

WORKING TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Ulysses

February 25, 2014

Held at the Ulysses Town Hall at 10 Elm Street on February 25, 2014.

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor- Liz Thomas

Board members- Rich Goldman, John Hertzler (at 7:16 p.m.), Nancy Zahler, Dave Kerness

Clerk- Carissa Parlato

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

(none)

Notice of Working Town Board meetings are posted on the website and clerk's board.

Ms. Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Ms. Thomas would like to add to the agenda a resolution to change the format of the minutes.

**RESOLUTION 2014-64:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the meeting agenda with the aforementioned change for the February 25, 2014 meeting.

Moved: Mr. Goldman

Seconded: Ms. Zahler

Ms. Thomas            aye

Ms. Zahler            aye

Mr. Kerness           aye

Mr. Goldman           aye

Mr. Hertzler           (absent)

Vote: 4-0

Date Adopted: 2/25/14

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 2/11/14**

**RESOLUTION 2014-65:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the minutes for the February 11, 2014 meeting, as edited by Ms. Thomas and Ms. Zahler; along with the new format of indentations.

Moved: Ms. Thomas

Seconded: Ms. Zahler

Ms. Thomas            aye  
Ms. Zahler            aye  
Mr. Kerness           aye  
Mr. Goldman          aye  
Mr. Hertzler          (absent)

Vote: 4-0

Date Adopted: 2/25/14

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR #1:**

(no speakers nor comments submitted this evening)

**RESOLUTION TO SET POLICY FOR MEETING MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION 2014-66:**

WHEREAS the Town Board of Ulysses is allowed to set policy on how meeting minutes are prepared; and

WHEREAS the Town Board encourages the public to contribute their ideas to the board in many ways, including during *Privilege of the Floor* at their regularly scheduled meetings; and

WHEREAS the record of public comment is important, but the text can be long especially when submitted in writing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in order to clearly and easily differentiate between text documenting Town Board discussions or resolutions from text documenting public comments, the Town Board requests the Town Clerk place both written comments submitted by community members and summaries of public comments in an appendix at the end of individual meeting minutes.

Moved: Ms. Thomas

Seconded: Mr. Kerness

Discussion: The board discussed the extent to which comments be summarized.

(Mr. Hertzler entered at 7:16 p.m.)

ADOPTED:

Ms. Thomas            aye  
Ms. Zahler            aye  
Mr. Hertzler           aye  
Mr. Kerness           aye  
Mr. Goldman          aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 2/25/14

**REDUCTION OF WATER BILL LATE FEE**

**RESOLUTION 2014-67:**

RESOLVED that the Town of Ulysses sets the late fee for paying water bills at 10% per billing cycle if left unpaid 30 days after the due date.

Moved: Ms. Thomas

Seconded: Ms. Zahler

ADOPTED:

- Ms. Thomas            aye
- Ms. Zahler            aye
- Mr. Hertzler           aye
- Mr. Kerness           aye
- Mr. Goldman           aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 2/25/14

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**UPDATE ON WORK PLAN – prioritization**

The board further discussed priorities for 2014, and assigned some point-persons to topics:

Ms. Thomas: EMS & Fire billing  
 Unified Solar Permitting  
 Rotating community center concept  
 Support Taughannock Park and the Black Diamond Trail

Mr. Kerness: Creating septic system protocols

Ms. Zahler: Housing- seeking low-income grants  
 Rotating community center concept  
 Youth programming

Mr. Goldman: Planning & zoning with respect to Jacksonville

Mr. Hertzler: EMS & Fire- the agreement with the village

**PERSONNEL POLICY UPDATE – Health insurance**

Health insurance was discussed. The current policy was compared with the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Different models were presented: a healthcare “allowance”; raising salaries in place of charging more for policies. Smoking policies were also discussed; no action was taken on either issue.

Ms. Zahler suggested voting in a short-term healthcare policy for the remainder of 2014 to allow more time to develop a long-term policy. This would involve a resolution to change hours/eligibility for insurance.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR #2:**

(no speakers nor comments submitted)

**ADJOURN:**

Ms. Zahler moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:17pm; seconded by Mr. Kerness.

Respectfully submitted  
by Carissa Parlato  
March 11, 2014