

Sidney Township
Minutes
December 2, 2019

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Peterman, Leyrer, Stover, Wills, Welder

AGENDA .

Motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Welder to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk:

Wills told the board that the auditor's report was received and just needs to be signed and returned to Lake Michigan CPA Services. Everything was in order.

Supervisor:

Peterman had nothing to report

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

A report was presented by Deputy Austin Edwards. A copy of the report is attached. He will be covering our township beginning January 1, 2020.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Mike Williams, County Sheriff, was present to explain why there is a rotation of deputies. The board feels that keeping the same deputy for a longer time would be better for follow up with ongoing problems and zoning complaints. Welder asked that a continuity folder be kept updated to pass on to the new deputy upon rotation. Mike also handed out a pamphlet regarding the sheriff departments' millage proposal to be on the March 10, 2020 ballot.

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stover reported that winter taxes have been mailed out. There is a current balance of \$62,544.88 in the checking account.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

Wills presented a list of the check disbursements to be approved. She asked for reimbursement for a computer that she purchased that is a necessity for the electronic poll book for next year's election.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Welder to reimburse Wills \$419.99 for the new computer. Motion carried.

Total expenses for the month were \$17,050.53

A motion was made by Leyrer and, seconded by Welder to accept the report and approve payment of the expenses. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Next meeting is December 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The Commission will be reviewing the contracts and bid forms for lawn care and snow plowing.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Petersen gave an update on county business. The contract with EMS was approved, the board discussed replacing the security cameras in the administration building, and new phone contracts are being considered.

ZONING REPORT:

Dale gave a copy of the ZBA minutes to the board. The plans that were presented for construction of a new home on Lakeside Drive would have put the home too close to the lake. The plans were redrafted moving the home back to a compliant distance so the permit was issued.

Dale updated the board on the status of the zoning complaints. The court is working with owner of the junk yard to get the property cleaned up. The house on Carlson Road can't be demoed by burning because there is asbestos in the building. The owners of other sites will still be sent letters to continue cleanup.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer Update

Wills told the board that the drain commissioner has shared a copy of the draft of the agreement prepared by Attorney Hilding for taking over the sewer program with the representative at MCC and MISD. Leyrer has received two complaints regarding the increase in the O&M fees.

Road Commission

Peterman reminded the board that the meeting with the road commission is scheduled for December 18 at 11:20 a.m. All board members are welcome to attend.

MTA

MTA dinner is December 10 at 7:00 at the American Legion. The Road Commission is hosting the dinner.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Dave Overholt informed everyone that a Christmas parade will be held on Thursday at 5:30 in Sheridan. There will be prizes, a tree lighting ceremony, and fireworks. He also invited everyone to attend a concert at the Greenville High School on December 6 which is a fund raiser for the FOP.

Dave turned in signed petitions requesting a referendum on the March ballot to override the board's decision to opt out of allowing commercialization of recreational marijuana in Sidney Township.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Leyrer and seconded by Welder to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Carrie Wills
Clerk