

The Regular meeting of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by Frank Selleck Deputy Town Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. February 12, 2026, in the boardroom at 44 Grand Street, Sidney. Prior to the meeting, bills were audited by the Board.

Present were:

Eric Wilson	Supervisor- Absent
Codey Lambrecht	Highway Superintendent
Frank Selleck	Councilman
Kevin Greene	Councilman
Andrew Hinkley	Councilman
Paul Muratore	Councilman
Sheila R Paul	Clerk

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION/PRAYER

APPROVE TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Regular Meeting held on December 11, 2025. Motion to accepted minutes, by Mr. Muratore seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck. A. Hinkley abstain from the vote as he was not a Councilman in December 2025. **NAYES:** None

APPROVE TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Organization Meeting & Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2026. Motion to accepted minutes, by Mr. Muratore seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, A. Hinkley **NAYES:** None

2026 APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General A Fund: 26-23 thru 26-58: in the amount of \$ 22,850.16. Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Hinkley and carried. **AYES:** K Greene, F. Selleck. **NAYES:** None.

General B Fund: 26-2 thru 26-4 in the amount of \$ 598.33 Motion by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Hinkley and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None.

ESL: 26-3 thru 26-4 in the amount of \$ 370.33. Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, a. Hinkley. **NAYES:** None.

SC Lighting: 26-2 in the amount of \$ 406.81 Motion by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Hinkley and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None.

Total General Vouchers: \$ 24,255.63

Highway DA Fund: 26-2 thru 26-16 is the amount of \$ 44,508.32 Motion by Mr. Muratore and second by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** K. Greene, A. Hinkley. **NAYES:** None

Highway DB Fund: 26-1 in the amount of 53,388.44 (balance of new Truck) Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. AYES: F. Selleck, A. Hinkley. NAYES: None

Total Highway Vouchers: \$ 97,896.73

CM Hospital Fund: 26-14 thru 26-29 in the amount of \$ 42,035.15 Motion by Mr. Hinkley and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. AYES: F. Selleck, P. Muratore. NAYES: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. Clerk is submitting checks totaling in \$ 577.00 fees collected during January 2026.

REPORTS/ORAL

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: Due to ongoing winter weather, most of our time has been dedicated to snow removal operations. We have been out regularly to keep roads clear and safe, and we will continue to do so based on weather conditions.

When not plowing we have been doing truck repairs in the shop. Also new truck has arrived at the shop and is fully up and ready to go into service. We just finished undercoating it.

I do want to make everyone aware of the current salt shortage Our supplier is completely out at this time and has informed us it will be at least two weeks if not more before they receive another shipment. The load is currently stuck in New York City waiting delivery. We are doing our best to conserve our remaining salt supply but am unsure how we will manage if we run out before the next shipment arrives. Even then it's going to be very limited on what we can get.

This situation is just another reason why we should consider a larger salt shed for additional storage capacity, which would allow us to better prepare for supply shortages like this in the future.

SUPERVISOR- Eric Wilson: Nothing to report

BOOKKEEPER- Karen Kropp: Nothing to report.

TOWN CLERK- Sheila Paul: Taxes are underway. The town as has been paid in full. Have collected 70%

I will be on vacation from February 18th thru February 25th, my Deputy Julie Steven will be covering the office while I am on vacation.

Also, I want to confirm the Clerk's office hours, which are Monday -Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Also, by appointment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway: Frank Selleck/ Eric Wilson: Mr. Selleck read a letter stating how impressed he is with our Town Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht and Town Highway crew keeping road clear during the weather months.

Mr. Selleck and Mr. Muratore went to the shop and looked over the new truck that the Highway Department just got.

Hospital: Andrew Hinkley / Eric Wilson: Nate stated that trying to keep the hospital warm with the temperature being so low. Keeping tanks full.

Insurance: Kevin Greene/ Andrew Hinkley: Nothing to report

Zoning & Planning: Paul Muratore/ Frank Selleck: Third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. the Comprehensive Committee meetings open to the public.

Mr. Muratore read a letter from a resident regarding the Constitution pipeline. (See below)

Clerk - Town of Sidney NY

From: Cathy McNulty <littleflowerelem@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 2:14 PM
To: Clerk - Town of Sidney NY
Subject: [EXTERNAL] The Unconstitutional Pipeline

Dear Members of the Town Board of Sidney,

I am concerned about plans for building the Constitution Pipeline through our town, maybe as soon as July of this year. Williams Company is trying to revive the moribund pipeline plan that was abandoned ten years ago. We live in a beautiful place with copious amounts of clean water and air.

The NY Department of Environmental Conservation denied Williams Company a 401 Water Quality Permit because they refused to answer questions about how they would safely cross waterways and wetlands and steep slopes, which would endanger our water and air and wildlife and way of life.

Since water quality is so important to our community, we should not allow safety standards to be ignored and our NYS DEC to be bypassed.

Residents who have moved here during the last decade may not be aware of this greenfield project at all and how it will affect them and their property value.

Sincerely, Cathy McNulty

Mr. Greene stated, if anyone wants information on the pipeline, please contact me by email (Kgreene@townofsidneyny.gov) Also, Mr. Muratore stated on the record personally (not as a board member) I have a problem with the way they're approaching the pipeline, I am not against gas, however they should be running it down the I88 corridor. I am personally going to write them a letter as well.

East Sidney Lake: Heath/ Selleck: From John Nolan park manager, we will be getting started for the season in another month or so, have a lot of work ahead of us. I like to move forward with the pricing for the upcoming season, to be able to get the letters out for the seasonal campers from last year.

We will be excavating for the new electric panels once snow is gone. Looking at having some hiking trails on the backside of the dam, which will involve the country. Also, I would like to open the dam for free on the free fishing day

Finance: Paul Muratore/ Eric Wilson: CDs expire within 30 days and are shopping for good rates.

IT: Eric Wilson / Paul Muratore: DMV are still having issues with Fax and still looking into the problem, might be power source.

Mr Muratore is tracking temperature in the Town Building, and it fluctuates inside between 69 to 72 causing excessive heating use. It was suggested that the temperature be turned down to 62 at night, Nate and other members are concerned about frozen pipes. Reason building is difficult to heat to lack of insulation in the building.

Grant: Kevin Greene/ Andrew Hinkley: The Town's application for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) has been rejected and Mr. Greene stated that he is looking into why. As there isn't a way to appeal the decision.

Mr. Greene is working on a Grant from the NY Plays; this is a grant that is overseen by NYS Office of Parks and Recreation and Historic Preservation. This Grant could help purchase equipment like the Sidney Center playground. Or the funds could help construct a pedestrian bridge, which residents have been requesting a pedestrian bridge to make the Sidney Center park more accessible.

Justice: Kevin Greene/ Andrew Hinkley: Will be setting up a time and day for the yearly audit.

DCO liaison: Kevin Greene: There was an Ag and Market inspection and went will, will be in touch with the Dog Control Officer to get more information.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Selleck stated that the Town received a check in the amount of \$ 21,659.06 for the cannabis tax revenue

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Resident from Sidney Center asked about a cell tower coming into Sidney. Mr. Greene stated that there has been letter sent to landowners, seeing if they would be amenable to have a tower on their property. Mr. Greene stated it's in the works.

A Town resident asked if there was a way to the agenda to the public before the meeting, especially if there was a speaker, the resident also stated that there is a law that the agenda should be available 24 hours of the meeting. Town Clerk stated that the financial information is what I place on agenda, all other information on the agenda is the responsibility of the Supervisor and Board Members. Mr. Muratore stated that he will place the agenda on the calendar that is on the website moving forward.

A Town resident ask a question about the 70% taxes collected. If you have your taxes in escrow is that included in the 70%? Town Clerk stated yes, as all escrow accounts are in before the end of January, so no penalties apply.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Hospital Roofing

AT 7:39 p.m. Mr. Selleck motion to go into Executive Session and it was seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. At 8:07 p.m. Mr. Muratore motion to come out of Executive Session and it was second by Mr. Greene and carried.

Adjourn:

At 8:08 p.m. Mr. Selleck motioned to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Mr. Greene and carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting will on March 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk