

Sidney Township
Minutes
January 7, 2019

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

ATTENDANCE:

Peterman, Willis, Stover, Leyrer, Welder

AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

Motion by Leyrer to accept Board minutes from December 3, 2018. Supported by Welder. All in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Willis presented a registration form for Board of Review training offered by MTA. There are no new BOR members so no action was taken.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

The Sheriff report prepared by Sheriff Williams was presented.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

There were no guest speakers

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stover presented the Treasurer's Report. More donations have been received for the park/playground fund. Motion by Leyrer to approve Treasurer's Report. Supported by Welder. All in favor. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Willis presented bills for board approval. Total expenses to approve was \$61,452.39. Motion by Leyrer to accept and pay the bills. Supported by Welder. 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. Welder recently talked to Attorney Hilding regarding the master plan for the parks. The grant will be ready to submit in a week to 10 days.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

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County Commissioner Adam Petersen was present. He reported that the board of commissioners has changed the hours for board meetings from 6:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Committees were combined down into just two committees; they will meet one at 1:30 p.m. and the other at 2:30 p.m. Petersen was appointed as Vice Chair of the board.

ZONING REPORT:
Dale Main was present to deliver the Zoning report. A total of 35 permits were issued in 2018. The property at 2551 Hansen that had been cited has done some cleanup. Dale was asked to check a property on Derby Road: it was reported that several mattresses have been brought to the property presumably to use for insulating a structure.

OLD BUSINESS:
There was no old business to bring before the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. New Ordinance
The board reviewed an ordinance to opt out of any options for recreational marijuana for cultivation, distribution, transport, production or any other commercialization under the new RM law.
A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Welder and seconded by Leyrer. Roll Call vote: Welder-yes, Leyrer-yes, Peterman-yes, Wills-yes, Stover-yes. Motion carried.

B. Office Computer
Stover told the board that the office computer needs to be replaced. The one we have now is at least 12 years old and it has crashed several times. She was told there isn't anything more that can be done to repair this one. Cost for a new computer and monitor is about \$1200. *1500*
A motion was made by Leyrer to approve the purchase of the new computer and monitor. Seconded by Wills. Motion carried.

C. Credit Card
Stover noted that board members have asked about getting a township credit card. She has learned that it is not a problem as long as it is used for small purchases and is obtained from the bank where the township does business.
A motion was made by Wills to obtain a credit card from Sidney Bank to be used for the convenience of making small purchases. Seconded by Welder. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Dave Overholt addressed the board in regards to board procedures. He feels there is not enough clarity and that people should be given a chance to voice their opinions before decisions are made by the board.
Barbara Dickinson asked what the greatest concern was for opting out. Peterman responded that the vote for recreational use of marijuana was turned down by the constituents in Sidney Township and we are here to represent our constituents. She feels people will now have to go back to buying the products on the black market. She doesn't like that choice for an option.
Matt Hoffman was here representing a coalition whose main goal is to remove from office all board members that oppose the marijuana movement and vote to opt out of commercialization. He suggested that they would be working to make that happen in our township.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Stover to adjourn. Supported by Welder. All in favor. Motion carried.

Carrie L. Willis
Clerk