Present: Mayor Matviak, Trustee Vic Tartaglia, Trustee Ray Baker, Trustee Crawford, Trustee Barry MacPherson

Absent:

Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Dorsey

Guests: Joe Rico

Mayor Matviak called meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Joe Rico wanted to discuss drug enforcement in this area as he feels nothing is being done about the issues in this area. Concerned about the number of overdoses happening and why the drug dealers are not being arrested. Mayor Matviak stated that we have a very active police department, and they are doing all they can but the laws have changed so much that a lot of the time our hands are tied on what can be done. It was discussed how fortunate we are to have a 24 hour police force where some surrounding areas are not as lucky.

Trustee Baker moved; Trustee MacPherson seconded the motion adopting the March 08, 2021 minutes as written. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Mayor Matviak presented Trustee Crawford a certificate and appreciation for his 12 years of service to the Village Board. Also a thank you to Ward Mack for his service as well.

Trustee Tartaglia discussed the weekly Eblast and that people don’t seem to be receiving them anymore, Clerk’s Office did send out a mass email to see how the Community feels about the Small Town Connects and have received two very positive emails. Mayor Matviak stated he has been in contact with Chris Smith about this and she is working to correct any issues there may be.

Trustee MacPherson moved, Trustee Baker seconded the motion to schedule a public hearing for the General, Water and Sewer Budgets for the 2021-2022 FY on April 12, 2021 at 7pm in the Village Board room located at 21 Liberty Street, Sidney NY. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Trustee Baker moved, Trustee Tartaglia seconded the motion approving the following Resolution No 032921-01;

**RESOLUTION NO 032921-01**

**TITLE: ADOPTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SIDNEY**

**CONTINUATION OF OPERATIONS PLAN SPECIFIC TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY INVOLVING A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE**

**WHEREAS,** the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has caused a public health emergency throughout the United States and indeed the world; and

**WHEREAS,** said pandemic has resulted in a number of changes to operations of local governments as a result of previously unforeseen conditions and impacts; and

**WHEREAS,** amendments to the NYS Labor Law Education Law require all public employers to be prepared for a public health emergency involving a communicable disease by requiring the drafting and publication of a Continuation of Operations Plan for use during such an emergency; and

**WHEREAS,** The Town/Village of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has prepared a Continuation of Operations Plan and has afforded all applicable duly recognized or certified representatives of the Town/Village of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ employees an opportunity to comment and provide input on the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town/Village of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hereby adopts the above referenced Continuation of Operations Plan, effective immediately; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the finalized plan be published in conspicuous locations within the Town/Village as well as on the municipal website and employee handbook (if applicable)

Trustee Baker \_Aye\_ Trustee MacPherson \_Aye\_ Trustee Crawford \_Aye\_ Trustee Tartaglia \_Aye\_ Mayor Matviak \_Aye\_

Discussion about the quarantine period and how the Village will pay COVID pay or using personal sick time depending on if the employee received a quarantine letter from DOH or not. Looking to only pay 1 round of quarantine under COVID pay.

Discussion about opening the Clerk’s Office back up on April 1st, 2021 keeping with CDC guidelines.

Trustee Baker moved, Trustee Tartaglia seconded to adopt the Police Reform Collaborative Plan as presented by the committee. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Trustee Tartaglia spoke to the Board about the logging going on, he received a call about the noise and the logs down waiting to get picked up from a nearby resident. Stated he will follow up on this at the next meeting.

Village Clerk/Treasurer spoke about the DEC requesting WWTP updates that are needed at the plant as we are in violation on a few different items. Looking into grants to get most of these updates done. Will look to do the SEQR Resolution at the April 12th meeting.

Trustee Tartaglia asked about the pool opening this summer, unsure of the Governors guidelines on this. He will look into this further for the next meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer gave an FYI that info has gone out on quotes for the landscaping on Main Street. The dead tree’s are being looked into as to if there is a warranty being held and by who, if not replaced by the contractor then the Shade Tree Committee is willing to help with this. A letter was received in the mail today about 23 Adams Street drainage issue’s, Mayor Matviak stated he advised the Senators Office that this is private property. Trustee MacPherson stated that this is due to a storage drain at the end of the Street, and every time we get heavy rains it backs up into people’s back yards until the storage drain gets pulled and unplugged. Unsure what exactly the issue is but feels it has something to do with this problem. Also discussed an archive company calling about facebook comments and social media platforms. Discussion on possibly just shutting off comments instead of hiring a company. Will continue to look into this further.

Trustee MacPherson moved; Trustee Crawford seconded a motion authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to pay the March 29, 2021 audit from the following funds:

**Fund Audit**

General $67,744.15

Water $3,557.32

Sewer $5,479.84

Community Development $31,696.75

Trust & Agency $57.92

Capital $3,822.00

**Totals $112,357.98**

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Trustee Baker moved; Trustee MacPherson seconded the motion to go into executive session @ 8:20pm on Court Personnel matter. Full Board and Clerk/Treasurer were invited to stay. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Trustee Tartaglia moved; Trustee MacPherson seconded the motion to leave executive session at 8:30pm. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Trustee Baker moved, Trustee Tartaglia seconded to appoint Jennifer Ruling as Associate Justice effective April 21, 2021 with a yearly salary of $7000 and without any other benefits offered. This term will expire on April 11, 2022. 4 Ayes, 1 Nay (Trustee Crawford). Carried.

Trustee Crawford discussed his concerns about looking into disbanding the Court due to the amount of money that goes into running the Court every year.

Trustee Crawford moved; Trustee Tartaglia seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:pm. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheena Dorsey, Village Clerk/Treasurer