

The Regular meeting along with a Public Hearing of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by the Eric Wilson Town Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. August 8, 2024, in the boardroom at 44 Grand Street, Sidney. Prior to the meeting, bills were audited by the Board.

Present were:

Eric Wilson	Supervisor
Codey Lambrecht	Highway Superintendent
Bill Heath	Councilman
Kevin Greene	Councilman
Frank Selleck	Councilman
Paul Muratore	Councilman
Joseph A. Ermeti	Attorney
Sheila R Paul	Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING: Public hearing was called to order at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the Local Law 002-2024 New York State’s Uniform Fire Prevention & Building Code & Energy Conservation Code. No discussion from the public. Motion was made by Mr. Selleck to accept Local Law 002-2024 and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None
Supervisor Wilson motion to close the public hearing at 7:04 and it was seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried.

RESOLUTION # 005-2024

LOCAL LAW No. 002-2024

This is a Certified Copy of Resolution that was passed at a Meeting of the Sidney Town Board at which a quorum was present on August 8, 2024.
WHEREAS, a Local Law called ‘ New York State’s Uniform Fire Prevention & Building Code & Conservation Code’ has been adopted by the Sidney Town Board.

Supervisor Wilson called the regular board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVE TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Regular Meeting held on July 11, 2024, Motion to accepted minutes, by Mr. Greene seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General A Fund Voucher: 24-233 thru 24-269 in the amount of \$ 13,913.63 Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

General B Fund Voucher: 24-12 in the amount of \$ 350.00 Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

East Sidney Lake Voucher: 24-47 thru 24-55 in the amount of \$ 15,291.79 Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

SL Sidney Center Street Light: 24-8 in the amount of \$ 355.00 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

Total General Vouchers: \$ 29,910.41

Highway DA Fund Vouchers: 24-90 thru 24-94 in the amount of \$ 2,463.52 Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

Highway DB Fund Vouchers: 24-17 thru 24-24 the amount of \$ 25,277.74 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Total Highway Vouchers: \$ 27,741.26

CM Hospital Fund Vouchers: 24- 124 thru 24-142 in the amount of \$ 21,140.76 Motion by Mr. Muratore and second by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None.

Total Vouchers paid: \$ 78,792.43

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received an email from Ray Lewis and Loddie Marsh: Below is the email that was read by Mr. Selleck.

I just released that I am venting 21 years of pent-up complete satisfaction with the Town's Highway crew. Unfortunately, my wife and I are getting up in the years and we have discovered that our doctor visits have grown exponentially. Not ONE appointment have we missed due to our road being unpassable during even the heaviest of snowstorms. Not ONE! I never thought that hearing a snowplow truck at 6:30 AM, YES, 6:30 AM, would be music to my ears.

*I am a retired Captain of the Philadelphia Police Department. I commanded some 2,100 officers, including Lieutenants, Sargents, and Corporals. If they had all displayed the professionalism of the Highway crew, my job would have been a lot easier!
Lastly, employee's performance is ALWAYS a reflection upon their supervisor.
Come contract negotiating time please give them everything they want!
Ray Lewis and Loddie Marsh*

REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. Clerk is submitting checks totaling in \$ **1079.00** fees collected during July 2024.

REPORTS/ORAL

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: Finished changing cross culverts on Roof Rd. Had to place an order for more pipe as we have gone through a lot. Paving dates have been set back, due to the rain. Looking at doing paving next month. In the event that we get a lot rain from the storm that is coming, crew and I have prepared as much as possible.

SUPERVISOR- Eric Wilson:

BOOKKEEPER- Karen Kropp: Nothing to report.

TOWN CLERK- Sheila Paul: Reached out to other Clerk’s regarding online bill pays, and some do pay utilities bills online. I am asking the board for approval to pay utilities bills online. Motion was made by Mr. Wilson to approve paying utilities bills online and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. AYES: F. Selleck, B. Heath, K. Greene. NAYES: None

Spoke with Karen Kropp, the Town’s bookkeeper, regarding wish lists for the budget and they should be out at the end of the month (August). I will be sending them out and will be asking for them back within one week. We need to schedule budget workshops for the week of September 23-27 as tentative budget is due by October 5th, 2024. Workshops: 1st budget workshop is scheduled for September 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. and the second budget workshop is scheduled for September 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Spoke with Karen Kropp, the Town’s bookkeeper about the Assessor Assistance regarding payroll and which account it would come out of. We need to create a code to be able to pay the Assessor Assistance which is Gina Smith. Ms. Smith is working with P. Haddad Walton’s Assessor.

Resolution No.4-2024

WHEREAS, the Sidney Town Board authorized the creation of the position of Assistant Assessor at a meeting on August 8, 2024, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make a budget transfer to cover the additional expenses that were unanticipated at the time of the 2024 Adopted Budget, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following transfers be authorized by the Sidney Town Board of the Town of Sidney, NY:

GENERAL FUND:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
A1355.11 (Assessor Assistant)	5,000	
A599 (Fund Balance)		5,000

To create a budget line for payroll, we need to amend the 2024 budget. So, I ask the board for a motion to Amend the 2024 budget. Motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried.

Need a motion to create a code and move 5,000 into the line item for the Assessor Assistance. Motion was made by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway-Selleck & Wilson: See correspondence.

Hospital- Muratore/ Wilson: NYSG&E is looking into the charging station to be placed at the hospital. Terri Tweedie from Delaware County Office for the Aging will be doing a Tai Chi class on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:00 to Noon starting on October 8th until December 19th, 2024. It takes place near the Senior Center on the second floor of the hospital.

Insurance-Heath / Greene: Mr. Greene received a quote from our Insurance company to cover the playground equipment in Sidney Center. The cost was additional \$10.00 for the year. Mr. Greene made a motion to accept the increase of \$10.00 to cover the playground equipment, it was seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. AYES: F. Selleck, B. Heath, P. Muratore. NAYES: None

Mr. Heath contacted NYSE&G about power for the playground, and the lighting adjacent to the park is not metered, it would have to be a new service , which is very costly.

Zoning & Planning- Muratore/ Selleck: Working on Campgrounds. Meeting is held every 3rd Monday of the month.

East Sidney Lake- Heath/ Selleck: J. Nolan manager stated that NYS Dept of Health inspector the grounds and found no infractions, but water test for the lake, did come back with bacteria.

Playground equipment will be assembled when weather permits.

The new mower has been delivered and has been up and running.

Monitoring water levels, due to the upcoming rain.

Mr. Selleck stated that Ed Backus plaque for the pavilion is ready and needs to be placed in the pavilion.

Finance: Muratore/ Wilson: Supervisor Wilson stated that there are some T-bills that are coming mature and will be emailing the board options and come to a consensus of what should be done with the money.

IT- Wilson/ Muratore: P. Muratore proposed to update the wireless infrastructure for the Town Building to bring in 5G network. He stated that it will help with security. The Cost would be \$ 1,465.00. Motion was made by Mr. Muratore to update network and seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** none

Looking at installing video surveillance for security purposes at the Hospital, this would include 5 cameras and the cost would be \$ 3,000. Motion was made by Mr. Wilson to move forward installing the camera and it was seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Justice: Greene/Heath: Town Attorney Mr. Ermeti stated that that the county is considering a Traffic Diversion Program. The program would allow drivers with low level traffic offenses to take an online course. The online course would all them from having to pay a fine and avoid getting points of their license. It would reduce the workload for the district attorneys and courts. Delaware County Supervisors are to vote on this program on August 28, 2024. Chenango and Otsego counties already have program in place.

K. Greene has met with Judge McCann to discuss helping to apply for a grant through the Justice Court Assistance Program. Program helps local courts to obtain money for court improvements, the maximum award is \$ 30,000.

DCO: Greene: There was incident on Cover Bridge Road with two rottweiler with councilmember Selleck, that the dog control officer had to address.

NEW BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Several campers from East Sidney Lake questioned the increase of 38% on the electric cost. It was stated that electric cost has increased for everyone. Other campers complained that the beach has been closed and there are no lifeguards, the bathrooms are dirty, and they are paying \$ 100.00 for Wi-Fi that isn't working. Also, there is an agreement that campers have to sign the no underage children will be allowed to drive golf carts, but there are children driving recklessly through the park. Campers are unable to make complaints at the park, as there are no staff to contact.

John Nolan: Park's manager stated that it has been difficult to find people to work. Currently there is one full-time and two part-time maintenance people, five office employees and himself. He typically has the office open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. but has been short staff at times.

EXCUTIVE SESSISON: At 8:12 p.m. Mr. Wilson motioned to go into Executive Session and seconded Mr. Heath and carries. **AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

At 8:40 p.m. Mr. Heath motioned to come out of Executive Session and seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. AYE: E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. NAYES: None

Motion was made by Mr. Wilson to accept the bid from Premier Roofing to do the ER waiting roof located the Tri-Town Hospital, it was seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. AYES: F. Selleck, B. Heath. NAYES: None. K. Greene abstained from the vote.

Following were the bids received:
Premier Roofing, Sidney, NY : \$ 39,500
Axe Construction Service, Johnson City, NY : \$ 44,000
AB Construction and Roofing, Whitney Point, NY : 49,00
Newbauer Construction, Bainbridge, NY : 46,250
Apple Roofing, E. Syracuse, NY: 79,400
Clapper Construction, Otego, NY: 79,546.00

Adjourn:

At 8:46 p.m. Mr. Wilson motioned to adjourn meeting and seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Next Regular Board Meeting will be on September 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk