

Sidney Township Budget Meeting
Minutes
March 14, 2022

The Sidney Township Board/Budget meeting held at Sidney Township Hall, 3019 S Grow Road, Sidney, Michigan on March 14, 2022 was called to order by Supervisor Peterman at 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Supervisor, Terry Peterman; Treasurer, Corinda Stover; Clerk, Carrie Wills; Trustees, Jed Welder & Ray Leyrer.

REVIEW BUDGET FOR APRIL 1, 2021 – MARCH 31, 2022

The board reviewed the budget from 2021-2022 fiscal year. Balance totals were over budget in line items for Township Board, Treasurer, Drains at Large, Planning Commission, and Zoning for a total amount of \$6,282.07.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Wills to balance the 2021 – 2022 budget by transferring \$4,000.00 from the Elections budget line item and \$2,282.07 from the Park budget line item, both of which have a surplus, to those accounts that are over budget Motion carried.

PROPOSE NEW BUDGET FOR April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023

Assessor

CSZ has asked for an increase in their annual contract for assessing services. Those services used to be determined on a per parcel basis but are now done on an annual fee. The board will be asking if the fee being charged by Apex for assessing software is something we should still be paying for. Leyrer asked if we should be getting some kind of report from CSZ to verify what services they are performing.

The board agreed to approve a raise for CSZ from \$1902 per month to \$2250 per month for an annual cost of \$27,000.00

Board of Review

Peterman commented that the Board of Review members are now required to be certified every two years. Dale Main and Randy Lund have both been certified this year. Randy has asked for a raise now that they have to be certified. The board discussed the fact that election workers are also certified and they make the same \$15 per hour as the board of review. The township does not want to lose Randy because he has been on the board for several years and he brings a wealth of knowledge to the board.

Welder made a motion to raise the Board of Review wages to \$16.50 per hour but after a long discussion he withdrew the motion. At this time the board is uncertain what changes are coming for holding board of review meetings so decided to leave the wages at \$15 per hour.

Road Contracts

Proposed contracts for road repairs received from the Montcalm County Road Commission were reviewed. Welder prioritized the work that needs to be done so all contracts were approved except for the asphalt overlay to be done on one mile of Muskrat Road and having two chloride treatments instead of three. The budget for road maintenance was set at \$152,000.00. Copies of the contracts are attached.

Cemetery

Peterman reported that he wants to start working on marking lot lines in the new section of the cemetery. Gravel is also needed for the driveway that has several potholes. They also discussed the idea of laying cement on each gravesite for placement of headstones. The budget for the cemetery was set at \$15,000.00

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Welder to approve the proposed budget in the amount of \$341,350 for April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. Motion carried, A copy of the proposed budget is attached.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Wills to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Carrie Wills
Clerk