

The Combination Regular and 2024 Organizational meeting of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by Eric Wilson Town Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. January 54 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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION/PRAAYER

ORGANIZATIONAL PORTION OF MEETING

The following 8-part resolution is hereby offered for its adoption.

- 1.) The regular monthly meeting of this Board shall be held on the second Thursday of the month with an audit of the bills at 6:30 p.m., and commencement of the meeting at 7:00 p.m., unless notice to the contrary is given.
- 2.) NBT Bank of Sidney is named as the official depository of Town funds with JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. being an additional depository.
- 3.) Community Bank is also an official depository of Towns funds.
- 4.) The Reporter shall be the official newspaper.
- 5.) Amy Cross is hereby reappointed as Dog Control Officer: for a 1-year term expiring December 31, 2024
- 6.) William Brown: Chair is hereby appointed to a 5-year terms on the Zoning Board of Appeals, term expiring December 31, 2028
- 7.) John Schaffer is hereby reappointed to a 5-year term on the Planning Board, term expiring December 31, 2028. Alternate : Dan Bradshaw for a 5 year-term.
- 8.) The mileage allowance for town personnel using their own vehicle on town business shall be at the rate of Delaware County reimbursement rate which is at this time \$.650 per mile.

Motion to Adopt 8- the part resolution was made by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Selleck and carries. **AYES:** E. Wilson. B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

APPOINTMENTS:

The Supervisor hereby announces his appointment of **Frank Selleck** as Deputy Supervisor for a 1-year term, expiring December 31, 2023.

Clerk/Collector names, **Julie Steven** as 1st Deputy Clerk/Collector, **Clarissa Riker** as 2nd Deputy Clerk/Collector and **Alison Barnes** 3rd Deputy Clerk/ Collector. For a 1-year term, expiring December 31, 2024.

The Supervisor announces his appointment of **Karen Kropp** as Bookkeepers to Supervisor for a 1-year term, expiring December 31, 2024.

Motion to accept the appointment was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, F, Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

COMMITTEES NAMES

Highway: Frank Selleck/ Eric Wilson:

Hospital: Eric Wilson/ Paul Muratore :

Insurance: Bill Heath/ Kevin Greene:

Zoning & Planning: Paul Muratore/ Frank Selleck:

East Sidney Lake: Bill Heath/ Frank Selleck

Finance: Paul Muratore/ Eric Wilson

IT: Eric Wilson / Paul Muratore

Justice: Bill Heath/ Kevin Greene

DCO liaison: Kevin Greene

APPROVE TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Regular Meeting held on December 14,2023 Motion to accepted minutes, by Mr. Selleck seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: December 2023

General A Fund Voucher: 23-1 thru 22-26 in the amount of \$ **17,412.29** Motion by Mr. Heath seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

East Sidney Lake Voucher: 23-1 in the amount of \$ **1,704.00** Motion by Mr. Selleck seconded by Mr. B. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, P. Muratore, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

Sidney Center Light: 24-1 in the amount of **439.88** Motion by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Heath, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Total General Vouchers: \$ 19,556.17

Highway DA Fund Vouchers: 24-1 thru 24-8 in the amount of \$ **18,064.89** Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

Highway DB Fund Vouchers: 24-1 in the amount of \$ **217.45** Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Total Highway Vouchers: \$ 18,282.34

CM Hospital Fund Vouchers: 24-173 thru 22-1389 in the amount of \$ **27,321.76** Motion by Mr. Muratore seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson. **NAYES:** None.

Total Vouchers paid: 56,411.22

Approve Payments of Bills January 2023

General A Fund Voucher: 23- 1 thru 23-6 in the amount of \$ **2,676.73** Motion by Mr. Heath seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson. **NAYES:** None

General B Fund Voucher: 23-1 Amount of **70.09** Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson. **NAYES:** None

East Sidney Lake Voucher: 23-1 in the amount of \$ **8,699.89** Motion by Mr. Heath seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson. **NAYES:** None

Total General Vouchers: \$ 11,446.71

Highway DA Fund Vouchers: 23-1 thru 23-6 in the amount of \$ **7,898.60** Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson. **NAYES:** None

Highway DB Fund Vouchers: 23-1 in the amount of \$ **1,075.00** Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson. **NAYES:** None

Total Highway Vouchers: \$ 18,282.34

CM Hospital Fund Vouchers: 24-1 thru 24-10 the amount of \$ **11,962.34** Motion by Mr. Heath seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None.

Total Vouchers paid: \$ 49,800.85

CORRESPONDENCE:

10th Annual Joker Run, Youth For Christ; Asking permission to hold this event in the Town of Sidney. Motion was made by Mr. Wilson to accept this request and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Heath, G, Greene. **NAYES:** None.

REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. Clerk is submitting checks totaling in \$ 960.00 fees collected during December 2023.

REPORTS/ORAL

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: Cleaning up trees still from the roads and with the help of Asplund they took some trees down around powerlines. Been out doing snow and ice removal as needed. Trucks and equipment are prepped and ready for a potential snowstorm. Received the truck repair bill from John’s garage in Bainbridge that was there back in October. A reminder that the truck parts are becoming isolated for that style truck which plays a factor in the high bill. I need a motion from the board to approval the Highway Law 284 agreement. This is a NYS legal document that we need to have in place. Sorry for the delay, but I was just informed from Cornell Local roads program.

Motion was made by Mr. Selleck to approve Highway Law 284 and seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. AYES: B. Heath, P. Muratore. K. Greene. NAYES: None

There is a discrepancy with one of our road names. It’s been spelled incorrectly, and I am taking the proper steps to correct it. It should read Greve Road off of Cty Hwy 44

SUPERVISOR- Eric Wilson:

BOOKKEEPER- Karen Kropp: Nothing to report.

TOWN CLERK- Sheila Paul: Tax Season has begun.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway: Frank Selleck/ Eric Wilson: Nothing

Hospital: Paul Muratore / Eric Wilson : Contacts with Tenants in the hospital for been given and waiting for them to be returned.

Insurance: Bill Heath/ Kevin Greene: Mr. Heath stated that he will be getting in touch with Bill VanGorder along with Mr. Greene.

Zoning & Planning: Paul Muratore/ Frank Selleck: Local Law 1-2024 is the amended local law, and it was sent to the state for filing.

East Sidney Lake: Bill Heath/ Frank Selleck: Report from Mr. Nolan that there was some flooding at the park and lots of trees have come down. There is an abandoned trailer that was moved to higher ground due to the flooding, but the Town Board needs to decide what to do with the abandoned trailer. The camp rules for quadracycle vehicle or other vehicles deemed as unnecessary by the town will be prohibited at the park. Mr. Nolan will be meeting with Mr. Selleck and Mr. Heath to discuss the Parks fees for 2024. Also, will be getting quotes on new mower for the park and for a new playground.

Finance: Paul Muratore/ Eric Wilson: Mr. Wilson motion to approve opening a new bank account for the Hospital as there was hacked, no monies were lost. The motion was seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, P. Muratore, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

IT: Eric Wilson / Paul Muratore: In the process of being able to pay Town taxes online. He is also working on a secure portal for the Town website. Mr. Muratore ordered equipment so the Board Meetings can be live streamed. Working on a shared Outlook calendar for dept heads.
Will be looking at new computer for East Sidney Lake and looking at the North side of the park for internet .

Justice: Kevin Greene/ Bill Heath: Supervisor Wilson, met with Judge McCann to discuss the 2% shortfall of the court clerks pay. Mr. Wilson asked the board for a motion to have the 2% shortfall for the Court Clerks out of this pay. Mr. Wilson spoke with Karen Kropp, the Town bookkeeper, and that wouldn't affect the budget as it was already adopted. Motion was made by Mr. Selleck to approve the 2% of Mr. Wilson's pay and it was seconded by Mr. Muratore and Carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene. **NAYES:** B. Heath.

DCO liaison: Kevin Greene : Some dogs transfer and working on expired licenses.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Greene questioned about Amphenol applying for a new permit and was wondering on the effect of the Town. Mr. Ermeti stated that Amphenol is under the jurisdiction of the Village, so the Town has no part in the negotiations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Wilson motion to move into the Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss contract. It was seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, P. Muratore, B. Heath **NAYES:** None

Mr. Wilson motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:25p.m., it was seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

Adjourn: At 8:26p.m. Mr. Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

The next Regular Board Meeting will on February 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk