

Sidney Township Board Minutes  
Special Meeting  
August 29, 2023

The Sidney Township Board special meeting held at the Sidney Township Hall at 3019 S Grow Road Sidney, Michigan on August 29, 2023 was called to order by Supervisor Peterman at 6:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor: Terry Peterman, Clerk: Carrie Wills, Treasurer: Corinda Stover; Trustee: Ray Leyrer, Trustee, Erik Benko

AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Stover to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on August 21, 2023 as presented. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ray's Sewer Zonng

Leyrer talk to Todd Sattler, Drain Commissioner, concerning the issue of rezoning parcels within the Sidney Sewer District. The map the township has for the district is not correct. A corrected map was received for the township files.

Instead of changing the zoning for the lots within the district, it was discussed changing the description of the lot sizes within each zoning area. The following zoning districts will be changed to add "12,000 sq ft w/public sewer system": AP Agricultural Preservation, R-1 Rural Residential, and R-3 Waterfront Residential. Leyrer will check to see what the proper procedure is to make the changes to the existing Zoning Ordinance.

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Benko to change the Zoning Ordinance by adding "12,000 sq ft w/public sewer system" to these zoning districts within the Sidney Township Sewer District: AP Agricultural Preservation, R-1 Rural Residential, and R-3 Waterfront Residential. Motion carried.

Cemetery Ordinance

The board reviewed the first Cemetery Ordinance draft. The following changes are to be made to the draft and final approval can be done at the next regular board meeting.

1. Section 3. Sale of Lots or Burial Spaces  
Burial spaces may be sold back to the township at one half the current market value and can then be resold by the Township.
2. Section 4. Purchase Price  
Remove the paragraph regarding a cost for transferring a burial space.
3. Section 5. Grave Opening Charges  
Remove: No burial space shall be opened and closed except under the direction and control of the Cemetery Sexton and/or Supervisor.
4. Section 5. Grave Opening Charges  
Change paragraph 2 to: No burial spaces ordered by court order to be opened or closed shall be done without the Cemetery Sexton and/or the Township Supervisor who will be given at least twenty-four (24) hour prior notice of when such grave opening or closing will occur. Any costs for the service will be paid by the family of the deceased.

5. Section 9. Winter Burials  
Reword paragraph to: The township authority will determine if a winter burial will be permitted. The Township Sexton may charge additional fees for winter burials.
6. Section 10. Cremains  
Change paragraph one to: Cremains may be buried in a burial space in a non-decomposable container.
7. Section 14. Repurchase of Lots or Burial Spaces  
Change to: Upon written request of said owner or his legal heirs or representatives. the Township may repurchase any cemetery lots or burial space from the owner for an amount of one half of the current value of the lot.
8. Section 20. Penalties  
Fix a typing error for the word plus

#### Park Pavilion

At the last meeting, the board reviewed quotes for construction of a new pavilion. The quote did not include demolition and removal of the existing pavilion and the cement floor. A quote has been received from Wickes Trucking & Dirt Works for demolition and removal of the pavilion, removal of the concrete, and sand and leveling back to grade for a total of \$3170.00. Bids are still needed for the cost of the cement and connecting electrical service.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Wills to hire Wickes Trucking and Dirt Works for demolition and removal of the pavilion and concrete and for sand and grading in the amount of \$3170.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to hire D&D Pole Barns to construct a 24 x 32 pavilion as quoted for \$25,400.00 . Motion carried.

#### Addition Update

Horn Construction has been given the final payment on the addition. Items ordered and received are: Blinds for front windows and the counter window, crowd control posts for elections, coat tree, and two smaller tables. Items ordered but not yet received: tall stool for front counter and outdoor bulletin boards. The board discussed selling the hall chairs for \$5 each for the folding chairs and throw in the cart if someone buys all of them and \$10 each for the stacking chairs with \$1 off each chair if they buy all of them.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

A complaint was given regarding a property on County Farm Road West of Sheridan that has a bunch of junk cars.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Wills to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.