

Sidney Township Board Minutes  
January 8, 2024

The Sidney Township Board meeting held at the Sidney Township Hall at 3019 S Grow Road Sidney, Michigan on January 8, 2024 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 Benko to approve the minutes as presented from the December 4, 2023 meeting and the December 20, 2023 special meeting . Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

CORRESPONDENCE :

Clerk:

Wills received the renewal proposal from MML for the liability insurance which needs to be renewed by February. Total annual premium will be \$3,404 plus \$200 Member Fee. Increase from last year's \$3240

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Wills to approve renewing the MML insurance for an annual premium of \$3,404 plus the \$200 member fee. Motion carried.

The resolutions for the BOR for 2024 were received from CSZ.

1. Resolution to Adopt Alternate Start Dates for March, July and December 2024 BOR dates.
2. Resolution to Adopt Taxpayers and Non-resident Taxpayers to Protest in Writing by Letter or Email for BOR.
3. Township Household Income & Asset Standards to be Eligible for a Poverty Exemption.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Wills to approve all of the above Resolutions for BOR for 2024. Motion carried.

Names for receiving notices for MTA dinners have been updated.

Supervisor

Peterman had a corner stake made to use for lot corners on cemetery plots. He will need 50 to 75 more for mapping out the cemetery and a metal detector to locate the stakes for burials. He was charged \$10 for this stake but will see if he can get a bulk price to order more.

GUEST SPEAKER:

None

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stover gave the treasurer's report. Current checkbook balance as of November 30, 2023 is \$253,325.11 Current balance in the park fund is \$5,448.89 and the Covid Relief Fund is \$58,039.50.

There was discussion concerning the payment to the Drain Commission for the farm land rental in the sewer district if payment is due for two or three years. The township received payment for the rental but the money was not sent on to the Drain Commission. Wills will check the records to see what is owed. (Note: Records show that we owe the Drain Commission for three years of farm land rental (2021, 2022 & 2023)

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 \$16,265.78

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 presented the revisions for the Zoning Ordinance that were approved by the Planning Commission at their public hearing on December 5, 2023.

Page 2 of the Zoning Ordinance

Article IV: Schedule 4.04 Bulk and Area Requirements: Table 4.01 Schedule of Regulations-Residential Districts:

Agricultural Preservation was changed to "Lot Area 12,000 sf w/public sewer and Lot Width to 80"

Rural Residential changed to add Lot Area "12,000 sf w/public sewer"

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Wills to approve the changes made to the Zoning Ordinance as approved by the Planning Commission at a public hearing on December 5, 2023. Motion carried.

The Commission is reviewing their By-laws and will continue to work on them at their next meeting.

#### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

County Commissioner Petersen reported that police contracts have been signed with annual pay increases for the next three years. Commission on Aging was approved to have a study done to assess needs for Montcalm County, approved changing a part-time employee to full time in Animal Control and changed all County Commissioner meetings to be held at 4:00 P.M.

#### ZONING REPORT:

Dale reported that another ticket was issued for 2600 Muskrat Road and the new owners are making progress cleaning up the old junk yard. He did inspections on two short-term rental units. That makes five on Derby Lake, three on Nevins Lake and two on Dickerson Lake. He still has to do two more on Derby Lake and has heard nothing from the owner on Pearl Lake.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Addition Update

The materials are here for the closet for election supplies in the kitchen. Stover has talked to the plumber about installing the sink.

The quote from Optic Edge was reviewed for the new lighted sign for in front of the hall.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Wills to order the sign from Optic Edge in the amount of \$19,866 with funds to come from Covid Relief Fund. Motion carried.

Peterman asked to have the board put back up that pays tribute to our veterans.

##### New Business

None

#### CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bruce asked for information about the trash vouchers.

It was remarked that a DNR tag is needed to use the public landings at both Nevins and Derby Lakes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Carrie Wills