

Sidney Township
Minutes
February 4, 2019

Supervisor Peterman called the Sidney Township Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Peterman, Wills, Stover, Leyrer, Welder

AGENDA:

Amended to add under New Business: Mowing/Plowing Contracts.

Motion by Welder to approve the agenda as amended. Supported by Leyrer. All in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion by Leyrer to accept Board minutes from January 7, 2019 as presented. Supported by Stover. All in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Peterman announced that the fire meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2019 in Sheridan.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

The Sheriff report was presented by Deputy Justin Shaffer.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

There were no guest speakers

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stover presented the Treasurer's Report. Check book balance as of 1-31-19 is \$100,354.71.

Motion by Leyrer to approve Treasurer's Report. Supported by Welder. All in favor. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Wills presented bills for board approval. Total expenses to approve was \$19,362.80. Motion by Stover to accept and pay the bills. Supported by Leyrer. All in favor. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leyrer reported that the next regular planning commission meeting will be on March 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

County Commissioner Adam Petersen was present. He reported that the board of commissioners changed the hours for board meetings back to 6:00 p.m., approved raises for county employees, appointed a Board of Health Environmental Safety Officer for overseeing private sewer regulations, and learned about a class action suit regarding property foreclosures and rates due to unpaid property taxes.

ZONING REPORT:

Dale Main was present to deliver the Zoning report. Dale received a report regarding a junk problem on County Farm Road and a report of someone burning trash in their yard; Dale will be checking out the complaints. He has been receiving calls pertaining to commercial and residential solar farms.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Sewer Update

Jed gave an update on the sewer. The Drain Commission is hoping to hire a part-time employee to oversee all the sewer districts' billings. Quarterly reports will then be available.

B. Sewer O&M Pricing

Ray wanted to remind everyone that the O&M rate increases were approved by the Township Board and not by the Drain Commissioner, Spicer Group, or the SAW grant. He is concerned that the board is accountable for the sewer program but has no input into how much money is spent and what contractors are used for non-emergency improvements.

A motion was made by Leyrer to instruct the Drain Commissioner to submit to the Sidney Township Board for review and approval, at least three bids for non-emergency projects that exceed the cost of \$5,000. Motion was seconded by Stover. 4 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carried.

Terry will contact the Drain Commissioner to schedule a meeting for the Sewer Advisory Committee.

C. Correction on Marijuana Ordinance

Before publication, the Daily News made a correction to the spelling of the word "any" in article III of the marijuana ordinance approved at the last meeting.

A motion was made by Welder to approve the correction and accept the amended ordinance. Seconded by Stover. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Tanker/Fire Bond

Corinda reported that the repairs for the tanker were approved at the fire meeting on January 16, 2019. Sidney Township's portion is \$30,000 which needs to be paid with funds in the fire bond.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Welder to approve payment of the \$30,000 for the repairs to the tanker using money from the fire bond. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Adopt Annual Poverty BOR

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Welder to approve the annual poverty form for the March Board of Review. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Spring Grove Road

A bid to chip seal Spring Grove Road was received from the road commission for \$9,600. Sidney Township will pay for the work and per a petition signed by property owners

along Spring Grove Road, will fully reimburse the township by means of two annual installments.

D. MML Insurance

Wills presented an insurance renewal proposal from MML Liability & Property Pool. Annual premium is \$2,962, a small increase from last year. A dividend return of \$273 will be returned to the township after the renewal premium is received.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Welder to accept the proposal and to approve payment of the premium. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Mowing/Plowing Contract

The contract for mowing and plowing township properties has expired. An advertisement for bids will be placed in the Daily News. Bid forms can be submitted at the township hall on Mondays from 2-5:30 or on line; deadline for submitting is March 28, 2019.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Bruce Jorgensen thanked the board for getting the Derby Lake burn ordinance approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Stover and supported by Welder to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Submitted by
Carrie Wills
Clerk