

The Public Meeting of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by the Eric Wilson Town Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. November 7, 2024, in the boardroom at 44 Grand Street, Sidney.

The Public meeting was to discuss 2025 Town Budget. Supervisor Wilson announced that the Town of Sidney will have a 0% of tax increase. Town Clerk Sheila Paul stated that the Town did not increase the taxes, which does not mean the County did not increase them. Supervisor Wilson as stated that there where two contributing factors to balance the budget to a 0% and that was investing town funds into CDs with the high percentage rates and the receipt of a portion of the sales taxes from the Green’s Greenery cannabis dispensary was an unexpected bonus.

Motion was to approve the 2025 Budget was made by Mr. Muratore, seconded by Mr. Heath, and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None.

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

Prior to the meeting, bills were audited by the Board.

**APPROVE TOWN BOARD MINUTES:** Regular Meeting held on September 12, 2024, Motion to accepted minutes, by Mr. Heath seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**General A Fund Voucher:** 24-367 thru 24-436 in the amount of \$ 32,397.72 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

**General B Fund Voucher:** 24-17 thru 24-18 in the amount of \$ 3,779.31 Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, B. Heath. **NAYES:** None

**East Sidney Lake Voucher:** 24-78 thru 24-81 in the amount of \$ 1,044.73 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:** 24-11 in the amount of \$ 331.77 Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

**Total General Vouchers: \$ 37,553.53**

**Highway DA Fund Vouchers:** 24-122 thru 24-134 in the amount of \$ 17,677.21 Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

**Highway DB Fund Vouchers:** 24-44 thru 24-48 the amount of \$ 21,136.52 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene **NAYES:** None

**Total Highway Vouchers:** \$ 38,813.73

**CM Hospital Fund Vouchers:** 24-186 thru 24-203 in the amount of \$ 2,307.21. Motion by Mr. Muratore and second by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene **NAYES:** None.

**Total Vouchers paid:** \$ 100,674.47

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter for Youth for Christ: 11 Annual Joker Run which will take place on Saturday April 26, 2025. Motion made by Mr. Muratore to approve this event and it was seconded by Mr. Heath. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

### **REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:**

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. Clerk is submitting checks totaling in \$ **2,033.00** fees collected during October 2024.

### **REPORTS/ORAL**

**HIGHWAY-** Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: Last month was lot of road work, with grader patching and ditching. Currently servicing all plow trucks and putting snow gear on them.

Next few months getting started on tree work on Poplar Hill Road. Did receive all permitting from the DEC needed to change the big pipe and hoping to move forward before snow fall.

Had a meeting with the Highway Committee ( E. Wilson and F. Selleck) to discuss upgrading the excavator. I am asking the board for a motion to approve purchasing a new excavator that will be paid by the left-over CHIPS money and it was approved by the state.

Mr. Selleck made motion to approve the purchasing of the ne excavator and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

Need a motion to place a Legal notice in the paper for one week stating the following roads will be closed for the winter starting November 15<sup>th</sup> to April 15, 2025.

Back side of Lawton Hill Rd, ( blocked off to the Franklin town line) Dumond Rd, Arabian Way , as a section of Gallop Hill Rd to the Masonville Town Line.

Mr. Selleck made motion to approve place Legal notice in the paper, and it was seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P, Muratore. **NAYES:** None

I have completed the CHIPS paperwork and have submitted it for reimbursement , and I was informed that it has been approved in the amount of \$ 287,000.00.

**SUPERVISOR**- Eric Wilson: He was informed by Town Clerk Sheila Paul that a person hit the Town Building on Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, near the DMV. Councilman Mr. Selleck was upset that he did not receive a call regarding this situation. He commented that he is an elected member of the Board and should have been notified, as all members should have been. Town Clerk Sheila Paul called Supervisor Wilson and followed his lead to call the insurance company and that our Maintenance person was notified.

**BOOKKEEPER**- Karen Kropp: Nothing

**TOWN CLERK**- Sheila Paul: Clerk's office will be closed on November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day. Town Clerk Sheila Paul will be on vacation from November 24<sup>th</sup> thru December 4<sup>th</sup>. Will back in the office on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Deputy Clerk Julie Stevens will be covering. Office will be closed from November from November 27<sup>th</sup> thru November 29<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving and will reopen one December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Highway**-Selleck & Wilson: Nothing

**Hospital**- Muratore/ Wilson: Repair roof.

**Insurance**-Heath / Greene: Insurance policy is being reviewed.

**Zoning & Planning**- Muratore/ Selleck: Working on the Comprehensive Plan. Planning Board meeting on the third Monday of each month. Next meeting is November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**East Sidney Lake**- Heath/ Selleck: Councilmember Muratore and Park Manager Nolan is looking on the electric concerns.

**Finance**: Muratore/ Wilson: Budget passed

**IT**- Wilson/ Muratore: Councilmember Muratore is working on infrastructure with the hospital and exploring putting an encrypted internet line tunnel between the hospital and town building to streamline communication and increase security.

Also, reviewing Cyber Security coverage with insurance companies.

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

**DCO**: Greene: Several calls, but nothing major.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Greene requested the board approval to submit another request for a Restore Grant, as the previous application was denied so he would like to submit for a smaller project, which would include one or two roofs at the hospital and improving the HVAC.

NYS Retore Grant requires a Public meeting which will take place at the December board meeting , on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Greene made motion to hold the public meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. AYES: E. Wilson, B. Heath, P. Muratore. NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION # 6 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby supports and will sponsor an application for the Tri-Town Hospital Building, 43 Pearl St. and will administer the grant in accordance with all applicable rules and regulation established by ESDC, and**

A motion was made by Councilman Muratore and seconded by Councilman Mr. Heath to approve moving forward with the Restore Grant program.

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AYES: E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene.  
Motion was carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councilmember Heath requested an Executive Session to discuss a Code/Zoning issue. There was no open discuss. At 7:35 p.m. motion to go into executive session was made by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. Greene, and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** none. At 7:56 p.m. motion come out of executive session made by Mr. Muratore and seconded by K. Greene.

**Adjourn:**

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Wilson motioned to adjourn meeting and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Next Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing on Restore Grant will be on December 12, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk