

Sidney Township Board Minutes  
March 4, 2024

The Sidney Township Board meeting held at the Sidney Township Hall at 3019 S Grow Road Sidney, Michigan on March 4, 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, Trustee: Ray Leyrer, Trustee, Erik Benko  
ABSENT: Treasurer: Corinda Stover

AGENDA:

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

APPROVE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Benko to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2024 meeting with the following correction: Change Kim Smith, Trustee to Kim Hansen, PC Member. Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

CORRESPONDENCE :

Clerk:

Wills congratulated everyone for giving Sidney Township the highest voter turnout percentage in Montcalm County.

Wills reported she is still working on the ARPA Reimbursement for office supplies portion of the budget and asked the board to set a date for the budget hearing. She is looking at March 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m..

The board approved March 19, 2024 at 5:30 for the budget hearing.

Supervisor

Peterman reported that Board of Review is scheduled for their first meeting on March 5 at 10:00 A.M. and BOR hearings on March 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and March 13 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Since the weather has been so nice, the park has already been opened. Damage has already been done to the batting cage. The board talked about installing cameras but they are expensive, would need to be on the internet and kids would probably just shoot them out with bb guns. The board needs some ideas on what to do about the vandalism.

GUEST SPEAKER:

None

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Wills presented the treasurer's report in Stover's absence. Current checkbook balance as of February 29, 2024 is \$340,025.18.

Current balance in the park fund is \$5448.89 and the Covid Relief Fund is \$44,392.35. Still outstanding expenses for kitchen remodel and new copy machine.

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Benko 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 \$12,263.17

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

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Planning Commission will meet again on March 5, 2024 at 7:00. They will continue to review the by-laws and are preparing a breakdown of expenses they foresee for the next year to present at the budget hearing.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

County Commissioner Petersen reported that the fitness club in Greenville has been purchased by the YMCA along with the lot next to the club. The county will act as the fiduciary for the \$18 million project.

Other issues presented: Versity has received permission to hold blood drives every two months in the new building behind the sheriff department, EMS renewal millage will be on the August ballot, the Commission on Aging director has resigned and the county is considering a roll back to their millage rate and maybe spending down their fund balance by giving financial assistance to townships

Erik asked about the new committee that is replacing the county's planning commission. Adam does not want to any longer be involved in township zoning but nothing has been approved yet

#### ZONING REPORT:

Dale has sent violation letters to 5476 South Derby, 4995 W Colby and 1641 W Hansen. He will be issuing another ticket to 2600 Muskrat. There was nothing new on the STR's

#### FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

Benko is waiting for a copy of the new incorporation contract which the fire board would like to approve at a special meeting on March 20, 2024. He will be sure each of us has a copy so we can discuss it at our budget hearing on March 19.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Addition Update

The plumber has started to install the kitchen sink. Cupboards should be installed this week.

Parts have been ordered for replacing the electric at the park and the light for the flag at the hall should be installed soon.

##### New Business

There was no New Business

#### CITIZENS COMMENTS

It was asked if we have heard anything about a chicken farm being considered on Holland Road. No one has received any information. Dale said our ordinance will allow 50 chickens for 5 acres.

Can the Juvenile Department do anything about the park vandalism. In the past if the offender is caught, they must pay for the damages and do community service to help with repairs.

Remarks were made concerning the shooting range that the City of Stanton was considering. We have heard that the issue was dropped and since the area they want to use is in the township outside the city limits, they would need township approval

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Wills and seconded by Leyrer to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Carrie Wills