

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. July 11, 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

**SPEAKERS:** Jennifer Hill Community Engagement Coordinator with Tobacco Free Communities: Give the smoke-free signs for the Sidney Center playground.

Loddie Marsh from the Sidney Center Improvement Group the Town Board about getting some trash cans for the park, also asking about the Porta-Potty for the park as well. Loddie also asked about getting electric to the playground as there is a pole close by. The board members will be looking into the electricity for the playground.

Dr. William Roche promoted two upcoming events with the Cullman Summer Series. July 14<sup>th</sup> is Agriculture Day and July 28<sup>th</sup> is Honeybee Day. The events are very educational for both kids and adults. In 2025 they plan on adding a Soapbox Derby to the Summer Series.

Supervisor Wilson comment on the success of the Southern Tier Music Festival that was held at the Sidney Airport that Dr. Roche was an integral part of. There were 2,060 people that attended this year. Dr. Roche did recognize Councilmember Frank Selleck for the time and effort he put in at the festival.

**APPROVE TOWN BOARD MINUTES:** Regular Meeting held on June 13, 2024, Motion to accepted minutes, by Mr. Muratore seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**General A Fund Voucher:** 24-197 thru 24-232 in the amount of \$ 18,347.48 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

**General B Fund Voucher:** 24-9 thru 24-11 in the amount of \$ 924.82 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck. P. Muratore.

**East Sidney Lake Voucher:** 24-34 thru 24-46 in the amount of \$ 19,213.82 Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

**SL Sidney Center Street Light:** 24-7 in the amount of \$ 365.08 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

**Total General Vouchers: \$ 38,851.20**

**Highway DA Fund Vouchers:** 24-82 thru 24-89 in the amount of \$ 8,875.32 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

**Highway DB Fund Vouchers:** 24-13 thru 24-16 the amount of \$ 13,061.51 Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

**Total Highway Vouchers:** \$ 21,936.87

**CM Hospital Fund Vouchers:** 24- 106 thru 24-123 in the amount of \$ 40,402.97 Motion by Mr. Muratore and second by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, B. Heath. **NAYES:** None.

**Total Vouchers paid:** \$ 101,191.04

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:**

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. Clerk is submitting checks totaling in \$ **1,241.00** fees collected during June 2024.

**REPORTS/ORAL**

**HIGHWAY-** Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: Finished changing all the cross culverts on Dunshee Rd and started on Roof Rd. Plan to change all of the culverts that need to be replaced and prep the road for paving.

On July 4<sup>th</sup> a rainstorm and had nearly 2 inches of rain in a short period of time came through Sidney Center and cause some damage to the roads, as a result the Town crew had to come in on Friday to take care of the damages.

Had some breakdowns in the last month, but as of now everything is back together and working. Most of the repairs were done in house.

Aside from all the other work, we still have both roadside mowers out mowing.

Still looking for used roller, as we need one.

**SUPERVISOR-** Eric Wilson: Exploring the idea of purchasing a Level 2 electric vehicle charger for the hospital. If the Town purchases the chargers, it will eventually generate revenue for the Town. Supervisor Wilson will be looking into the cost and putting together a proposal. ( **action item**)

There have had some formal complaints about not having handicap doors. The closures will be placed on the DMV and Clerk doors. It will be about six weeks before they are completed.

**Mr. Wilson made motion to install closures for the doors to be complaint with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. AYES: F. Selleck, B. Heath, K. Greene.**

**BOOKKEEPER-** Karen Kropp: Nothing to report.

**TOWN CLERK-** Sheila Paul: All is good in the Clerks office. I would like to look into paying some bills online. Mostly utility payments. The board agreed to let me look into this with other clerks and our bank. ( **action item**)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Highway-**Selleck & Wilson: Carr Creek was pretty high. The Hwy Crew have been paving roads.

**Hospital-** Muratore/ Wilson: The Town Maintenance Nate Ouimet that the fire system will become obsolete in January 2025 and the quote he received from Johnson Controls is \$85,000 to replace the system. Mr. Ermeti, the Town Attorney stated that without a long-term lease from Bassett, the town should consider how much money to invest in the building. Mr. Ouimet has stated that the inspection of the elevators failed. Dan Wilber, Deputy Code Officer for the Town stated that the inspectors need to provide list of violation.

Mr. Muratore plans on helping install phones in elevators when the updates are made. Also, would like to add additional cameras at the hospital as one-third of the hospital is without cameras.

New York State Police will hold training on the second floor starting July 15 until September 15<sup>th</sup>. The area where they are training will be off limits to the public.

**Insurance-**Heath / Greene: Councilman Greene asked about insurance coverage with other Towns that help the highway department. Mr. Lambrecht stated that there is a shared services agreement which addresses this issue.

**Zoning & Planning-** Muratore/ Selleck: Mr. Muratore stated that the Planning board Committee needs to get together to start working on the new Comprehensive Plan. The Town has contacted the County to help with updating the Comprehensive Plan.  
Planning Board meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**East Sidney Lake-** Heath/ Selleck: New playground equipment will be arriving sometime in July, once it arrives it will be installed.

There are inoperable mowers and would like surplus and take to auction. **Mr. Heath made a motion to sell the inoperable mowers and it was seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. AYES: E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. NAYES: none**

Mr. Selleck stated that all is well and there are no complaints about the Wi-Fi system.

**Finance-**Muratore/ Wilson: Supervisor Wilson is putting together a proposal for the Town's investment, will share with the board when it's completed. ( **action item**)

**IT-** Wilson/ Muratore: Issues with the fax lines for the Court and Town Clerk office have been corrected. There was miscommunication between the Gabbit and Spectrum. Looking at cleaning up the wires in both computer rooms.

Testing a microphone to install video conference for Town Board meetings.

Would like to hold training for Town employees on how to protect their information and keep their computers from being compromised, as it is important for everyone to be able to identify suspicious emails.

Mr. Muratore did ask if anyone knew of a student that would be interested in an IT internship which would run through his IT business Muratek.

**Justice:** Greene/ Heath: Would like to have the board receive monthly court reports and will speak with the court staff. ( **action item**)

**DCO:** Greene: Few calls but all is good.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Dan Wilber Deputy Code Officer stated that the Town needs to update their codes and have a local law regarding the change. A public hearing will be held prior to the law being adopted.

*A public hearing will be held at the next board meeting which is scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

Resident Lois Green wanted to announce that Green's Greenery ( Cannabis dispensary) the Grand Opening will be Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>. Green's Greenery is located next to Long River Inn. The hours are 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

It took 2 years to get the license.

**EXECUTIVE SESSISON:** At 8:22 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 8:45 p.m. Mr. Heath motioned to come out of Executive Session and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. AYE: E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. NAYES: None

**Adjourn:**

At 8:45 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 August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk