

The Regular meeting of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by the Eric Wilson Town Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. March 14, 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 Absent
Sheila R Paul	Clerk - Zoom

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION/PRAYER

APPROVE TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Regular & Organization Meeting held on February 8, 2024, 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:

General A Fund Voucher: 24-69 thru 24-97 in the amount of \$ 33,291.63 Motion by Mr. Selleck seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

B Fund Voucher: 24-4 in the amount of \$ 8.05 Motion by Mr. Heath seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

East Sidney Lake Voucher: 24-7 thru 23-7 in the amount of \$ 1,07.61 Motion by Mr. Muratore, seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

SL Sidney Center Street Light: 24-3 in the amount of \$ 383.32 Motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Total General Vouchers: \$ 34,753.61

Highway DA Fund Vouchers: 24-19 thru 24-38 in the amount of \$ 73,148.90 Motion by Mr. Selleck seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene, **NAYES:** None

Highway DB Fund Vouchers: 24-3 thru 24-4 in the amount of \$ 67,898.20 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Total Highway Vouchers: \$ 141,047.10

CM Hospital Fund Vouchers: 24-32 thru 24-47 in the amount of \$ 23,737.44 Motion by Mr. Muratore seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene **NAYES:** None.

Total Vouchers paid: \$ 204,538.15

CORRESPONDENCE:

REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. Clerk is submitting checks totaling in \$ 752.00 fees collected during February 2024.

REPORTS/ORAL

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: Continue clearing trees and brush. Servicing equipment as needed and in the process of repairing a box on one of the dump trucks.

The New Ram 5500 was delivered and getting it ready to be in service shortly.

Waiting on the NYS Budget to pass to determine exactly what road work we will be able to do this year.

Need the board to make a motion to place mowing bids and supplies bids in the paper for 2 weeks. The sealed bids will be open on April 8th at 10:00 a.m. and bids will be aware at the Town Board meeting on April 11th.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to place bid ads in the paper for two weeks and it was seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** none

Need to repair signs that are in poor condition and the quote to replacement is around \$ 9,000. Need a motion to approve this purchase.

Mr. Selleck made a motion to approve purchase of signs to be replaced and it was seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** Mr. E . Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

SUPERVISOR- Eric Wilson- Town is holding off on the Assessor trainee until the first of the year. Penny Haddad, an Assessor for a few towns in the area has offered to help the town three to fours a week. The current Assessor's term is not up until September 2025. So, we will discuss int the New Year.

Motion made by Mr. Selleck to approve Penny Haddad to assist the Assessor three to four hours per week was seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

BOOKKEEPER- Karen Kropp: Nothing

TOWN CLERK- Sheila Paul: I need to remove Clarissa Riker as my second Deputy, due to personal reasons and appoint April Ray as my second Deputy. Due to a personal reason, I will be out of the office and Ms. Ray will be handling accounting in my absence. Ms. Paul asked the board to approve paying Ms. Ray same pay rates as first Deputy. The board approved. Month of February taxes are closed and sent to the County and the penalties are given to the Town Supervisor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway-Selleck & Wilson: Mr. Selleck stated that he went and saw the new truck.

Hospital- Muratore/ Wilson: Have a new tenant -Sidney Alumni. Nate is working on different items at the hospital with updates.

Insurance-Heath / Greene: Mr. Greene is doing an on-line training with NYMIR with is 3/20/2024. Action notice: will be reporting back at the April meeting.

Zoning & Planning- Muratore/ Selleck: The planning board will be discussing regulation for tiny homes and campground at the monthly meeting, which is scheduled for Monday March 18th at 7:00 p.m.

East Sidney Lake- Heath/ Selleck: Mr. Nolan park manager reported that the East Sidney Lake campgrounds will be opening May 3rd. He has already heard from 50 of the 87 campers from previous years and has a waiting list of people wanting a campsite.

April 20th is union workers give-back day and Nolan anticipated having 15-20 workers donating their time to get the park ready to open. Last year there were 26 union workers. He has gotten quotes for new playground equipment and has narrowed it down to two, both in the \$ 13,000 range. The equipment is industrial grade and suitable for children 2-12 years of age. Hoping to have the equipment installed before opening date and believes the union worker could assist with the installation.

Motion made by Mr. Selleck to prove cost of playground and second by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Mr. Nolan would like to replace the split rail fence going into the park, as many boards are rotten. He received quotes from Curties Lumber and Jesse Howes for 85 fence posts and 170 boards. Curtis lumber is the lower quotes if \$ 3,697.25 with a \$ 50.00 delivery fee. Motion was made by Mr. Selleck to approve the cost of the fence and second by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

Mr. Nolan stated that he will be working with Mr. Muratore to get the Wi-Fi signal to the lower end of the park. Mr. Wilson stated that Mr. Nolan is doing a great job and that the majority of purchases for East Sidney Lake are paid with profits from the park and do not require additional taxpayers' money.

Mr. Nolan will be placing an ad for the Gate staff to work Monday-Friday at the park.

Finance-Muratore/ Wilson: Mr. Wilson stated that the town is in good financial shape with investments earning interest.

IT- Wilson/ Muratore: Will be getting Wi-Fi at East Sidney Lake. Updating hospital computer.

Justice: Greene/ Heath: Mr. Greene and Mr. Selleck did the court audit, and it was straightforward.

RESOLUTION # 2-2024 TOWN OF SIDNEY JUSTICE COURT AUDIT

WHEREAS, the Town of Sidney Court submitted its 2024 Cash Books, Bank Statements, Year End Report of closed cases and balanced check books from Town Justice Greg McCann for Audit to Sidney Town Board on March 14, 2024. **THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, to accept records as presented.

DCO liaison- Greene: Dog officer was busy for the month of February.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Greene present two potential for grants: Pro-Housing designation and New York Restore program.

Mr. Greene motion to apply for state grant money for Pro-Housing and it was seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried.

AYES: F. Selleck, B. Heath, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None.

Pro-Housing Communities Model Resolution

Any city, town, or village government in New York State can take part in addressing the housing crisis by adopting the Pro-Housing Communities pledge. The resolution must be adopted as written below by the highest body of elected officials (e.g., town board or council). The final resolution document must include a signature from the municipal clerk verifying the authenticity of the resolution and indicating the date of passage. Local governments should then designate a primary contact person to complete the online registration form and upload the resolution as part of their submission to the Pro-Housing Communities program by following the steps at [new HCR website section].

RESOLUTION No: [2-2024]

[Councilman] **Kevin Greene** moved and [Town Supervisor] **Eric Wilson** seconded that.

WHEREAS, the City/Town/Village of **Sidney, NY** (hereinafter “local government”) believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State’s economic growth and community well-being.

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities.

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that City/Town/Village of **Sidney, NY** in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

Mr. Greene motion to apply for grant money with New York Restore program and second by Mr. Heath and carried.
AYES: E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. NAYES: None.

The New York Restore program can have up to 2 projects. Mr. Greene identified some potential projects to include in the application: demolition of the asbestos area of the hospital, HVAC upgrade at the hospital and new roof for the hospital. The grant requires 10% match.

Mr. Heath did ask about who would write and administer the grants, he did state it's a good idea, but was concerned about the town getting over their heads. Mr. Greene state that the first step is " the intent to apply" which is due by March 25th.

Mr. Greene has spoken with Shelly Johnson-Bennett Director of Planning / Watershed Affairs and said that her office would help write the grants.

Mr. Wilson stated that grant money would be a positive thing for the hospital and town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Greene got pricing for the time clock, but the board is tabling it, as they are looking at a system that was mentioned by Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht. Will be getting back to this next month or so. The cost that was given was 600.00 a year, plus 300.00 for a one-time fee for set up.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Adjourn:

At 8:05 p.m. Mr. Selleck motioned to adjourn meeting and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Next Regular Board Meeting will be on April 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk