

The Regular meeting of the Sidney Town Board was called to order by Frank Selleck Deputy Town Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. September 11, 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
Codey Lambrecht	Highway Superintendent
Bill Heath	Council member
Kevin Greene	Council member
Frank Selleck	Council member
Paul Muratore	Council member
Joseph A. Ermeti	Attorney
Sheila R Paul	Clerk

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION/PRAYER

PRESENTATIONS: Dave Gill from Sidney Center spoke about installing “Hometown Hero” flags in Sidney Center honoring past and present veterans from the community. Mr. Selleck made motion to approve the project, and it seconded by Mr. Muratore and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES:** None

Sidney Fire Department: Fire Chief John Gilmore gave a presentation about the Sidney Fire department on purchasing a commercial truck bed and reconfiguring the pump. The cost is \$20,000. The fire department is looking for a donation towards the cost or the cost completely. Supervisor Wilson stated that the board would review and have an answer at the next meeting in October 2025.

APPROVE TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Regular Meeting held on August 14, 2025, Motion to accepted minutes, by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

2025 APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General A Fund: 25-338 thru 25-336: in the amount of \$ 24,564.12. Motion by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

B Fund: 25-14 thru 25-15: in the amount of \$ 6483.13. Motion by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Heath, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

ESL: 25-76 thru 25-87 in the amount of \$ 9,357.03. Motion by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Heath, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None.

Sidney Center Lighting: 25-10 in the amount of \$ 350.71. Motion by Mr. Greene and second by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Total General Vouchers: \$ 34,920.02

Highway DA Fund Vouchers: 25-98 thru 25-105 in the amount of \$ 3,684.07 Motion by Mr. Selleck and seconded by Mr. Heath and carried. **AYES** E. Wilson, K. Greene, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

Highway DB Fund Vouchers: 25-49 thru 25-53 in the amount of \$ 144,167.13 Motion by Mr. Muratore and seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Greene **NAYES:** None

Total Highway Vouchers: \$ 147,851.020

CM Hospital Fund Vouchers: 25-171 thru 25-189 in the amount of \$ 25,901.19. Motion by Mr. Muratore, seconded by Mr. Greene and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, B. Heath. **NAYES:** None.

Total Vouchers paid: \$ 208,672.41

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Muratore stated that he received a letter from the NYS Department of Transportation in response to the letter he sent regarding the roadside spraying of glyphosate.

REPORTS/DISTRIBUTED:

Monthly reports of Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Town Clerk. The clerk is submitting checks totaling in **\$6,592.00** fees collected during August 2025.

REPORTS/ORAL

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Codey Lambrecht: Paving projects are completed. Roads are in decent shape heading into the fall and winter seasons.

Crew is currently working on Gallop Hill Road, doing ditching for drainage and regarding the entire road.

Tom Hunt will be retiring after 27 years from the Highway Department. Tom's last day will be October 16, 2025.

With the retirement of Tom Hunt, we have an open position on our crew, and I will be asking Sheila to place an ad in The Report for the next two weeks. My goal is to have new hire in place and training starts in mid-October.

Winter is approaching faster than we think and we want to ensure that we have a fully trained team, which is essential for safe and effective snow and ice response.

SUPERVISOR- Eric Wilson: Nothing to report.

BOOKKEEPER- Karen Kropp: Nothing to report.

TOWN CLERK- Sheila Paul: Clerk training from September 20th to September 22, 2025.

There will be the first Budget workshop on Thursday September 25th at 6:00pm.

Mr. Selleck spoke that he did an in-house audit in the Town Clerks office, and all accounts are in order.

REPORTS

Highway: Frank Selleck/ Eric Wilson: There have been three meetings and tough negotiations with the Teamsters and have come to an agreement. The board will discuss it in Executive Session.

Hospital: Paul Muratore/ Eric Wilson: Supervisor Wilson stated that there might be a new tenant at the Hospital.

Supervisor Wilson also spoke about two roofs that need to be replace. One is 25 square foot section, and the other is 150 square foot section. One section is 20 years past due. They will be going to bid soon.

Bassett Healthcare has signed a three-year lease.

Insurance: Heath/ Greene: Will be looking at policies for the new year. Would like to have a presentation with Insurance company 15 days before policy expires.

Zoning & Planning: Paul Muratore/ Frank Selleck: Comprehensive meeting is at 6:00, before the planning board meeting which is at 7:00. The third Monday of each month.

East Sidney Lake: Heath/ Selleck: Park closing on Saturday the 20th of September. He is planning to do electrical upgrades before winter and hoping to pave in the Spring.

Finance: Paul Muratore/ Eric Wilson: Supervisor Wilson stated that a CD will be coming

IT: Eric Wilson / Paul Muratore: Mr. Muratore announced that the Clerk's server crashed and that the server is over seven years old. Mr. Muratore has a motion to replace the server at the cost of \$ 8400.00 and it seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. **AYES:** F. Selleck, B. Heath, K. Greene. **NAYES**

DCO liaison: Kevin Greene: Minor complaints, but all is good.

Justice: Bill Heath / Frank Selleck: Mr. Selleck reported that we received \$4200 for traffic diversion program for the month of July 2025.

Judge McCann asked at the meeting how the program works, Judge McCann stated that there is extra paperwork now, but it should eventually make things easier. The town gets 80% of the fines and the County gets 20%.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Authorizing JCAP Grand Application: Judge McCann requested approval to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program. (JCAP) grant. The state program provides limited funding to improve the operation of the Court. Judge McCann would like to upgrade the computer system. Grant is up to \$30,000.

A motion made by Mr. Wilson to allow Judge McCann to move forward in applying for the JCAP grant and seconded by Mr. Selleck and carried. **AYES:** W. Heath, P. Muratore, K. Greene. **NAYES:** none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Greene stated that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application is ready for final submittal. This Grant is specifically for Town residents.

Mr. Greene also stated that hopefully the Village will apply next year for the grant.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

A Sidney resident wanted to know why the Town board had put off replacing roof on the hospital for so long. Supervisor Wilson stated that majority of the roofs on the hospital have been replaced. The two sections of the roofs been patched over the years. At this time, they need to be replaced. Supervisor Wilson also stated that the Town can only do so much within budget constraints.

Resident Lois Green thanked the council members for voting to allow a cannabis dispensary in the Town of Sidney. Green's Greenery, managed by her grandson Travis Andrews and owned by his mother Kate Andrews and grandmother. The Town receives 3% of the 4%. The recent quarter the town received. \$ 22,434.49.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Board went into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss contracts.

At 8:15 the board came out of Executive Session and voted on the Teamsters Contract. Motion to accept the 3-year Teamsters' contract was made by Mr. Muratore, seconded by Mr. Heath, and carried. **AYES:** E. Wilson, F. Selleck, K. Greene. **NAYES:** none

Adjourn:

At 8:25 Supervisor Wilson motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Greene and carried.

AYES: F. Selleck, B. Heath, P. Muratore. **NAYES:** None

The next Regular Board Meeting will on October 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R Paul, Town Clerk