the \$1000 for the plans and \$700 for the certification with funds to come from the Covid Relief account. Motion carried,

Trash Service

Stover has been keeping a list of people interested in contracting for township wide trash pickup. So far ten people have shown an interest and four people said maybe.

Charter Township

At the last meeting Wills shared information from the state regarding our option to change from a general law township to a charter township because our township population has gone over 2000.

The three options given were:

1. Adopt by majority vote a resolution opposed to incorporation as a charter township.
2. Adopt by majority vote a resolution of intent to approve incorporation as a charter township
3. Adopt by majority vote a resolution to place on the election ballot the question of incorporation as a charter township.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Wills to go with option one and approve a resolution to oppose incorporating Sidney Township as a charter township.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Stover, Leyrer, Peterman, Wills Absent: Welder Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Commented that the meeting was much better than other meetings they have attended lately and seemed to be more transparent.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Carrie Wills
Clerk