

The Regular meeting of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by Frank Selleck Deputy Town Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. March 13, 2025, in the boardroom at 44 Grand Street, Sidney. Prior to the meeting, bills were audited by the Board.

Present were:

Eric Wilson	Absent
Codey Lambrecht	Highway Superintendent
Bill Heath	Councilman
Kevin Greene	Councilman
Frank Selleck	Councilman
Paul Muratore	Councilman
Joseph A. Ermeti	Absent
Sheila R Paul	Clerk

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION/PRAAYER

Presentations:

Eddie Pigford, present the Town Board a book that was written by her late husband and Town Supervisor Gene Pigford. The title is “ Let Me Fly Higher.”

Sidney Central School Flood Monitoring and Weather Forecasting enrichment program, which is headed up by Richard Townsend. Program was created after the 2006 flood, which was devastating to the area. Mr. Townsend applied for a grant and received \$ 150,000 from State Farm Insurance Youth Advisory Board. This grant was used to develop a flood-monitoring network over the upper portion of the Susquehanna River Watershed, which includes eight solar-powered satellite linked in reporting. The flood gauges played a critical role in the 2011 flood. The devices do need to be replaced after two decades. The group have received a \$ 5,000 grant from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission and other funding but are looking for other funds to support in purchasing one more SatLink 3 Lite device. Anyone interesting in helping, can reach out to the Sidney Central School.

**APPROVE TOWN BOARD MINUTES:** Regular Meeting held on February 13,2025. Motion to accepted minutes, by Mr. Muratore seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

**2025 APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**General A Fund:** 25-73 thru 25-102: in the amount of \$ 88,925.33. Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck K Greene, **NAYES:** None.

**General B Fund:** 25-5 in the amount of \$5,995.67 Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Heath. **NAYES:** None.

**ESL:** 25-7 thru 25-8 in the amount of \$ 2,341.40 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None.

**SC Lighting:** 25-4 in the amount of \$ 362.40 Motion by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Heath. . **NAYES:** None.

***Total General Vouchers: 97,624.80***

**Highway DA Fund Vouchers:** 25-4 thru 25-23 in the amount of \$ 66,212.75 Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** F Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

**Highway DB Fund Vouchers:** 25-3 in the amount of \$ 74,900.00. Motion by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

**Total Highway Vouchers: \$ 71,112.75**

**CM Hospital Fund Vouchers:** 25- 44 thru 25-62 in the amount of \$ **51,471.64**. Motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None.

**Total Vouchers paid: \$ 220,209.19**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:**

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. Clerk is submitting checks totaling in \$ **1,171.00** fees collected during February 2025.

**REPORTS/ORAL**

***HIGHWAY-*** Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: Hwy department is focusing on getting ready for the upcoming spring season. Ditching work has started and the crew addressing areas where drainage improvements are needed. Repairing and replacing culvers where necessary to improve water flow and prevent road damage during spring thaw. Also starting to haul sand. Crew is actively working to get roads ready for paving this season and will be grading , patching, and addressing any base issues.

I need a motion to place Fuel bids int the paper for the upcoming season and a motion for mowing bids. Motion was made by Mr. Muratore to place an ad for fuel bids, and it was seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

Motion was made by Mr. Heath to place an ad for the mowing bids, and it was seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

I need a motion for the 284 agreements: Motion was made by Mr. Muratore to accept the 284 agreement and it was seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** none

There is a significant issue on Plankenhorn Road, where heavy farm machinery and trucks have caused substantial damage to road surface. I am currently assessing the situation and trying to come up with options to beneficial all. Will be speaking with the famer regarding potential solutions and sharing responsibility for repairs.

*SUPERVISOR*- Eric Wilson: Nothing as Supervisor was absent.

*BOOKKEEPER*- Karen Kropp: Nothing to report.

*TOWN CLERK*- Sheila Paul: Tax season is going well.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Highway: Frank Selleck/ Eric Wilson:** Mr. Selleck Mr. Selleck stated that Codey is very responsive with residents reporting problems.

**Hospital: Paul Muratore / Eric Wilson :** Will be scheduling a fire inspection in the near future. Some renovations are going on and that Delaware Cty Mental Health is looking at a space.

**Insurance:** Bill Heath/ Kevin Greene: Our new Insurance company doesn't work with the company that has done the Boiler inspections. So, we need to reschedule and look into the company our new Insurance works with.

**Zoning & Planning: Paul Muratore/ Frank Selleck:** Shelley Johnson-Bennett will be getting the survivor. As the survivor is being used for the new Compensation Plan that is being worked on and that the Committee meets on the third Monday at 6: p.m., an hour before the Planning Board Committee meeting starts. Next meeting is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**East Sidney Lake: Heath/ Selleck:** Tree cutters will be coming to take down some trees and the playground will be ready for the new season. Mr. Nolan is looking for office help for the summer. A motion is needed to place an ad in the paper. Motion was made by Mr. Muratore to place the ad in the paper for office summer help and it was seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. Mr. Muratore is questioning the Lake's electric bill, seeing the park has been closed since September and the Town is receiving bills totaling over \$ 2,000.00. Mr. Muratore stated that he will be looking into this issue.

**Finance: Paul Muratore/ Eric Wilson:** Nothing to report: Supervisor Wilson was absent.

**IT: Eric Wilson / Paul Muratore:** Ryan from Edmund Gov will be coming in on March 21<sup>st</sup> to finish cleaning wire up in the computer room down pass the DMV. The video conference system is ready, need to get the area ready to install.

**Justice: Bill Heath / Frank Selleck:** Will be scheduling an in-house Audit.

**DCO liaison: Kevin Greene :** Noting to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Selleck reported on the tax revenue for the cannabis sells. Payments are to occur in January, April, July, and October. The County retains 25 % and the Town gets the remaining 75% . Total amount that was correct in tax is \$ 16,310.99.

Mr. Greene reported that Delaware Opportunities would be willing to work the Town on a Community Development Block Grant application, but at this time is uncertain of federal funding.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Adjourn:**

At 7:45 p.m. motioned to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Muratore and it was seconded by Mr. Greene carried. **AYES:** B. Heath, F. Selleck, **NAYES:** None

The next Regular Board Meeting will on April 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk