Present: Mayor Andy Matviak, Trustee Steve Crawford, Trustee Tom Ford, Trustee Vic Tartaglia, Trustee Sheri Youngs, Clerk Sheena Felzak

Guests: Gene Walsh and Harold Wicks

Mayor Matviak called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm.

Trustee Youngs moved, Trustee Tartaglia seconded to accept the minutes from February 27, 2017 meeting as written. All Ayes, Carried.

Mayor Matviak reminds everyone about elections on March 21, 2017 from Noon to 9 pm and to get out and vote. The Shade Tree Committee had the 5th grade class make posters for Arbor Day which will be on April 28th the time will be announced at a later date.

Clerk Felzak announces the Organizational meeting will be held on April 10, 2017.

Trustee Tartaglia moved, Trustee Crawford seconded the following resolution:

**CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #031317-05**

An application has been duly made to the Village Board of the **Village of Sidney, County of Delaware**,

New York, by **Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC**, a subsidiary of Charter Communications,

Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Charter"), organized and in good standing under the laws

of State of Delaware and registered to do business in the State of New York, for the approval of a

renewal agreement for Charter's cable television franchise for ten (10) years commencing with the

date of approval by the Public Service Commission.

A public hearing was held in the Village of Sidney, New York on March 28, 2016 at 7 P.M. and notice of the hearing was published in the Tri-Town News on March 10, 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Village Board of the Village of Sidney finds that:

1.            Charter has substantially complied with the material terms and conditions of its existing franchise and with applicable law; and

2.            Charter has the financial, legal and technical ability to provide these services, facilities and equipment as set forth in its proposal attached; and

3.            Charter can reasonably meet the future cable-related community needs and interests, taking into account the cost of meeting such needs and interests.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village Board of the Village of Sidneyhereby grants the

cable television franchise of Charter in the Village of Sidneyfor ten (10) years commencing with

the date of approval by the Public Service Commission and expiring ten (10) years hence.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village Board of the Village of Sidneyhereby confirms

acceptance of this Franchise Renewal Agreement.

Mayor Matviak AYE

Trustee Youngs AYE

Trustee Tartaglia AYE

Trustee Crawford AYE

Trustee Ford AYE

All Ayes, Carried

Clerk Felzak explains that the New York Planning Federation holds an annual conference for members to attend. Paul Bargher, Planning Board Member, is interested in going.

Trustee Crawford moved, Trustee Tartaglia seconded to allow Paul Bargher, Planning Board Member, to attend an annual training in Saratoga and cover lodging and meals not to exceed $500 as a total, any overages Paul is willing to pay. All Ayes, Carried.

Trustee Youngs moved, Trustee Tartaglia seconded to cover the travel cost for Lorrie Roach to attend a conference in Albany on March 30th. All Ayes, Carried.

Treasurer Clark will be forwarding the final Audit report to the board once it’s received. Once the report is received Stan Cwynar will give a presentation on their findings.

Trustee Crawford moved, Trustee Tartaglia seconded the motion approving Cindy Hamilton as a helper for the election and removing Mary Barns from the list previously approved via resolution last month. All Ayes, Carried.

John Redente gives an update on the Air Methods grant currently underway. The engineering costs have come in significantly higher than proposed, so ultimately it needs to be looked at again at a meeting with the Village and the engineering firm. The other hangar that is due to be built in Chenango County is still on hold because there is no assessment from the assessor in Bainbridge, the only tax the Village is charged for in Chenango County is school taxes.

Clerk Felzak informed the board the Snow Removal Equipment purchase is being held up by the supplier who has to give us an approval to supply the equipment to the Village of Sidney. There is no timeline at this point.

Trustee Ford moved, Trustee Crawford seconded to accept with regret the resignation of Clarissa Riker as Senior Account Clerk effective March 21, 2017. All Ayes, Carried.

The Veterans Memorial Park and the Village of Sidney had a Memorandum of Understanding for the maintenance of the park. The only change request is that date at the bottom of the MOU be changed from 2017 to 2027 as it is a ten year term agreement.

Trustee Youngs moved, Trustee Crawford seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Sidney and the Sidney Veterans Memorial Park Association for the term of ten years, the document should be modified to show the ten year term. All Ayes, Carried.

The Village was offered a $9,000 grant for three walking trail signs which are located throughout the Village from the State which is labeled Creating Healthy Schools and Community grant.

Trustee Tartaglia moved, Trustee Ford seconded the motion to authorize the grants department to apply for a $9,000 Creating Healthy Schools and Communities Grant, which goes with our Village-wide Complete Streets initiative and will go towards the purchase of three wooden signs. All Ayes, Carried.

Trustee Tartaglia moved, Trustee Youngs seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Engineering Agreement from Lamont Engineers for the Infrastructure Extension for the Circle Drive Housing Project. All Ayes, Carried.

Gene Walsh is questioning if Lamont Engineers weren’t already approved as an engineer for the project before the advertisement of the bid process. John Redente thinks maybe the information Gene has is for a separate project from the one being discussed right now.

Phase II of the Main Street Grant was written by Margaret Irwin with River Street Planning and after reaching the Regional point of grant approval the grant received no points. The Mayor and John Redente will be meeting with Glenn Nealis who is on that committee to discuss why this happened when the state said it was greatly written.

Clarissa Walrath with the grants department gives an update on the different grants and where they all stand. There is a hand out packet that was received by the board and accepted.

The Fire Department held their annual meeting and everyone is staying in their elected positions at this time: Fire Chief, Sean Sands; Assistant Fire Chief, Ray Baker; 2nd Assistant Chief, Gregory Peck. Chief Sands gave a brief rundown of the calls they received over the past year. An offer was made on the old 2413 truck of $5,000 from a private collector. Payments will be made in three parts and once the final payment is made the truck can be removed from the garage in June. Chief Sands would like to put the $5,000 towards a new thermal camera which is one of three that need to be replaced. Annual Inspection dinner will be April 8th starting at 5 pm. No agreement has been made yet between the Fire Department and the possible buyer of old Truck #2413. The Mayor said the board will take into consideration the request to put the $5,000 towards a new thermal camera.

Chief Gorshack mentioned DARE graduation will be on March 17th at 9 am at the high school auditorium. The police department received $500 from the NOM Knights, local motorcycle group, which helped purchase the CAT turn-a-kit and Trauma kit for each officer to carry. $3,182 was received from the PPE grant through the Sheriff’s department, with that the chief was able to get each officer a ballistic helmet with a modular system and a better vest for the active shooters. Chief Gorshack received the official notice of award for $2,200 from the National Rifle Association now an upgrade to the patrol rifles can be made. The Med Drop Box is doing great so far and anyone who needs to bring medications in is welcome to, it’s located in the front lobby of the police station. Trustee Ford asked Chief Gorshack to send full gratitude to all the guys in the police department for all of their hard work and dedication, the board is very appreciative of all that is done for our community.

The board received and accepted the Animal Control Officers report.

American Bluestone contacted Mike Mercurio about using an old compost pile that the Village doesn’t use anymore. They first have to have DEC approve them to use it before they can use it. This company has always worked with the Village of Sidney on Stones we may need for our manholes and hasn’t ever charged us. Mike is willing to load the compost with the loader but will not haul for them. This would be giving the Village more room for future compost piles.

Trustee Crawford moved, Trustee Tartaglia seconded the motion to allow American Bluestone to take old compost as in-kind for our use of stones for manholes. All Ayes, Carried.

Trustee Ford moved, Trustee Tartaglia seconded a motion authorizing the Treasurer to pay the March 13, 2017 audit from the following funds:

All Ayes, Carried.

Fund

Audit

General

92,541.35

$

Water

33,415.17

$

Sewer

43,253.24

$

Community Develop

2,747.15

$

T&A

300.68

$

Capital

12,218.56

$

**Totals**

184,476.15

$

Trustee Youngs moved, Trustee Ford seconded to enter executive session at 8:47 PM all invited to stay included the full board to discuss personnel and real estate. All Ayes, Carried.

Motion to leave executive session by Trustee Crawford seconded by Trustee Tartaglia at approximately 9:43 pm. All Ayes, Carried.

 Motion by Trustee Ford to adjourn at 9:44pm, seconded by Trustee Tartaglia. All Ayes, Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheena N. Felzak, Village Clerk