

The Regular Board Meeting along with a Public Hearing of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by the Town Supervisor Eric Wilson at 7:00 p.m. December 12, 2024, in the boardroom at 44 Grand Street, Sidney. Prior to the meeting, bills were audited by the Board.

The Public hearing was to discuss reapplying for the Restore NY Grant. The previous application was denied, council member was instructed to apply again, but for a lower grant amount. The application fee is 250.00 and a Motion was made by Mr. Wilson to pay the fee and it was seconded by Mr. Heath and carried.

**AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

The Restore NY grant is for municipalities to restore or revitalize residential and commercial properties. Councilmember K. Greene will submit the second application, requested funds will be tagged to install new roofing on two sections of the hospital and an upgrade the HVAC ( heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) system.

There were no questions from the public. At 7:10 p.m. Mr. Wilson asked for a Motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion was made by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P, Muratore. **NAYES:** none

At 7:10 p.m. Mr. Wilson called the regular board meeting to order.

Present were:

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

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**APPROVE TOWN BOARD MINUTES:** Regular Meeting held on November 14, 2024, Motion to accepted minutes, by Mr. Muratore seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**General A Fund Voucher:** 24-437 thru 24-486 in the amount of \$ 39,870.46 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

**General B Fund Voucher:** 24-19 in the amount of \$ 21.88 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene, P. Muratore **NAYES:** None

**East Sidney Lake Voucher:** 24-82 thru 24-86 in the amount of \$ 3,305.82 Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, B. Heath. **NAYES:** None

**SL Sidney Center Street Light:** 24-12 in the amount of \$ 338.71 Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

**Total General Vouchers:** \$ 43,563.87

**Highway DA Fund Vouchers:** 24-135 thru 24-155 in the amount of \$ 29,410.85 Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

**Highway DB Fund Vouchers:** 24-49 thru 24-53 the amount of \$ 124,955.22 Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene **NAYES:** None

**Total Highway Vouchers:** \$ 154,366.07

**CM Hospital Fund Vouchers:** 24-204 thru 24-226 in the amount of \$ 53,102.36 Motion by Mr. Heath and second by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore **NAYES:** None.

**Total Vouchers paid:** \$ 251,005.30

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:**

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. Clerk is submitting checks totaling in \$ 3,222.00 fees collected during November 2024.

**REPORTS/ORAL**

**HIGHWAY-** Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: Had increase of snow and ice removal compared to this time last year.

Had 8 callouts including Thanksgiving. We have been out on the roads significantly more, so our budget numbers will be much higher.

Have experienced several equipment breakdowns during the month, and repairs are successfully completed in house.

Been organizing and updating the shop to improve functionality and workflow. Including reviewing inventory, streamlining tools and materials, and enhancing the overall shop efficiency.

Continued to prepare for snow and ice removal. Ongoing maintenance on the equipment to reduce future breakdowns. Continue improvements on our shop organization.

Mr. Lambrecht asked the board to motion for a policy to install cameras in the Town trucks ( facing out) to protect the operator and the town. The cameras are to document the road work, cameras also have a GPS tracking systems to locate vehicles in case of an emergency. Motion to approve cameras being stalled with made by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

**SUPERVISOR-** Eric Wilson: Nothing to report will have an Executive Session on a legal matter.

**BOOKKEEPER-** Karen Kropp: Nothing

**TOWN CLERK-** Sheila Paul: Holiday office hours are Office closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> thru December 27<sup>th</sup>. Will reopen on Monday December 30<sup>th</sup> with new hours from 8:30 to 4:00 and will close on December 31<sup>st</sup> at noon and be closed on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Office will resume hours on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30. Starting in January new office hours are Monday thru Thursday 8:30 to 4:00 and Fridays 8:30 to Noon.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Highway-**Selleck & Wilson: Nothing

**Hospital-** Muratore/ Wilson:

**Insurance-**Heath / Greene: Mr. Greene motion to approve a Special Board meeting for Monday December 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. for Insurance presentation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

**Zoning & Planning-** Muratore/ Selleck: Meeting on Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Before the meeting at 6:00 have a meeting to work on the comprehensive plan.

**East Sidney Lake:** Heath/ Selleck: The park is closed for the season. Mr. Selleck questioned a garbage invoice for 160.00 and will discuss with Park Manager Mr. Nolan.

**Finance:** Muratore/ Wilson: We received a check for \$ 4,266 from the County that was received from the sales from Green's Greenery ( which opened July 13<sup>th</sup>) the only legal retail cannabis store in Sidney NY. The county gets 25% and the Town gets 75%. Town will receive quarterly checks. The first check was not for a full quarter.

**IT-** Wilson/ Muratore: Mr. Muratore motion for approval to have Edmunds GovTech to install a new router in the Town Building and have the cost of \$ 2,250.00 be taken from the Building budget and not the Clerk budget , as it will provide service to the building. and it was seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** none.

Wrote a letter to Assemblyman Joe Angelino about Delhi Phone company to come into the Village of Sidney.

**Justice:** Greene/Heath: Nothing to report

**DCO:** Greene: The dog officer had a few calls.

Mr. Heath stated that the Delaware Valley Humane Society contract had an increase of \$ 100.00. The total is \$ 1,900.00 a year. The cost to reclaim an animal will increase from \$ 15.00 to \$ 25.00. Shelters have to make upgrades to meet the standards put forth in the New York Animal Care Standards Act.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Town placed a 500.00 donation in the budget this towards Bee's Day, which is a non-profit, which shouldn't have occur using taxpayer monies. Mr. Wilson stated that it shouldn't have been done. Town will give the monies as it was in the budget but will be removed from future budgets. Town Attorney J. Ermeti stated that a board member can donator themselves personally.

Mr. Greene questioned about the Delaware County sales tax revenue, as many municipalities believe they should get a portion of the sales tax collected by the County. Supervisor Wilson stated that County does a lot of things that residents don't know about. For example, 25% of the county sales tax is allocated to the landfill and the county helps make school whole by releve unpaid school taxes.

Mr. Wilson stated that there have been numerous discussions, and everything will be taken into consideration.

This is will front and center in January.

Town Attorney J. Ermeti stated that it will be an issue moving .

The County is also waiting to see what the revenue stream will be from the traffic diversion program.

Mr. Greene asked the board to consider hiring Thoma Development Consultants to apply for a Community Development Block Grant ( CDBG) on behalf of the Town, the company has high success rate. Mr. Greene pointed out that the Town of Bainbridge and Unadilla have used this service with success. Supervisor Wilson It was mentioned Delaware Opportunities does the same thing as Thomas, but don't charge \$ 145.00 per hour. Mr. Greene will reach out the Delaware Opportunity to see what they do. Also, Supervisor Wilson will reach out to the Supervisors of Bainbridge and Unadilla. Will revisit in January.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The EV ( electric vehicle) charging station have been approved to be installed at 43 Pearl Street and the other in the parking lot of the Town Building: 44 Grand Street.

Supervisor Wilson stated that the Town might enter into a contract with Usource to get a solar credit that could lower the Town's utility bills. The program could save the town 5 to 10 % . No financial investment .

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 8:05 pm. Supervisor Wilson motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Motion was seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** none. At 8: 40 p.m. motion to come out of executive session was made by Mr. Selleck seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** none.

### **Adjourn:**

At 8:42 p.m. Mr. Wilson motioned to adjourn meeting and seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Next Regular Board Meeting and Organization Meeting is scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk