

Sidney Township Board Minutes  
May 2, 2022

The Sidney Township Board meeting held at Sidney Township Hall, 3019 S Grow Road, Sidney, Michigan on May 2, 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 Welder and seconded by Stover to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Welder and seconded by Stover to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments on agenda items

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk:

I have been asked if a table for a candidate could be put up in the parking lot on election day. To our knowledge, it has always been township policy to prohibit any type of campaigning on township property. It is our goal to conduct a fair and honest election for all candidates. No one is allowed to enter the polling location wearing or carrying campaign materials like t-shirts, brochures, signs etc or within 100 feet of the entrance to the building. To reconfirm that policy for no campaigning on township property, I am suggesting we pass this resolution:

*To adopt by roll call vote of the governing body of Sidney Township a resolution to prohibit any campaigning, including the placement of political signs, on township property prior to and on the date that the township hall is used as a polling location unless attending a township board meeting as a guest speaker.*

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to approve the above resolution.

Yeas: Peterman, Stover, Leyrer, Welder, Wills

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Supervisor

Peterman reported that he had purchased some new equipment for the park using funds from the park donations account. Dave Cooper volunteered to help with the repairs and installing the new equipment.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Laura Engel

Laura commented on the many recalls being conducted in Sidney and other townships in Montcalm County.

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stover gave the treasurer's report. Current checkbook balance is \$240,602.23

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 \$27,992.15.

Many of the expenses were related to the special election on May 3, 2022.

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

#### PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leyrer reported that the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>. The draft of the short-term rental ordinance will be discussed and approved. It should then go to the County Planning Commission and a public hearing will be scheduled.

#### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Petersen gave an update on county business. The audit report was presented to the board showing a surplus of funds. The Equalization report was presented to the board and shows an increase in the county taxable value of 4.2%. It is time for the annual review of the county controller and the list of properties being offered at the public tax auction is available.

Dave Overholt asked about the frequency of power outages. Adam responded that he should contact Consumers Energy.

Various attendees reported that the road commission has been scraping along the edge of the road taking out part of their lawns and leaving a mess for them to clean up. Supervisor Peterman said he will contact Mark Christensen from the road commission and ask him to attend next month's meeting.

Joe Hansen asked if wind turbines will affect the dollar value of properties. Adam was not sure how we can forecast the affect they will have.

#### ZONING REPORT:

Dale reported that a letter will be sent out tomorrow for the property on Colby Road, work is being done on the inside of the burnout location on Sidney Road, and a double wide has been brought in on Miles Road.

#### Local Covid Funds-Addition to Building

We are waiting for the plans being drafted by DeWitt Lumber.

#### Trash Service

No change.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### PA 116 Partial Termination

The Township has received a request from Jeff Moorehead for a release of a parcel of land less than two acres from the PA 116 agreement number 59-59531-123152. The property had an existing building on it when the agreement was signed. The parcel has been sold and needs to be removed from the agreement.

A motion was made by Welder and seconded by Stover to approve Resolution #2022-03 approving Mr. Moorehead's request to release a parcel of land from the PA 116, Farmland Developments Rights Agreement #59-59531-123152.

Yeas: Peterman, Welder, Stover, Wills, Leyrer

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

#### CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bruce Jorgensen told the board that he is disappointed that the short-term rental ordinance has not yet been approved and is upset about the pace at which the process is going. There are at least seven rentals on Derby Lake now and he wants the ordinance done.

Mary Lou commented that her neighbors' mail box has been smashed. Warned everyone about vandalism.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Welder to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Carrie Wills  
Clerk