

The Regular meeting of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by Frank Selleck Deputy Town Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. May 8, 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/PRAAYER

Before the public hearing, a motion was made by Mr. Selleck to appoint Penny Haddad Town Assessor until September 2025, motion was seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. AYES: B. Heath, K. Greene.

**At 7:02 p.m. Deputy Supervisor Mr. Selleck called the public hearing to order.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Grievance Day/ Resolution/ Local Law

Resolution of the Town Board

TOWN OF SIDNEY

**Resolution Authorizing Adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Sidney of Local Law No. 001-2025- Grievance Day of the Town of Sidney.**

Date: April 10, 2025

WHEREAS, an introductory Local Law entitled “ Grievance Day of the Town of Sidney” was introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Sidney on April 10, 2025, and upon notice duly published and posted, a hearing was held May 8<sup>th</sup> , 2025 at 7:00 p.m. , before the Town Board.

WHEREAS, public discussion was heard at such hearing concerning the merits and environmental significance of said introductory local law and be it:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sidney hereby adopts said Local Law entitled : “Grievance Day of the Town of Sidney” is hereby determined to be a Type II SEQR action and be it further:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sidney hereby adopts said Local Law No. 001-2025- Grievance Day of the Town of Sidney a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution and be it further.:

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Sidney, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State of New York and to the New State Tax Department, Office of Counsel, W.A. Harriman Campus, Albany, NY 1227-0911.

Motion: Council Member Bill Heath  
Second: Council Member Paul Muratore

Council Member : Eric Wilson: Aye  
Council Member: Frank Selleck: Aye  
Council Member : Bill Heath: Aye  
Council Member: Kevin Greene: Aye  
Council Member: Paul Muratore : Aye

#### **LOCAL LAW NO. 001-2025**

Grievance Day of the Town of Sidney

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SIDNEY IN THE COUNTY OF DELAWARE, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **§ 1 Title.**

This local law shall be known as the “ Grievance Day of the Town of Sidney.”

#### **§ 2 Intent.**

This Local Law is to provide for [the holding of Grievance Day on the second Thursday following the fourth Tuesday in May.]

#### **§ 3 Authority and Legislative Intent**

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Section 512 of the Real Property Tax Law. This Local Law is enacted to authorize an assessing unit that employs an assessor, who also serves elsewhere in the same capacity, to change its Grievance Day, pursuant to Section 512 (1-a) of the Real Property Tax Law.

#### **§ 4 Definitions**

As used in this Local Law, the following words shall have the following respective meanings:

- A. “ Grievance Day” means the date on which the Board of Assessment Review shall meet to hear complaints in relation to assessments.

#### **§ 5 Date Established**

The Town of Sidney shall hold Grievance Day on [the second Thursday following the fourth Tuesday in May] commencing in 2025 each year thereafter.

**§ 6 Effective Date**

This Local Law shall take effect upon it being duly filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

At 7:05 Deputy Supervisor Frank Selleck motion to close the public hearing to reopen the regular board meeting, it was seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** K. Greene, P. Muratore. **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:** 25-138 thru 25-170: in the amount of \$ 22,326.63. Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Heath **NAYES:** None

**ESL:** 25-18 thru 25-23 in the amount of \$ 3,3375.27 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None.

**SC Lighting:** 25-6 in the amount of \$ 375.48 Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None.

***Total General Vouchers: \$ 26,077.38***

**Highway DA Fund Vouchers:** 25-56 thru 25-70 in the amount of \$34,169.24 Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

**Highway DB Fund Vouchers:** 25-6 thru 25-12 in the amount of \$ 24,912.20  
Motion by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, P. Muratore.  
**NAYES:** None

**Total Highway Vouchers: \$ 59,081.44**

**CM Hospital Fund Vouchers:** 25- 84 thru 25-105 in the amount of \$ 48,854.97 Motion by Mr. Muratore, seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Heath. **NAYES:** None.

**Total Vouchers paid: \$ 134,013.76**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

David Leidy from Usource came to spoke regarding the Town NYSE&G bills. There have been some issues with billing at the East Sidney Lake. Mr. Leidy explained that he went to the Park and was able to read the meter and called NYSE&G and was able to the error corrected. He also stated that it's not a bad idea to read your own meter at time. Mr. Leidy stated that he will be happy to help the town anytime.

Dawn William President of the Prospect Hill Cemetery came before the board regarding the sidewalks located on the East Main Street side of the cemetery. The sidewalks are in bad shape and wanted to speak to the Town Board about getting help in repairing 230 feet. Ms. William stated, "Its's a matter of safety." Ms. William has received two estimates for the work that should be done. Flemvale Construction quoted \$ 16,790.00 and Clark's Construction was \$ 23,550.

Seeing the Cemetery is non-for-profit organization and relies on fundraising for repairs, was hoping that the Town would be able to help with some financial help, as the Village of Sidney would be able to contribute \$ 3,000 towards the cost.

Deputy Supervisor Mr. Selleck stated that Supervisor Mr. Wilson was unable to attend the meeting, that this topic should be tabled until next month meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:**

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. Clerk is submitting checks totaling in \$ **2,318.00** fees collected during April 2025.

### **REPORTS/ORAL**

**HIGHWAY**- Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: We had the winning sealed bid in the amount of \$ 33,500 for a steel Tenco dump box from the Town of Tompkins Highway Department. Currently performing necessary repairs on the truck that the dump box will be mounted to.

Tree cutting on Poplar Hill Rd in on going in preparation for future paving. Making steady progress and are aiming to have this stage completed on schedule.

There was an incident on Pine Hill Road here a utility company, while installing underground fiber optic lines, one of the cross culverts was damaged. After a meeting with the company, they have agreed to take full responsibility for the damage and will do all the necessary repairs to my specification and satisfaction.

Operations have been running smoothly across the department. Routine maintenance and seasonal preparations are on trac, and the team is performing well.

**SUPERVISOR**- Eric Wilson: Nothing to report: Absent.

**BOOKKEEPER**- Karen Kropp: Nothing to report.

**TOWN CLERK**- Sheila Paul: I attended New York State Town Clerk Association Conference and brought back some information and wants to implement into my office. Taxes are done for the year. Collecting this year was down to 84% as the years before were in the 90%. Would like to board to consider allowing partial payments to help residents that are struggling to pay in full at one time. Town Clerk's office will be closed May 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day weekend.

## **REPORTS**

**Highway: Frank Selleck/ Eric Wilson:** Crew have done a great job with the storm damage. Working on the Teamster'

**Hospital: Paul Muratore / Eric Wilson :** Nate Ouimet Maintenance: received a quote for the fire system from Matco in the amount of \$ 10,000. Motion to accept this quote for the fire system was made by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. AYES: F. Selleck, K. Greene. NAYES: None  
EV chargers at the hospital and the Town building are almost ready, hoping within one or two weeks, they will be up and running.

Town Attorney Joe Ermeti cautioned about spending too much into the hospital , as the Town doesn't have current lease with Basset. At this time, they are on month-to-month tenant.

Councilmember Kevin Greene asked about the process on the lease and tenants. He was wondering why the board doesn't have a vote on amount of rent and who the tenants are. Town Attorney Joe Ermeti stated that hasn't been done that way, but it can be looked into.

**Insurance:** Heath/ Greene: to report

**Zoning & Planning: Paul Muratore/ Frank Selleck:** Meeting is scheduled for Monday May 19th At 6:00 p.m. is working of the Comprehensive plan and at 7:00 p.m. is the Planning Board Meeting. There are two workshops scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> in Sidney Center at the Fire Hall and the second one is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Town Building, both workshops start at 6:00 p.m.

**East Sidney Lake: Heath/ Selleck:** John Nolan Park Manager: Playground is installed, need to do some finishing touches with weather permits. Water level is 29 feet above normal and could impact campers at lower campsite, he is keeping an eye on that situation. Campground at this time is ¾ full and within a week or two it will be complete full.

Wi-Fi is shorting out and needs to have more bandwidth, also planning on putting in two or three more cameras, so he can monitor the park when not on premises.

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

**IT: Eric Wilson / Paul Muratore:** Video conferencing is up and running for the board meeting and can view meeting live, but joining the streaming through zoom.

**Justice: Bill Heath / Frank Selleck:** The Town received \$ 3,000 from the traffic diversion program. This is a program for individuals with traffic violation to avoid pleading guilty or going to trial by completing an online course and paying a fee.

**DCO liaison: Kevin Greene :** Few calls.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Town received \$ 15,573.84 from tax revenue from cannabis sales for this quarter.

Councilmember Keving Greene, stated that Charles Bailey : Housing Director from Delaware County Opportunities is willing to assist the town to apply for the Community Development Block Grant at no charge. Mr. Bailey will be presenting at the June Meeting. Mr. Greene made a motion for a public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant and Mr. Heath seconded the motion and carried. AYES: F. Selleck, P. Muratore. NAYES: none

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Robert Pomroy resident of Sidney Center spoke about the temporary bridge on Bridge Street in Sidney Center and that he has read that in the mid-west they are using used flat bed railroad cars being used and was checking to see if that might be something the Town could look into to place a one lane permanent bridge.

**Adjourn:**

At 8:00 p.m. motioned to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Heath carried. AYES K. Greene, P. Muratore. NAYES: None

The next Regular Board Meeting will on June 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk