

The Regular meeting of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by Frank Selleck Deputy Town Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. July 10, 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: Absent
Codey Lambrecht	Highway Superintendent
Bill Heath	Councilman
Kevin Greene	Councilman
Frank Selleck	Councilman
Paul Muratore	Councilman
Joseph A. Ermeti	Attorney
Sheila R Paul	Clerk

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION/PRAYER

PUBLIC HEARING: At 7:00 p.m. Mr. Selleck called to order a Public Hearing to solicit public comment on a proposed Resolution for the Cessation of Glyphosate. Use all state-managed roads within the boundaries of the Town of Sidney. This Resolution seeks to formally oppose the application of glyphosate and similar herbicides due to growing environmental and health concerns and to request an alternative vegetation management practice.

Councilman Muratore stated that Glyphosate is a health risk which includes cancer, endocrine disruption, and harm to pollinators: EPA is only agency claiming safety while scientific evidence shows carcinogenic properties. Alternative methods suggested are water, vinegar, and salt mixture, along with flame torches for weed control instead of chemical herbicides. Also, worker safety is a concern.

Home rule authority confirmed- state must abide by local resolution, with legal consequences for non-compliance accounting to Shelly Johnson.

Residents of Sidney had concerns regarding the use of Glyphosate. After a discussion with a motion was made by Mr. Muratore to accept Resolution 2-2025. Immediate Cessation of Herbicide and Glyphosate along State-Owned Roadways within the Town of Sidney and it was seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

APPROVE TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Regular Meeting held on April 10, 2025, Motion to accepted minutes, by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, P. Muratore
NAYES: None

2025 APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General A Fund: 25-244 thru 25-300: in the amount of \$ 35,56.34. Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene **NAYES:** None

B Fund: 25-10 thru 25-12 in the amount of \$ 958.08. Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Heath. **NAYES:** None

ESL: 25-46 thru 25-61 in the amount of \$ 4,894.97. Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None.

Total General Vouchers: \$ 41,209.39

Highway DA Fund Vouchers: 25-83 thru 25-90 in the amount of \$5,262.30 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES** F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

Highway DB Fund Vouchers: 25-28 thru 25-41 in the amount of \$ 37,827.27
Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Total Highway Vouchers: \$ 43,089.57

CM Hospital Fund Vouchers: 25- 133 thru 25-150 in the amount of \$ 22,068.93. Motion by Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None.

Total Vouchers paid: \$ 106,367.89

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received a letter from The Tri-County Seniors asking if they can install a Little Free Library book exchange in front of the Hospital. Motion was made by Mr. Heath to approve the installation of a Free Library book exchange box, which Mrs. Allen's husband will build and that the Seniors will be responsible for keeping it maintained, the motion was seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** none.

Prospect Hill Cemetery trustees sent a letter expressing their thanks for the work Lambrecht and the rest of the highway dept did to have the cemetery ready for a funeral procession.

REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. The clerk is submitting checks totaling in **\$ 1570.00** fees collected during June 2025.

REPORTS/ORAL

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: Over the past month, the department has been focusing on storm recovery efforts following the severe weather on June 22nd. The storm caused significant damage across the area, especially creeks and drainage structures.

Due to the storm damage the crew had to prioritize emergency repairs. A large order of rip rap was ordered to stabilize washed-out creek banks adjacent to several roads. The focus being Dunshee Rd. It has been a labor in-intensive process, and this has set the crew back about three weeks of the scheduled road projects for the year.

Despite the setbacks, the crew made some progress. Replaced one large culvert pipe on Poplar Hill Rd and that is completed, but still have number of culvert pipes to replace throughout the month on Poplar Hill Rd.

We continue to balance our storm recovery efforts with our planned maintenance and construction efforts the best that we can. Unfortunately, we can't be everywhere at once.

Mr. Lambrecht made a statement to the council members regarding the executive session to discuss the Teamsters Union contract for his highway department employees. "Please consider my guy's worth" "they work extremely hard, and their rate of pay is less than many other towns"

SUPERVISOR- Eric Wilson: Nothing to report.

BOOKKEEPER- Karen Kropp: Nothing to report.

TOWN CLERK- Sheila Paul: Have summer student worker and is doing very well.

REPORTS

Highway: Frank Selleck/ Eric Wilson: Working on the Teamster for a new contract, currently looking at Health Insurance.

Hospital: Paul Muratore/ Eric Wilson: Nate Ouimet the hospital maintenance reported that the EV chargers at the hospital are getting used.

Delaware County Behavioral Health is planning on moving their satellite office into the hospital, expecting the date to be in August 2025. Town Attorney Joseph Ermeti stated that we are waiting for a signed lease.

Insurance: Heath/ Greene: Nothing to report.

Zoning & Planning: Paul Muratore/ Frank Selleck:

Meeting is on July 21st 7:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. will be a meeting to discuss and work on the Comprehensive plan.

East Sidney Lake: Heath/ Selleck:

The park is running smoothly.

Finance: Paul Muratore/ Eric Wilson: Nothing to report

IT: Eric Wilson / Paul Muratore:

Things are running smoothly. Two cameras were installed at the hospital. Will be getting quotes for the cameras to be installed in the lobbies in the Town building.

DCO liaison: Kevin Greene: Few calls.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

The Sidney Center Improvement Group has been renamed to “The Uplift Collective Inc”. – Better Together. (TUC) the focus is on improving the lives of children and their families in the Western Catskills and Southern Tier of New York. The group meets quarterly, and meetings are open to the public. Next meeting is scheduled for July 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Sidney Center Fire Hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council member Greene reported that Delaware Opportunities will administer the Community Development Block Grant for the town and requires only minor involvement from the town. The grant money is primarily for housing rehabilitation. The program is for owner-occupied residents who meet income requirements and have eligible housing repairs needs. This Grant has no cost to the Town.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Sidney Center Resident Robert Pomeroy asked about the lawn at the old Sidney Center Elementary School. He states that it’s an eyesore and that the owner should be responsible for mowing. The Village of Sidney has a local law, that if an owner does not mow their yard, the Village does and that the cost is placed on their Village Taxes. Mr. Pomeroy asked if the Town could do something like that. After a short discussion, the conclusion was that due to the rural nature of the town, it would be nearly impossible to have a standard that would apply to all properties.

Mr. Pomeroy stated to the Town’s Deputy Code Officer, Dan Wilber, that he is making a formal complaint regarding the grass at the Sidney Center Elementary School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Contracts.

At 8:15 p.m. Deputy Supervisor Selleck motion to go into executive session and it was seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried unanimously.

At 8:40 p.m. Deputy Supervisor Selleck made a motion to come out of the executive session, and it was seconded by Mr. Heath and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Heath to accept the contract with Johnson Controls for the fire panels located at the hospital in the amount of \$ 23,153.55 and it was seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried unanimously.

Adjourn:

At 8:45 p.m. motioned to adjourn the meeting by Deputy Supervisor Selleck and seconded by Mr. Greene carried unanimously.

The next Regular Board Meeting will on August 14th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk