

Sidney Township  
Minutes  
August 5, 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 Leyrer and seconded by Stover to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Clerk:**

Wills presented the letter from Petersen Oil with the different options for pre-paid gas contract. The board agreed to do the same as last year; pre-pay for 1000 gallons at \$.54 per gallon.

**Supervisor:**

Peterman told that board that he had taken the agreement prepared by Trent Hilding to Sandy at the Drain Commission regarding the township taking over administration of the Sidney Township Sewer System. She wants to discuss the agreement with Hilding. He also reported that Ray Leyrer has volunteered to act as a liaison for the sewer project so that individuals that have concerns or questions about the project can contact him and he will bring those concerns to the board or find answers to the questions.

Peterman also reported that the fire truck being repaired is almost ready. Should be done by the end of the month.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:**

A report was presented by Scott Ingraham from the Sheriff's Department. He reported that there have been several larcenies in the township and is advising property owners to install motion lights and security cameras and to keep doors and windows locked.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Stover reported that summer tax money is still coming in. Derby Lake will continue to spread \$100 per parcel on the tax roll for 2019 for weed control. Carpet cleaning is scheduled for mid-September. There is currently a balance of \$123,431.76 in the checkbook account.

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

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

Wills presented a list of the check disbursements to be approved. Total expenses were \$31,633.32. Some of the expenses were for the school election and will be reimbursed by the school.

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Next meeting is September 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. They will be reviewing the parks & recreation plan from Trent Hilding.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

Commissioner Petersen gave an update on county business. The board has been working on the annual budget. Several department heads are asking for additional staff but the board doesn't feel they are ready to add that to the budget yet.

**ZONING REPORT:**

Dale updated the board on the status of the zoning complaints. The old junk yard has installed a new fence. The board asked Dale to send a letter to the owner to remove the fence as it is in violation of ordinance because it is no longer classified a junk yard. Renters on County Farm Road have moved out. Burnt house on Carlson Road is still waiting for insurance company. Terry has a copy of the letter from the insurance company asking property owners to leave property as is for now.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Election Inspectors

Wills asked the board to appoint the following people to act as election inspectors for the special school election tomorrow. Sidney Township and Fairplains Township have been combined for the election which will be at the Sidney Township hall. Inspectors are: Marilyn Thomsen, Stacie Pribble, Cammi Armock, Shannon Slayton and Carrie Wills.

Motion was made by Stover and seconded by Welder to appoint the above listed people as election inspectors. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Dickerson Lake is forming their sewer project under Public Act 188 so number of signatures needed is based on the acreage within the district. They have not yet reached 50% of the signatures needed.

Shawn Wheat was there to explain that the benefits of having Dickerson Lake hook up with the Sidney Township sewer would be to keep sewer rates down to cover costs of repairs to an aging system and bills for general operation could be divided between the two systems.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Carrie Wills  
Clerk