

The Combination Regular and 2024 Organizational meeting of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by Eric Wilson Town Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. January 9, 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

ORGANIZATIONAL PORTION OF MEETING

The following – 6-part resolution is hereby offered for its adoption.

- 1.) The regular monthly meeting of this Board shall be held on the second Thursday of the month with an audit of the bills at 6:30 p.m., and commencement of the meeting at 7:00 p.m., unless notice to the contrary is given.
- 2.) NBT Bank of Sidney is named as the official depository of Town funds with JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. being an additional depository. Community Bank is also an official depository of Towns funds.
- 3.) The Reporter shall be the official newspaper.
- 4.) Amy Cross is hereby reappointed as Dog Control Officer: for a 1-year term expiring December 31, 2025
- 5.) Lois Green was appointed to a five-year term on the planning board, term expiring December 31, 2029.
- 6.) The mileage allowance for town personnel using their own vehicle on town business shall be at the rate of Delaware County reimbursement rate which is at this time \$.650 per mile.

Motion to Adopt 6- the part resolution was made by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. AYES: E. Wilson, P. Muratore. K. Greene abstained, as he does not agree with the process on how the planning board members are appointed.

APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED & COMMITTEES NAMED

The Supervisor hereby announces his appointment of **Frank Selleck** as Deputy Supervisor for a 1-year term, expiring December 31, 2025.

Clerk/Collector names, **Julie Steven** as 1st Deputy Clerk/Collector, **April Ray** as 2nd Deputy Clerk/Collector and **Alison Barnes** 3rd Deputy Clerk/Collector. For a 1-year term, expiring December 31, 2025.

The Supervisor announces his appointment of **Karen Kropp** as Bookkeepers to Supervisor for a 1-year term, expiring December 31, 2025.

Highway: Frank Selleck/ Eric Wilson:

Hospital: Eric Wilson/ Paul Muratore :

Insurance: Bill Heath/ Kevin Greene:

Zoning & Planning: Paul Muratore/ Frank Selleck:

East Sidney Lake: Bill Heath/ Frank Selleck

Finance: Paul Muratore/ Eric Wilson

IT: Eric Wilson / Paul Muratore

Justice: Bill Heath/ Frank Selleck: Mr. Selleck is appointment for ½ year.

DCO liaison: Kevin Greene

Motion to accept the appointments AND Committees named was made by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. AYES: E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. NAYES: None

At 7:10 p.m. Mr. Heath motion to adjourn the Organizational meeting and Mr. Muratore seconded and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

At 7:10 p.m. Mr. Wilson Town Supervisor called the Regular Meeting to order.

PRESENTATIONS: **Travis Andrew from Green's Greenery** gave an update on the legal retail cannabis store that is owned by Kate Andres and Lois Green. He estimated that there is 15% new customer each day and 25 % of the customers are medical patients. Green's Greenery is one of the top three stores with the lowest prices I NY and one of the top five stores for fastest growth. On January 10, 2025, the website greennsgreenery.com was launch and can place order ahead and a robust plan for delivery. Since cannabis has become legal in New York sales are \$1 billion, far more than any other state where cannabis is legally sold within the same time frame.

With the current license that Green's Greenery holds, they can open two more stores, but has not plans on open any more in Delaware County. Otsego County has six stores, so Travis Andrew thinks the area is covered for cannabis sales. The licenses also allow them to open three consumption sites in the state, which may happen at some point. Travis has applied for a cultivator's license to expand the business and have more control over products that are provided at Green's Greenery. Delaware County has four cultivators. Green's Greenery has plans for the future and hope to one day be a central hub for cultivation and distribution. The Town of Sidney receives 3% of sales tax and the county receives 1%, which are paid quarterly.

Solar Simplified gave a Zoom presentation on the Community Solar Municipality Program. Solar Simplified is a company that matches consumers with solar farms in the NYSE&G area to help reduce electricity cost. The community solar program is a state-run program through New York Energy Research and Development Authority and the Department of Public Service. It offers a guaranteed saving of 10% to consumers and advances renewable energy in NY state. The savings are available to renters, homeowners, and some small businesses. A 20% discount was recently approved for low- and moderate-income families. There is no installation required and there is no fee associated with the program. If the town in the program, they will receive \$ 50.00 for every household that also enrolls. Solar Simplified is one of many companies who match consumers with solar projects. Supervisor Wilson stated that the board would do some researching before deciding.

APPROVE TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Regular Meeting held on December 12,2024 and Special Board meeting held on December 30, 2024. Motion to accepted minutes, by Mr. Muratore seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

2024 APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General A Fund Voucher: 24-488 thru 24-492: in the amount of \$ **1,128.74** Motion by Mr. Heath seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

DA Fund: 24-156 thru 24-162: Amount of 13,810.74 Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None.

DB Fund: 24-54 thru 24-56: in the amount of 5,215.42. Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Total General Vouchers: \$ 20,154.90

2025 APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General A Fund: 25-1 thru 25-31: in the amount of \$ 27,373.23. Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None.

General B Fund: 25-1 thru 25-2 in the amount of \$473.82. Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None.

ESL: 25-1 thru 25-3 in the amount of 1968.37. Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None.

SC Lighting: 25-1 thru 25-2 in the amount of \$ 685.76. Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None.

Total General Vouchers: 30,501.18

Highway DA Fund Vouchers: 25-1 thru 25-2 in the amount of \$ 1,636.68. Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

Highway DB Fund Vouchers: 25-1 in the amount of \$ 7,771.05. Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Total Highway Vouchers: \$ 9,407.76

CM Hospital Fund Vouchers: 25-1 thru 25- in the amount of \$ **37,928.14**. Motion by Mr. Muratore seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson. **NAYES:** None.

Total Vouchers paid: \$ 77,837.08

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:

Dan Wilbur Deputy Code Officer sent a proposal to increase the permit fees for the board to review. The fees have not been updated since 2018. Supervisor Wilson asked for a motion to approve the increase permit fees. Mr. Selleck motion the approval and it was seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. Clerk is submitting checks totaling in **\$ 1,648.00** fees collected during December 2024.

REPORTS/ORAL

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: Multiple call for snow removal. We have working diligently to ensure that the roads remain safe for travel. Over the last month snowplowing has been the priority. In addition to snow removal, we have also started the process of cutting brush along the

roads that are scheduled for work this year, as this step is critical in preparing for upcoming road projects and ensuring that the right-of ways are clear for any planned improvements. With at being said we have one landowner who is upset with the highway department. We are focusing on routine Maintenance for our trucks and equipment, this includes inspections, repairs and ensuring that everything is in working order for ongoing winter season and the work ahead in the spring and summer months.

SUPERVISOR- Eric Wilson:

BOOKKEEPER- Karen Kropp: Nothing to report.

TOWN CLERK- Sheila Paul: Tax Season has begun. Having problems with the safes opening and hoping to find a company to get the locks to work better.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway: Frank Selleck/ Eric Wilson: Nothing

Hospital: Paul Muratore / Eric Wilson : Supervisor Wilson that there could be two new tenants at the hospital. A new fire system will be installed in the near future. Supervisor Wilson spoke with Councilmember Green, who was on Zoom to cease on showing the hospital rental spaces to people on this own, as it creates confusion. Hospital committee are responsible for showing the property to potential renters.

Insurance: Bill Heath/ Kevin Greene: On January 3rd there was an emergency meeting called to vote Insurance companies: New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) was the Town insurance company and The Reis Group. Board members voted: Heath, Selleck and Greene voted in favor of the change and Wilson and Muratore voted against it. The Reis Group will provide the same coverage at a lower cost. The coverage was retroactive to January 1, 2025.

Zoning & Planning: Paul Muratore/ Frank Selleck: Working on the Comprehensive Plan and there are a couple of subdivisions. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The Comprehensive committee meets at 6:00 p.m. before the planning board meeting.

East Sidney Lake: Heath/ Selleck: Report from John Nolan the Lakes' manager. Windstorm brought some trees down and are working on cleaning them up. Getting a quote for a new tractor. So, will be working on a new electric panel.

Finance: Paul Muratore/ Eric Wilson: Town in a good financial place and that there are a lot of positive things in the works that will be revealed soon.

IT: Eric Wilson / Paul Muratore: On January 17th Edmunds Gov will be coming to the town building to clean up the computer equipment and wires.

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

DCO liaison: Kevin Greene : Had a few calls, but all is good.

NEW BUSINESS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Charles Bailey from Delaware Opportunities would like to attend the Board meeting in March to discuss the Community Development Block Grant and other housing grant services available to the town. Delaware Opportunities will not charge the town for grant assistance,

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Resident of Sidney asked about if ACCO is in the Town or Village, board answer that it's in the Village.

Adjourn: At 8:21 p.m. Mr. Wilson 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 February 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk