

Sidney Township Board Minutes
December 4, 2023

The Sidney Township Board meeting held at the Sidney Township Hall at 3019 S Grow Road Sidney, Michigan on December 4, 2023 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; 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

APPROVE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Stover to approve the minutes as presented from the November 6, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

CORRESPONDENCE :

Clerk:

Wills received a notice from the Road Commission for the Annual Meeting.

An updated application form for MML renewal was completed and returned. The renewal contract will be presented at the next board meeting for approval.

Supervisor

Construction of the pavilion is completed except for laying the concrete which should be done this week. The electric needs to be repaired. It appears it was damaged during construction.

GUEST SPEAKER:

None

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stover gave the treasurer's report. Current checkbook balance is \$253,325.11

Current balance in the park fund is \$9,248.89 and the Covid Relief Fund is \$59,379.15.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

Wills presented a list of expenses for the month. Total expenses reported was \$27,532.21

That amount includes \$12,700 for final payment for the new pavilion and first half of the cost for the concrete for the pavilion.

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:

Planning Commission will meet tomorrow, Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 7:00P.M., at which time they will hold the public hearing for the zoning ordinance amendments.

Meeting dates on the website were corrected.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

County Commissioner Adam Petersen, reported that a class action lawsuit regarding opioid cases was settled. The county is receiving about three million dollars to be received on a set schedule. Those monies will be disbursed to local organizations working to fight against the opioid epidemic in Montcalm County. A plow truck was purchased as no bids were received for plowing snow on county properties. The county planning commission will be transformed into the Community Advancement Committee.

ZONING REPORT:

Dale Main, zoning administrator, reported that he has received 10 applications for short-term rental inspections. 2746 Lakeside was done this week, 2 more are scheduled for next week.

The complaint on 2600 Muskrat was ticketed \$100 and will be ticketed another \$200. The unattended dogs have been removed but the trailer is still there. 1641 Holland Road is being removed from the list but Dale will check it again in the spring. The junkyard on Sidney Road has been sold except for the home. The property will be used for hunting but it was questioned whether it should be classed as commercial or residential. Dale will send them a letter to remove or replace the fencing and remove the old trailer. He will ask them for a time to meet with him and Terry

OLD BUSINESS

Addition and Park Update

The hall lights have been updated to LED, cameras are being installed this week, and we are still waiting for the new printer. A new monitor is needed for the camera system.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to purchase and install a new monitor not to exceed \$1,000 to be paid from ARPA funds. Motion carried.

A plumber and the electrician are coming in soon. We will ask Tim Scott about a new air conditioner and ask the plumber if he can remove the old water softener left in the basement.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to approve finishing the kitchen with new cabinets and counter tops, build the closet in the kitchen and update the electric not to exceed \$8000. Motion carried.

We have had two responses about an outdoor sign. One similar to the sign for the fire department is about \$28,000. One from Optic Edge similar to the sign recently purchased by Pine Township is about \$17,000. We are asking more questions so we can compare the two options.

It has been suggested that we add a firewall to the computer system to protect it from hackers.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to purchase the firewall machine, and whatever is necessary for installation at a cost not to exceed \$1250 to come from ARPA funds. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting with Fire Department

A date for the whole board to meet with the Sheridan Fire Department was scheduled for December 20, 2023 at the Sidney Township Hall at 6:00 p.m.

MTA December Meeting

No one has received a notice for the December MTA dinner which should be meeting on the 14th. Carrie will ask Maryla at Pine Township if she has any details. If the dinner has been scheduled 2 members would like to attend.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bruce asked how we decided which contractor to select for building the new pavilion. He had given us a verbal quote for repairing the old pavilion and an idea of what it would cost for a new one.

The board had the impression that he was not really interested in doing the project and no written quote was ever received. Bruce said he did not see the posting requesting bids. The board apologized for the confusion and for not reaching out to him for the written quote.

A property owner was asking about the status of getting road repairs done this year on Muskrat Road. Terry told him he will be the first on our list of projects for next year.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Carrie Wills