

Sidney Township Board Minutes
October 7, 2024

The Sidney Township Board meeting held at the Sidney Township Hall at 3019 S Grow Road Sidney, Michigan on October 7, 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 Benko to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried

APPROVE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Stover to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024 board meeting as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Benko to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2024 special meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Robert Scott presented the board with a sample of a draft for a CREO for the energy ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk

Wills reported she received a letter from Consumers Energy asking the township to install overnight charging stations for electric vehicles. They will give us a \$7500 rebate if we would install two stations.

Wills asked the board to authorize her to apply for a renewal to her notary public commission which expires on February 10, 2025. The cost would be \$55 for a six-year bond, plus \$30 to file with the county clerk and the Secretary of State for a total of \$85.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to approve Wills renewing her notary public commission at a cost of \$85. Motion carried.

Supervisor

Peterman reported that he needs to get new boards to repair damage to the toys in the park. He will just go to Big L for the supplies.

GUEST SPEAKER:

No guest speaker

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stover presented the Treasurer's report. Current checkbook balance as of September 30, 2024 is \$297,655.83 Current balance in the park fund is \$4,903.87, the Covid Relief Fund is \$1,986.93, the fire bond is \$156,966.99 and the weed accounts are Derby Lake \$47,480.24 and Nevins Lake \$6,514.50

Summer taxes are due Monday, September 16.

We would like to know why we get such a small percentage of the fines collected by the county for township violations.

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 \$32,690.21. The cost for signs for Rosa Lake is included. In the past, the Road Commission has paid to make the signs but they are now charging for that service.

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:

The next regular meeting is December 3, 2024. One of the updated ordinance books has been printed and is ready for proofing. The PC is asking to hold a special meeting to draft a new ordinance for battery storage. A date for the meeting was not set.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Petersen was not present.

ZONING REPORT:

Dale reported that he had two zoning and one split during the last month.

A meeting for the Zoning Board of Appeals will be needed for a variance for the construction of a new metal building on Lakeside Drive at Derby Lake. The proposed site is too close to be in compliance with the zoning ordinance. The board told Dale that a copy of the meeting minutes will have to be submitted to the clerk before checks will be issued to board members for attending meetings.

The home on Sidney Road that has the ongoing problem with junk is getting bad again. The board told Dale to start issuing tickets again. There has been no change at 2600 Muskrat Rd, 1641 Hansen Rd will be checked again this week, 3019 Oak Dr should be removed from the list, the owner has been doing some cleanup, the property on Lakeside Dr has removed the trailers and some of the junk has been cleaned up.

Peterman will talk to the sheriff about issuing tickets to two properties on Sidney Road and the one on Oak Drive. If they cannot do the ticketing, Peterman will go to those properties with Dale.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

Sheridan:

Brandon was present to update the board. The millage is all set to be on the November ballot. He can draft a letter to send to Sidney voters to explain that the current millage that the Township spreads will no longer be on the tax bills if the new millage request passes. The letter will be just an informational letter not anything asking them to vote for the millage. Brandon also told the board there will be a fund raiser pancake supper on October 23 at the Community Center in Sheridan. The memorial fund raiser for Dan Lund brought in \$43,000. That money will be used for the new building and will be dedicated to Dan Lund.

Stanton:

There was nothing for Stanton. Their meeting is next week.

OLD BUSINESS

Renewable Energy Ordinance

The board decided that a special meeting should be scheduled to discuss the ordinances and someone from Foster Swift should be asked to attend. The meeting will be scheduled after the Douglass and Cato Townships have met. We should have something in place by November 29.

A motion was made by Benko and seconded by Stover to hold a joint special meeting with the Township Board and the Planning Commission and to invite someone from Foster Swift to attend. We will get documentation regarding the three different ordinances. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MTA Meeting

MTA for October is to be hosted by Sidney and Eureka Townships and will be held at the Sidney Township Hall. All five board members will be attending

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Dale asked Peterman to add the property on Muskrat to the request for the Sheriff Department to issue tickets Laura remarked that it is hard to hear and asked if the chairs could be closer to the front table. She also read a letter she composed regarding removal of the MET tower and offered her support for Dale as our zoning administrator.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Carrie Wills
Sidney Twp Clerk