

The Regular meeting along with a Public Hearing of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by the Eric Wilson Town Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. June 13, 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

SPEAKERS: Travis Andrews and Kate Andrews from Greens Greenery have received their recreational and medical license for cannabis sales. They have few more inspections on Monday. The Grand opening is scheduled for July 13th. Hours will be Monday- Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays Noon to 8:00 p.m. Photo ID will be requested.

APPROVE TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Regular Meeting held on June 13, 2024, Motion to accepted minutes, by Mr. Muratore seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General A Fund Voucher: 24-177 thru 24-196 in the amount of \$ 19,573.91 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck., K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

General B Fund Voucher: 24-7 thru 24-8 in the amount of \$ 1850.00 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck. P. Muratore.

East Sidney Lake Voucher: 24-20 thru 24-33 in the amount of \$ 4,329.23 Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

SL Sidney Center Street Light: 24-56 in the amount of \$ 365.08 Motion by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, B. Heath. **NAYES:** None

Total General Vouchers: \$ 26,118.22

Highway DA Fund Vouchers: 24-70 thru 24-81 in the amount of \$ 10,079.75 Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene, **NAYES:** None

Highway DB Fund Vouchers: 24-8 thru 24-12 the amount of \$ 40,588.87 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Total Highway Vouchers: \$ 50,668.62

CM Hospital Fund Vouchers: 24- 91 thru 24-105 in the amount of \$ 33,517.48 Motion by Mr. Heath and second by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None.

Total Vouchers paid: \$ 110,304.32

CORRESPONDENCE:

REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. Clerk is submitting checks totaling in \$ **1480.00** fees collected during May 2024.

REPORTS/ORAL

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: Highway crew have changed the cross culverts on Dunshee Road, after Dunshee is finished the highway crew will be going of Roof Road.

Suit-Kote did the warranty work on River Road and the County will be place yellow lines soon. Suit-Kote will also oil and stone Woodland road for us.

Besides paving, the highway crew has been mown sides of the roads.

Paving dates have more in August, to give time to get all other work done.

Looking for a used roller, as highway needs one.

SUPERVISOR- Eric Wilson: Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Baker Sidney Village Mayor to speak about a phone call received from the State about the grant that the Town will be taking over, and they were telling Mr. Baker they need an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). But where concern about a conversation they had with Councilman Mr. Greene, about the Village and the Town combing, which they told Mr. Baker that would prolong the process of the grant. Mr. Greene stated that he did not say anything about combing the Village and the Town, he did ask about feasibility study and was told that was not their department. Mr. Baker stated there must have been a misunderstanding. Mr. Wilson did state there have been conversations in the past about combing the Village and Town and there are challenges. The biggest challenge is retirement. The State will be sending Mr. Baker a MOU and the Village will need to sign off and the Town will be taking over the grant. Councilman Mr. Heath asked Mr. Baker if the town would be getting any plans from Shelley Johnson-Bennette what this Grant in compress (**Action Item**)

BOOKKEEPER- Karen Kropp: Nothing to report.

TOWN CLERK- Sheila Paul: 2024 Town and County taxes are completed. Town received \$ 2,122.20 in interest paid, Town received \$ 3,284.96 in penalties. Collected a total of 85 % of taxes. Had eleven corrections / adjustments total of \$ 8,044.61.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway-Selleck & Wilson: Mr. Selleck and Codey with the County concerning the bank on the Back River (near Exit 10) that is coming down into the road. It was a good meeting, and the plan is to plants grass and the County thinks what will solve the issue of the bank. Will be removing the blocks and place a chain link fence.

Hospital- Muratore/ Wilson: Mr. Wilson stated that two bids have been received to replace the roof under the ER area at the hospital. A notice needs to be placed for 2 weeks in the paper. Motion to place notice in the paper for bid to repair/ replace the ER part of hospital. A motion was made by Mr. Muratore, seconded by Mr. Heath, and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greens. **NAYES:** None.

Insurance-Heath / Greene: Mr. Wilson Supervisor received calls from two insurance companies Reis Group and One Group. Aske Mr. Geene to reach out to One Group. Mr. Greene is having a meeting later in the day so Mr. Heath will be able to attend the meetings and be able to give information to get a quote.

Zoning & Planning- Muratore/ Selleck: County is planning to take over the Comprehensive plan. Working on campground regulation and tiny houses.

East Sidney Lake- Heath/ Selleck: Invoice for playground is in process. Internet at the Lake is working well. Mr. Wilson stated that there is information for some grants that could be an opportunity for the Lake.

Finance-Muratore/ Wilson: Address that the country is addresses issues with Assessor in the County as Assessor are planning to retire. At this time, Penny Haddad will be coming in on Fridays to help our Assessor Linn Wilson and she also has a trainee shadowing her as well.

IT- Wilson/ Muratore: Working at the Lake is they are happy, added other rocket, have a couple of dead spots. John Nolan received a new laptop.

Mr. Muratore brought up concerns with updating the Website with Julie (Deputy Clerk). Town Clerk Sheila Paul and will have a discussion with Julie to discuss this concern.

On May 22, 2024, the Town Building lost their phones and faxes. Which included the Clerk's office, DMV, and Town Court. I Sheila Paul contacted Gabbit, Spectrum and Edmunds Gov. After several hours got the phones back up and running. Fax line for the Court had bigger issues with a discontinue line and took more efficient to get resolved. Mr. Muratore stated he wanted to be brought into these issues sooner and he will be addressing these issues moving forward.

Justice: Greene/ Heath: Spoke with the Sidney Fire Department on their time and attending systems and it was pricey and with some technical issues. Kervin , Eric and Paul then discussed merits of the project. Mr. Wilson suggested that keep looking into a more affordable system.

Mr. Greene has observed people that need to attend court, regulating come in the main entrance to the Clerk's office, as they cannot get into the Court as the doors are locked and are not able to access the bathroom that is located between the entrance and the court room. This has included law enforcement that have come to Clerk's office to be able to use the bathroom, and we have to assort them through the board room or tell have them go through the DMV office to access the public bathroom.

Town Attorney Joe Ermeti stated that it should be an open court during business hours and court days.

Mr. Greene will be having a discussion with Judge McCann asking why the Court doors are locked and no public access to the bathroom.

DCO: Greene: Couple calls, light month.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Greene attended a CFA workshop on June 12th and said there are Grants still available until July 31st, that could help bring down vacate building.

Event on June 17th if Delhi for local NYS legislator for anyone would be interest in attending.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Greene did submit the Restore Grant Application and should hear back sometime in August or September.

Mr. Greene did speak with Jason Miller Manage of Delhi phone company and there is a tour of the company of July 9th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Greene is planning on attending.

Mr. Greene attended a Southern Tier Outreach regarding information on homelessness. Hoping the Town could be information on website once he gets the information.

Mr. Selleck brought up youth worker for the Highway dept. We have two youth programs. working for the town, one on Highway and the other at the Lake.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Resident asked about the status of the Pro Housing certification. Town does have the certification. and that Mr. Greene spoke with Lenny Skrill, head of NYS HCR, as there were concerns, and that Mr. Skrill would speak to Supervisor Wilson directly.

Mr. Wilson wants to use dissertation and get more information on Pro Housing.

EXCUTIVE SESSISON: At 8:05 p.m. Mr. Wilson motioned to go into Executive Session and seconded Mr. Muratore and carries. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:**

At 8:44 p.m. Mr. Selleck motioned to come out of Executive Session and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYE:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Adjourn:

At 8:45 p.m. Mr. Wilson motioned to adjourn meeting and seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** FB. Heath, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk