

Draft- not yet approved **TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Town of Ulysses

April 9, 2024

The meeting was held in person at the Town Hall at 10 Elm St., Trumansburg NY as well as via Zoom videoconference. Notice of Town Board meetings are posted on the Town's website and Clerk's board.

*Video recordings of meetings are available on Youtube at
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWVIs--q9CpHlxdk9YxZyPw>.*

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 7pm.

ATTENDANCE:

TOWN OFFICIALS:

Supervisor- Katelin Olson

Board members- Mary Bouchard, Michael Boggs, Rich Goldman, Liz Weatherby

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Recreation Director- Will Glennon

Town Planner- Niels Tygesen

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

In person-

Roxanne Marino, Bryon & Kim Moore, Jim Dunn

Via Zoom-

Cynthia Mannino, Anne Koreman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion:

Ms. Bouchard moved to approve the agenda as presented. This was seconded by Mr. Goldman and passed unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mr. Dunn inquired about the use of permeable pavement for the town parking lot. He said that Taughannock Park has had issues with theirs in that they are unable to plow their lot in the winter and cars sink into it in the summer. He asked whether the town would be installing a rapid charging station. Ms. Olson responded that the town already has a (non-rapid) electric vehicle charging station.

Ms. Marino followed up on Mr. Dunn's inquiry. She said that the Village parking lot and Farmer's Market are under consideration for the rapid charger. They are awaiting other grant funding to make it happen.

MUNICIPAL BOARD & STAFF REPORTS:

See Appendix for staff reports submitted in advance.

Ms. Weatherby shared that the Youth Commission met last week, as did the Comp Plan Committee. The Comp Plan Committee has 2 respondents to the RFP who will be interviewed next week.

Ms. Olson said that the Camp Barton real estate transfer had not closed yet. She hopes to get a few weeks notification for the event.

Mr. Boggs noted that the WSPPC met last week

Ms. Marino said that CSAC is working on Earthcare Day preparations.

Ms. Koreman shared the following information from TC Legislature:

- Received a \$50K park grant for geothermal feasibility and looping in other county bldgs
- Looking at transitional housing for homelessness
- Rapid response began on 4/1. A 4/11 meeting will help determine future cost structure for county and munis
- An engineering study for underserved broadband is scheduled- someone will go house to house to test service, speed, viability
- Living wage discussion held
- Sales tax was down from last year for Feb. for county & munis
- Received \$1.5 million for construction grant for airport fire/rescue/snow removal building

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE FROM REC DIRECTOR, WILL GLENNON

Mr. Glennon said that spring (Jan. -April) registrations continue to be on par with 2023. The desire for more adult programming is up from last year.

Summer camp registration opened on 3/16 and 5 of the 6 weeks sold out that day with wait list numbers in the 20s, demonstrating the value and need of the service. Numbers are limited by the space at the school. Hours are 9-4 with pre & post camp care available. School needs force the program to end earlier in the summer than it would if it were at another location. The school will also likely start charging the camp a fee for use.

Adding new programs is also limited by the space available at the school. The wrestling program has experienced this.

Mr. Glennon said that transitioning to camp at Camp Barton will allow them to offer more slots, activities, time but will also necessitate additional administration and infrastructure.

NEW BUSINESS:

DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 8 – ALTERATION REQUESTED TO ZONING

Mr. Moore is requesting an alteration to their Development District in order to add a lean-to on the side of the building of their boat repair business. This is necessary to provide workers with shade from sun and cover for rain as boat work often takes place outside.

Ms. Olson confirmed that Mr. Tygesen and the Attorney for the Town agree that the zoning language does not allow a lean-to.

RESOLUTION #73 OF 2024: REFERRAL OF DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 8 ZONING ALTERATION TO THE PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, the owner of property within Development District 8 seeks an alteration to zoning in this development district; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that the request warrants further consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board directs the Ulysses Planning Board to review the alteration requests for Development District 8 and provide a recommendation to the Town Board.

Moved: Mr. Boggs

Seconded: Mr. Goldman

Olson aye
Boggs aye
Bouchard aye
Goldman aye
Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 4/9/24

CITIZEN PRUNERS CONTRACT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Ms. Olson said that Mr. Hillmann is involved with this program to train citizens in a safe way. The contract will need amending based on advice from the attorney and insurance company before it comes before the board.

Town concerns for the roads in the town- sending citizens 55 mph

TOWN JUSTICE COURT – DISCUSSION ON CONSOLIDATION OF JUSTICE POSITIONS (FROM 2 TO 1) DUE TO DECLINING COURT CASELOAD, DECLINING COURT REVENUE, AND THE IMPACT OF THE CENTRALIZED ARRAIGNMENT PART (CAP) COURT

Ms. Olson presented court data (caseloads, revenue, expenses...) that support the elimination of one of the two Town Justice positions. She said that bail reform in NYS has contributed to a decrease in revenue and Centralized arraignments (CAP Court) has lessened the load for towns. She shared that elimination of a position can only happen at the end of an elected term so now would be the time to do so as Mr. Schlee’s term ends at the end of this year.

The board could make this change by resolution subject to permissive referendum. The item will be on the agenda for further discussion at the 4/23 meeting. If the board wanted to pursue it, she suggests a Public Hearing be held even though it is not required.

Ms. Olson confirmed that Judge Dresser is willing to carry additional cases.

USDA PROPERTY ACCESS REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF BOX TREE MOTH AND EUROPEAN CHERRY FRUIT FLY TRAPS

RESOLUTION #74 OF 2024: AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO ACCESS TOWN PROPERTY BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO INSTALL BOX TREE MOTH AND EUROPEAN CHERRY FRUIT FLY TRAPS

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement granting permission for the USDA to access Town-owned property, sites to be determined, for the installation of Box Tree Moth and European Cherry Fruit Fly Traps.

Moved: Ms. Olson Seconded: Mr. Boggs
Olson aye
Boggs aye
Bouchard aye
Goldman aye
Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0
Date Adopted: 4/9/24

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 20- Tru-Uly Earthcare Day
- JCA Park clean up- 4/27
- April 23 – Regular Meeting, 7pm @ Town Hall
- May 14 – Regular Meeting, 7pm @ Town Hall

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION #75 OF 2024: APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board approve the meeting minutes as presented from 3/26/24 Regular Meeting.

Moved: Ms. Bouchard Seconded: Ms. Boggs

Olson aye
Boggs aye
Bouchard aye
Goldman aye
Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0
Date Adopted: 4/9/24

PAYMENT OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION #76 OF 2024: PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board has reviewed and approves payment of claims for Abstract 4, vouchers 154 through 189, in the amount of \$75,240.67.

Moved: Ms. Olson

Seconded: Mr. Goldman

Olson aye

Boggs aye

Bouchard aye

Goldman aye

Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 4/9/24

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (3 min limit per person):

Ms. Marino noted that the NY Rural Water liaison to the Water Source Protection Plan Committee has left the position so it may slow down the committee's process of creating a water protection plan.

ADJOURN

Mr. Goldman made a motion to adjourn at 8:26pm. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk
4/16/24*

APPENDIX:

(STAFF REPORTS follow this page)