

The Regular meeting of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by Eric Wilson Town Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. February 13, 2025, 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- Zoom
Frank Selleck	Councilman
Paul Muratore	Councilman
Joseph A. Ermeti	Attorney
Sheila R Paul	Clerk

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION/PRAAYER

APPROVE TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Organization Meeting & Regular Meeting held on January 9, 2025. Motion to accepted minutes, by Mr. Selleck seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, P. Muratore, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

2025 APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General A Fund: 25-32 thru 25-72: in the amount of \$ 28,965.75. Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K Greene, F. Selleck. **NAYES:** None.

General B Fund: 25-3 thru 25-4 in the amount of \$129.64. Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None.

ESL: 25-5 thru 25-6 in the amount of \$ 367.38. Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, F. Selleck . **NAYES:** None.

SC Lighting: 25-3 in the amount of \$ 355.81 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None.

Total General Vouchers: 29,818.58

Highway DA Fund Vouchers: 25-4 thru 25-23 in the amount of \$ 85,566.43. Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

Highway DB Fund Vouchers: 25-2 in the amount of \$ 7,771.05. Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Total Highway Vouchers: \$ 93,337.51

CM Hospital Fund Vouchers: 25-21 thru 25-43 in the amount of \$ **78,828.05**. Motion by Mr. Muratore seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, B. Heath. **NAYES:** None.

Total Vouchers paid: \$ **201,817.96**

Approve Payments of Bills January 2024

General A Fund Voucher: 25- thru 24-6 in the amount of \$ **2,676.73** Motion by Mr. Heath seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson. **NAYES:** None

General B Fund Voucher: 23-1 Amount of **70.09** Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson. **NAYES:** None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Wilson received an agreement between The Delaware County Planning Board the Town of Sidney for Shelly Johnson-Bennett for the purpose of the Town Planning Advisory Services from January 1 to December 31st, 2025, in the amount of \$3500.00. Mr. Heath motion to accept the agreement and it was seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K . Greene. **NAYES:** none.

REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. Clerk is submitting checks totaling in \$ **749.00** fees collected during January 2025.

REPORTS/ORAL

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: Had challenging weather in January. Had to call the crew multiple times for snow and ice removal, which included most weekend throughout the month. We are currently facing a salt shortage, which could put us in a difficult position moving forward. There is a possibility we may face challenges if the weather continues like it has been. Due to the ice, we had been forced to use more salt then normal.
In addition of snow and ice removal, we have been busy with routine maintenance, along with cutting trees along our roads.

SUPERVISOR- Eric Wilson: Working with the Town Bookkeeper Karen Kropp for state reports.

BOOKKEEPER- Karen Kropp: Nothing to report.

TOWN CLERK- Sheila Paul: Tax season is under way and January is over. We are little less collecting for the month. Taxes are collected until April 30th, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway: Frank Selleck/ Eric Wilson: Mr. Selleck sated that the Hwy Dept has been using a lot heating fuel due to the cold temperatures, approximately 400 gallons every two weeks. There was an issue with the furnace, but that has been resolved.

C. Lambrecht took delivery of the new pickup truck that the town ordered many months ago.

Hospital: Paul Muratore / Eric Wilson : There may be one or two new tenants in the hospital.

Insurance: Bill Heath/ Kevin Greene: nothing to report

Zoning & Planning: Paul Muratore/ Frank Selleck: Survey was sent out to the residents to the town of Sidney, which had in-depth questions about the priorities for the town, and the type of development that would be appropriate. This survey is to help with updating the Comprehensive Plan and that Delaware County Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett is assisting the town with. The current Comprehensive Planning is dated back to 2002, so the town board thought would be a good time to update. Resident and member of the Planning Board Lois Green stated that 2900 survey were sent out and that 20 to 30 % have been mailed back.

Several individuals attending the meeting voiced some concerns to the survey. The survey didn't allow for much elaboration or explanations. Councilmember Paul Muratore and who a member of the Planning Board committee stated that input from the Community is welcome, and that Planning Board Meetings are open to the public on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. the Comprehensive Committee meetings and that is open to the public as well.

East Sidney Lake: Heath/ Selleck: John Nolan lake manager asked the Town Board to approve a \$ 100.00 increase to the seasonal camping rate, which would be from \$ 1,400.00 to \$ 1,500.0. Mr. Selleck motion to approve the increase of \$ 100.00 for seasonal rates and it was seconded by Mr. Health and carried. AYES: E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. NAYES: none
Also reported that the storm took down a power line and that NYSEG has been at the park taking down trees and cleaning up. Mr. Nolan is expecting to have volunteers help get the park ready to open in the spring.

Finance: Paul Muratore/ Eric Wilson: In good shape.

IT: Eric Wilson / Paul Muratore: Edmund Gov is doing a great job upgrading the infrastructure in the Town Building. The equipment has been delivered to have live broadcasting of the Board meetings and that will be in place in the near future.

Justice: Bill Heath / Frank Selleck: nothing to report.

DCO liaison: Kevin Greene :

NEW BUSINESS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A letter was sent to the State at the instruction of Delhi Telephone Company (DTC) to request coverage by DTC for entire town. Councilmember Kevin Greene stated that the municipality can apply for a grants and DTC would do the work. Mr. Greene is waiting on more information on grant availability.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

EXCUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:33 Supervisor Wilson asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personal matter. Mr. Heath motion to move into Executive Session and it was second by Mr. Muratore and carried by all.

Adjourn:

At 7:55 p.m. S motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried.

AYES: B. Heath, F. Selleck, K. Greene. NAYES: None

The next Regular Board Meeting will on March 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk