

The Regular meeting of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by Eric Wilson Town Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. on September 14, 2023, in the boardroom at 44 Grand Street, Sidney. Prior to the meeting, bills were audited by the Board.

Eric Wilson	Supervisor:
Codey Lambrecht	Highway Superintendent
Bill Heath	Councilman
Bill Hunt, Jr	Councilman
Frank Selleck	Councilman
Paul Muratore	Councilman
Joseph A. Ermeti	Attorney
Sheila R Paul	Clerk

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION/PRAYER

Sidney Center Improvement Group:

Michael Sellitti, president of the Sidney Center Improvement Group (SCIG) came with an update on the Sidney Center Park. Sellitti stated that the group have been working on park improvement for the past five years, which includes the following: new basketball court and hoops, signage, walking trail with 10 activity stations for all skill levels, a bluestone block bench, a pavilion, a 56-foot mural, two park benches made out of recycled plastic and a picnic table that is handicap accessible, along with a new five pieces of playground equipment.

Mr. Sellitti recognized the town department and specifically Jamie Roberts and Codey Lambrecht for their continuing support and assistance through the process, also thanking Howard Finch for all of the work he has done. Also, teachers and students who designed and constructed the pavilion, along with Jess Howes Building Supplies and their generous support and local artist who created the mural.

Mr. Sellitti stated that over \$50,000 has been spent on improving the park to date. The money was raised through fundraising and grant funding, and donations from Sidney Alumni Society and local organizations.

Mr. Sellitti is hoping to bring electrical service to the park, build a pedestrian bridge and update the parking area. Now that the park renovations are nearing completion, Sellitti asked for financial and physical assistance from the board in the ongoing maintenance of the park. Sellitti cited the need for restroom of some sort and Supervisor Wilson stated they could provide a portable toilet. Sellitti officially gifted all of the equipment purchased by SCIG to the Town. SCIG will be holding a Down Home Fall Festival October 1, 2023, to celebrate the completion of the park. All are invited and there will be numerous fun activities for the whole family. “ We’re a small buy mighty group,” said Mr. Sellitti.

APPROVE TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Regular Meeting held on August 10, 2023, Motion to accepted minutes, by Mr. Muratore seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, B. Hunt. **NAYES:** None

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General A Fund Voucher: 23-301 thru 23-324 in the amount of \$ 9,194.49 Motion by Mr. Selleck, seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, B. Hunt. **NAYES:** None

General B Fund Voucher: 23-13 Amount of \$ 996.00. Motion by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

East Sidney Lake Voucher: 23-59 thru 23-68 in the amount of \$ 7,431.69. Motion by Mr. Selleck seconded by Mr. Hunt and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

SL Sidney Center Street Light: 23-9 in the amount of \$ 247.00 Motion by Mr. Heath seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Hunt, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Total General Vouchers: \$ 17,869.18

Highway DA Fund Vouchers: 23-114 thru 23-121 in the amount of \$ 8,015.51 Motion by Mr. Hunt seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, B. Heath. **NAYES:** None

Highway DB Fund: 23-32 thru 23-39 in the amount of \$ 829,963.24 Motion by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES.** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Total Highway Vouchers: \$ 37,978.75

CM Hospital Fund Vouchers: 23-128 thru 23-141 in the amount of \$ 14,766.57 Motion by Mr. Heath seconded by Mr. Hunt and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None.

Total Vouchers paid: \$ 70,614.50

CORRESPONDENCE:

REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. Clerk is submitting checks totaling in \$ 5,086.00 fees collected during August 2023

REPORTS/ORAL

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: Working on Parker Hollow Rd, as the Back River Rd to Otego. Cutting shoulders and ditching roads. Also install the Sidney Center playground, it is 100% complete and ready to use.

On September 7th, a storm came through and took down multiple trees and then on September 11th, had a flash flooding on Union Church Rd, did damage to our culverts and washed-out parts of the road. Waiting to oil and stone River Rd, Halowitz Rd and Meadowland Rd, as weather needs to cooperate. I have received three separate proposals for a new plow truck. One proposal is from the Mack dealership and the other two from International dealership. Would like to go over these and hopefully proceed forward. Update on the Town Building that got damaged: Cohen & Fraizer have started the repairs and will be completed within the next week or so.

On September 21st Delhi Telephone Company will be installing their services and we will be terminating our current services with Frontier. These new services will save the Town \$170.00 a month. In the beginning stages of planning next year's road work, I will be making two large purchases this month that will come out of my DB account. Both purchases are off of the State contract bid pricing:

Those purchases include:
1500 to 2000 yards of gravel
&
An order of Culvert pipes

SUPERVISOR- Eric Wilson

RESOLUTION # 4-2023

**AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF MONIES
IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND.**

A motion was made by Supervisor Wilson seconded by Councilman Selleck to approve investing with Community Bank.

September 21, 2023
Sidney, New York
Passed Unanimously

I, Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk of the Town of Sidney, Delaware County, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the preceding resolution with the original thereof filed in my office at Sidney, New York on the 14th day of September 2023 and adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Sidney, Delaware County, New York, on the 14th day of September 2023 and that the same is a true and correct copy of the said original and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Town of Sidney this 21st day of September 2023.

Sheila R. Paul
Town Clerk – Town of Sidney

BOOKKEEPER- Karen Kropp: Nothing to report.

TOWN CLERK- Sheila Paul: I will be out of the office September 18th to attend a NYSTCA meeting in Buffalo. My Deputy Julie Stevens and our summer youth worker purged over 1,000 old hospital records.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway-Selleck & Wilson: Mr. Selleck asked the board to move forward on purchasing a new truck and asked for a motion, Supervisor Wilson stated he would like to wait until the work on the 2024 Budget.

Hospital- Hunt/ Wilson: Mr. Ouimet, head of maintenance stated there are several expensive projects that the town needs to address. One is that the hospital roof is leaking, as the roof is between 20 to 30 years old. The roof over the lobby, emergency waiting room and over the old nursing homes needs to be replaced. Also, the roof on the Town Building over the Sidney Historical Association has a bad leak. Supervisor Wilson stated that Mr. Ouimet needs to get some estimates, so the board knows what they are dealing with.

Insurance-Heath / Hunt: Nothing to report.

Zoning & Planning- Muratore/ Selleck: The planning board received a lot of feedback regarding the overlay, so changes have been made. The process will be as follows: The plan will be published online, a public hearing will be held which is scheduled for *Thursday October 12th at 6:30 p.m. and the Town Board Meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.*

East Sidney Lake- Heath/ Selleck: The Army Corps of Engineers gave permission to remove any dying ash and pine trees that pose a safety risk and will be making suggestions on what trees can be planted to replace the ones taken down. Mr. Nolan asked The Army Corps of Engineers about new playground equipment he wants to install at the park, and he was informed that it was ok, as long as the original playground footprints stay intact, he can move forward on the project. The park received an AED unit.

Finance-Muratore/ Wilson: See Supervisor Report

IT- Hunt/ Muratore: New email address: they are first initial and last name @townofsidneyny.gov. The website has a new face lift. Town of Sidneyny.gov

Justice Committee- Hunt/ Heath: Nothing to report.

DCO liaison- Heath: Had several calls and expired dog licenses.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget workshop scheduled for October 3rd at 6:30

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

An AED was installed and EMT's came and held training for Town staff that were able to attend. Planning CPR training in the near future.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Executive Session: At 8:35 p.m. Mr. Wilson motion to get into Executive Session and second by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Hunt, P. Muratore **NAYES:** None.

Adjourn: At 8:40 p.m. Mr. Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Hunt, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Next Regular Board Meeting will be on October 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk