

The Regular meeting of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by Frank Selleck Deputy Town Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. August 14th, 2025, in the boardroom at 44 Grand Street, Sidney. Prior to the meeting, bills were audited by the Board.

Present were:

Eric Wilson	Town Supervisor
Codey Lambrecht	Highway Superintendent
Bill Heath	Council member
Kevin Greene	Council member
Frank Selleck	Council member
Paul Muratore	Council member
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 July 10, 2025, Motion to accepted minutes, by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

2025 APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General A Fund: 25-301 thru 25-337: in the amount of \$ 39,141.21. Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene **NAYES:** None

B Fund: 25-13 in the amount of \$ 360.00. Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

ESL: 25-62 thru 25-75 in the amount of \$ 8,274.02. Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None.

Sidney Center Lighting: 25-9 in the amount of \$ 383.24. Motion by Mr. Heath and second by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

Total General Vouchers: \$ 48,158.47

Highway DA Fund Vouchers: 25-91 thru 25-97 in the amount of \$10,794.64 Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Highway DB Fund Vouchers: 25-42 thru 25-48 in the amount of \$ 46,437.72 Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Total Highway Vouchers: \$ 57,232.36

CM Hospital Fund Vouchers: 25- 152 thru 25-170 in the amount of \$ 49,928.72. Motion by Mr. Muratore, seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene **NAYES:** None.

Total Vouchers paid: \$ 155,31.55.

CORRESPONDENCE:

REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. The clerk is submitting checks totaling in \$ **1460.00** fees collected during July 2025.

REPORTS/ORAL

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: Throughout the past month, the crew continues mowing along town roads to maintain clear sight lines and improve roadside safety.

All the cross culverts and driveway culverts replaced Poplar Hill Rd.

Working a few roads with the grader to try to improve them.

Been cutting down high shoulders in several areas to improve drainage and reduce water pooling on roadway with grader.

Looking ahead, paving operations are scheduled for the first and second week of September. Will provide updates and signage in advance to minimize disruptions being that they are all dead-end roads.

SUPERVISOR- Eric Wilson: All is good.

BOOKKEEPER- Karen Kropp: Nothing to report.

TOWN CLERK- Sheila Paul: Student worker is working out well. We are reorganizing office.

REPORTS

Highway: Frank Selleck/ Eric Wilson: Hwy department has done an excellent job on Poplar Hill Rd.

Hospital: Paul Muratore/ Eric Wilson: New tenants (Delaware Cty Mental Health)

Be discussing hospital lease in Executive session.
Hospital charging stations receive more traffic than town location.

Insurance: Heath/ Greene: Nothing to report.

Zoning & Planning: Paul Muratore/ Frank Selleck:

Planning board meeting scheduled for Monday August 18, 2025.

Glyphosate resolution research completed showing multiple NY municipalities have implemented similar bans including New Paltz, Village of Rhinebeck, Rockland County, Westchester County, and NYC.

East Sidney Lake: Heath/ Selleck:

New backlit solar entrance signs were installed.

Install flower bed at base of new campground entrance sign.

Electrical upgrades needed in front section due to failing wiring.

30-amp to 50-amp power upgrade required as modern campers have multiple air conditioners.

Reached out to NYSEG for pad mount transformer installation to address voltage drop issues.

Quieter summer season with light weekend camper traffic, seasonal campers maintaining occupancy.

Obtain quotes from Drogens in Oneonta for electrical panel upgrades.

Complete fall/spring electrical upgrades before next camping season.

Campground closes on September 20th.

Finance: Paul Muratore/ Eric Wilson:

\$2,000 credit card needed for Sheila for hospital emergency purchases.

IT: Eric Wilson / Paul Muratore:

Order 24TB drive for camera storage expansion at hospital.

Camera storage expansion quote: \$2,000 for 48TB capacity providing 60-90 days retention vs current 3 days.

Computer equipment rotated between offices with oldest unit now in council office.

1,600 feet of Cat 6 cable installed at campground eliminating satellite dish issues, improving Wi-Fi from 12x12 to 50x50 coverage in pines section.

DCO liaison: Kevin Greene:

Busy month with calls.

Justice: Bill Heath / Frank Selleck:

The Town Judge gave report that the Town received \$21,500 total year-to-date for traffic diversion program.

NEW BUSINESS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Charles Bailey is preparing for a grant application, ready by end of next week with September 3rd week deadline.

16 surveys have already been received from eligible participants for case study inclusion.

Town supervisor or designated official must sign completed application.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Kathy McNulty inquired about expanding glyphosate resolution to additional roads beyond current phase implementation.

Constitution Pipeline proposal renewed using same three routes with 30-day public comment period expected.

Pipeline routes include watershed areas, highway corridors, and near reservoir water sources. Previous eminent domain properties already secured, only non-signatory landowners require new negotiations.

DEC water quality certificate expected to be key approval factor, more stringent wetlands regulations since previous denial.

Data center proposal in Oneonta seeking 150 acres rezoned from residential/agricultural to industrial, potential pipeline connection for massive energy requirements.

Stewart's superstore confirmed for Sidney village with land already purchased.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Contracts.

At 7:35 p.m. Motion to enter executive session made by Supervisor Wilson and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

At 8:45 p.m. Motion to exit from executive session made by Supervisor Wilson and seconded by Mr. Selleck. **AYES:** B. Heath, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Adjourn:

At 8:47 p.m. motioned to adjourn the meeting by Supervisor Wilson and seconded by Mr. Selleck carried unanimously.

The next Regular Board Meeting will on September 11th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk