

The Regular meeting of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by the Eric Wilson Town Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. June 8, 2023, 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
Bill Hunt, Jr	Councilman
Frank Selleck	Councilman : Absent
Paul Muratore	Councilman
Joseph A. Ermeti	Attorney
Sheila R Paul	Clerk

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION/PRAYER

APPROVE TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Regular Meeting held on May 11, 2023, Motion to accepted minutes, by Mr. Heath seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Hunt **NAYES:** None

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General A Fund Voucher: 23-174 thru 23-197 in the amount of \$ 11,176.05 Motion by Mr. Muratore, seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Hunt. **NAYES:** None

B Fund Voucher: 23-9 in the amount of \$ 30.29 Motion by Mr. Heath seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** B. Hunt, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

East Sidney Lake Voucher: 23-24 thru 23-33 in the amount of \$ 6,917.59 Motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Hunt. **NAYES:** None

SL Sidney Center Street Light: 23-5 in the amount of \$ 250.81 Motion by Mr. Heath seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** P. Muratore, B. Hunt. **NAYES:** None

Total General Vouchers: \$ 18,374.74

Highway DA Fund Vouchers: 23-91 thru 23-100 in the amount of \$ 9,760.70 Motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Hunt. **NAYES:** None

Highway DB Fund: 23-12 thru 23-18 in the amount of \$ 85,779.50 Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Hunt. **NAYES:** None

Total Highway Vouchers: \$ 95,540.20

CM Hospital Fund Vouchers: 23-80 thru 23-93 in the amount of \$ 22,286.79 Motion by Mr. Heath seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Hunt. **NAYES:** None.

Total Vouchers paid: \$ 136,201.73

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Town received a letter from The Sidney Historical Association (SHA) requesting the town to extend their lease of the office space in the Town building for another 5 years. The SHA could pay an increase of 10% in rent but would appreciate it if the town kept the rent at the current \$460.00 a month. Mr. Wilson Town Supervisor stated that the cost of utilities has gone up over the last five years and he did not think a 10% increase was unreasonable. Councilmembers Mr. Heath and Mr. Muratore thought it should be left at \$460.00 per month Councilmember Mr. Hunt stated that he would like to be able to have them pay nothing, but the board has fiduciary responsibility to the town residents. Councilmembers decided to discuss it in more detail in the Executive Session and have a decision at the July Board meeting.

The Sidney Historical Association presented a draft of a plaque in honor of Mary Wilson MacKinnon to be placed in the Town Hall. Ms. Mackinnon was a lifetime resident of Sidney and a schoolteacher. She was instrumental in helping elderly individuals in Sidney set medical care that they needed. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Muratore, and carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, B. Hunt. **NAYES:** None

Mr. Wilson motion for approval to look into a solar company with David Leidy. The motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hunt, and carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. Clerk is submitting checks totaling in \$ 1413.00 fees collected during May 2023

REPORTS/ORAL

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: I spent the remainder of this week in Ithaca at Highway school. Some of the topics we went over were pavement preservation, Equipment Management, road drainage and allocation CHIPS Funding.

We are still getting River Rd ready to be resurfaced. Suit-Kote came in lowest bid and will be coming in to mill the road for resurfacing. As of now all the culverts have been replaced that were in need.

Earlie estimates presented by the former Highway Superintendent were low compared to the actual number. The amount is \$250,000.00. We do have enough funding through the CHIPS program.

I handed out my CHIPS letter from NYS, so everyone is informed.

I would like to ask the board to make a motion to move the \$30,000 the highway department received from the ARPA funds into two different accounts. 10,000 into A5132.4 and 20,00 into DA51304. Mr. Wilson made the motion to move funds into the accounts that Mr. Lambrecht gave, and it was seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **ATYES:** B. Heath, B. Hunt. **NAYES:** None

SUPERVISOR- Eric Wilson: Mr. Wilson asked about looking into getting an electric vehicle charging station placed at the Town Building or the Hospital .Wilson stated that there would be no cost to the town for the installation as there are grants that could pay for the installation, but the town would have to pay for the electricity use. Councilman stated to go ahead and look into and get the information.

BOOKKEEPER- Karen Kropp: Nothing to report.

TOWN CLERK- Sheila Paul: Be in the Hometown Parade on Saturday June 10th. Announced summer hours for Town Clerks office. The office will be closed on Fridays starting July 7th through August. It is a total of 24 hours a year. Summer hours are Monday- Thursday 9 to 4 and by appointment even on Fridays. Mr. Wilson Town Supervisor gave a push back on being closed for the 8 Fridays from July and August and commented that this will be discussed at Budget time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway-Selleck & Wilson: Nothing to report.

Hospital- Hunt/ Wilson: The lease for A.O. Fox Hospital has been renewed for 3 years.

Insurance-Heath / Hunt: Nothing to report.

Zoning & Planning- Muratore/ Selleck: Mr. Muratore announced that there will be a Public Hearing for the Common Plan of Development – Overlay. (CPD) at the Town Board Meeting on July 13th.

Kevin Green a resident of Sidney, questioned the Overlay and that Mr. Muratore and Mr. Wilber (Code Officer) will be in touch with Shelly Johnson-Bennett Director Delaware Cty Dept of Planning and Watershed Affairs.

East Sidney Lake- Heath/ Selleck Mr. Nolan stated that the park is full and busy.

A seasonal camper Kevin “ Eric “ Eberling spoke about an issue with a with quadracycle that is licensed and registered in the state of Montana. Mr. Nolan stated that Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV) and All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) are prohibited in the park. Mr. Eberling argued that the quadracycle is a registered and insured vehicle with all to the necessary modifications to make it “ street legal” Mr. Ermeti- Town Attorney stated that the Town may want to consider changing the rules of the park to either allow it or not allow it. Mr. Wilson Town Supervisor stated that he will reach out to the town’s insurance agent to discuss the matter.

Finance-Muratore/ Wilson: Mr. Wilson Town Supervisor stated that all of our saving account in NBT have been converted into money market accounts. The 2 Treasury bills that we have, one will be mature sometime in July and other one is in August. At that time, we will reevaluate, we got proposal from NBT and Community Bank. Councilmen Mr. Heath asked if those account show up any place. Mr. Wilson Town Supervisor stated they are on the balance sheet. The T-Bills are through Wells Fargo, they are paying high 4%. Councilman Mr. Heath question the investment procedures. Mr. Heath stated that according to the State Comptroller, the board would need to vote on where the town funds are invested. Mr. Wilson Town Supervisor stated “ it’s my job to manage the financials of the town and I don’t need to get permission” Mr. Wilson went on to say, that when the bills mature, he would be happy to have the board look at the finances and help decide what is best options, even though it is not required.

IT- Hunt/ Muratore: Internet at East Sidney Lake is up and running. Mr. Muratore looked into the cost of cell phones, as was discussed in the May meeting. For nine cell phones the cost is 278.00 a month

with Verizon. Cell phones are free. Mr. Muratore made a motion to approve getting the 9-cell phone and it was seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, B. Hunt. **NAYES:** None

DCO liaison- Heath: Mr. Heath reported that all is good and there were a few calls for the dog control officer.

At 8:26 p. m. Mr. Wilson motion for an Executive Session to discuss personnel and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** B. Hunt, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

At 9:04 p.m. Mr. Wilson motioned to come out of Executive Session and seconded by Mr. Hunt and carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

NEW BUSINESS

Town Justice Committee: Mr. Muratore asked for a motion to create a Town Justice Committee and it was seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, B. Hunt. **NAYES:** None
Mr. Heath and Mr. Hunt will be on the Town Justice Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Adjourn: At 9:05 p.m. Mr. Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** P. Muratore, B. Hunt. **NAYES:** None

Next Regular Board Meeting will be on July 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk