

The Regular meeting of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by the Eric Wilson Town Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. October 10, 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	Absent
Sheila R Paul	Clerk

**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- 338thru 24- 366 in the amount of \$ 21,585.74 Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

**General B Fund Voucher:** 24-15 thru 24-16 in the amount of \$ 406.46 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

**East Sidney Lake Voucher:** 24-64 thru 24-77 in the amount of \$ 14,722.95 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:** 24-10 in the amount of \$ 323.35 Motion by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

**Total General Vouchers: \$ 37,038.50**

**Highway DA Fund Vouchers:** 24-107 thru 24-121 in the amount of \$ 21,321.84 Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

**Highway DB Fund Vouchers:** 24- 37 thru 24- 43 the amount of \$ 180,562.07 Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene **NAYES:** None

**Total Highway Vouchers: \$ 201,883.91**

**CM Hospital Fund Vouchers:** 24- 161 thru 24- 184 in the amount of \$ 34,122.07 Motion by Mr. Greene and second by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, B. Heath **NAYES:** None.

**Total Vouchers paid: \$ 273,044.48**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Town Clerk received an email from Peggy Backus for DMV, that someone tripped in the parking lot and fall. There were no injuries reported. Codey Lambrecht Hwy Superintendent will patch the area.

Someone from Operation Merry Christmas reached out to the Town Clerk's Office, about having a tree in the lobby of the Tow Clerk's building. The board is fine with having a Christmas, which will have tags with names and items to purchase for that individual.

**REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:**

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. Clerk is submitting checks totaling in \$ 6,173.00 fees collected during September 2024.

**REPORTS/ORAL**

**HIGHWAY-** Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: Over the next couple of weeks the Hwy crew will be shouldering sides of the roads that have been paved this year, along with others that are in need. Thanks to the State, they are letting us use their machine through the shared service agreement.

Once road work is done, the trucks and equipment will be getting ready for the winter months ahead.

We received our new to s roller, working out great.

I have received three bids on a new pick-up truck foe the highway department. I need a motion from the board to make ahead. The lowest and responsible bidder is Scoville-Meno Chevrolet in Bainbridge, NY at \$ 50,159.00.

Motion to approve purchasing a new pick-up truck for the Highway Department in the amount of \$ 50,159.00 was made by Mr. Selleck, seconded by Mr. Muratore, and carried. AYES: E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. NAYES: None

Trying to get one last round of mowing done before the weather turns.

**SUPERVISOR-** Eric Wilson: Received interest from CDs and reinvested monies.

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

**TOWN CLERK-** Sheila Paul: November meeting will be held the first Thursday in November, which is the 7<sup>th</sup> and there will be a public hearing on the preliminary Budget. All is good in the clerk's office.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Highway-**Selleck & Wilson: New flag at the Hwy garage. Hwy crew works very well.

**Hospital-** Muratore/ Wilson: Mr. Wilson stated that the roof over the ER room has been repaired and offered a special thanks to Premier Roofing for doing such excellent job for \$ 6,000 less than the other bids.

Mr. Muratore stated that the cameras have been installed around the hospital. Also, the hospital needs to have an updated bandwidth installed. Mr. Muratore received quotes and the 60x35 for 199.99 a month would be the best. Mr. Selleck made motion to move ahead and place the larger bandwidth and seconded by Mr. Willson and carried. AYES: B. Heath, K. Greene, F. Selleck. NAYES: None

**Insurance-**Heath / Greene Waiting for the quote to come in.

**Zoning & Planning-** Muratore/ Selleck: Discussing The Comprehensive Plan at 6:00 p.m. on the third Mondays of each month. An hour before the planning board meeting which is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month.

**East Sidney Lake-** Heath/ Selleck: Mr. Selleck reported that the Lake is closed for the season. Mr. Wilson stated that that J. Nolan the ESL manager did research of the electric rates that was in question at the last few meetings, and the information that ESL rates were at or below the rate at the other campgrounds, also he stated that there was only a \$ 10.00 difference from the previous year.

**Finance:** Muratore/ Wilson: Working on the Budget and have a Preliminary Budget.

**IT-** Wilson/ Muratore: Working on getting T-Mobile back up in the place and working with Edmunds Gov.

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

**DCO:** Greene: Had a few calls on loss dogs and transporting to DVHS. Complaints on dogs barking.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There is another round of Restore Grant which just opened up. The intent to apply is due on 10/23. I would like to make a motion to file this. There are a few options on which I am working. One is for just the one section of roof over the front entrance of the hospital, and the other is with a NYSERDA program for geothermal. I should have all the details by the meeting.

Mr. Greene would like to apply for a Restore NY grant and needs to submit a letter of intent by October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, and asking for a motion to submit the letter of intent. Mr. Wilson made motion to apply and second by Mr. Heath and carried. AYES: F. Selleck, P. Muratore, K. Greene. NAYES: none

Also, we never really discussed signing up with Thomas Development Consultants. Since we do not really have the staffing to apply for the multitude of grants available for the Town and residents, I would like to employ their services if the rest of the board agrees. It could be a great opportunity for the residents. I have talked to clerks from municipalities who have worked with them, and they have good reviews. The cost for the consultant would be \$7,500, but Mr. Greene was not clear on much the town would have to pay, they were not successful in getting a grant. Will have information at the next board meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Resident Mary France Perricon complimented Codey Lambrecht on the wonderful job the department is doing on the roads.

**Adjourn:**

At 7:39 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 and Public Hearing on Budget will be on November 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk