

## SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Ulysses

April 2, 2014

The meeting was held at the Ulysses Town Hall at 10 Elm Street, Trumansburg.

### PRESENT:

Supervisor- Liz Thomas

Board members- Rich Goldman, John Hertzler, Nancy Zahler, Dave Kerness

Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Deputy Supervisor- Michelle Wright

Highway Superintendent- Jim Meeker

Highway staff- Dave Reynolds, Fred Dean, Chris Stevenson

### OTHERS PRESENT:

John Woychak from Perry & Carroll Insurance in Elmira

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

Ms. Thomas called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

### **Mr. Woychak's presentation:**

Mr. Woychak of Perry & Carroll was the town's former insurance agent. He distributed folders with the following information:

- healthcare reform information and timeline,
- metal levels (platinum, gold, silver, bronze) for qualified health plans,
- definitions of benefits
- Perry & Carroll rates and plans (platinum and silver)

Mr. Meeker noted the highway department's desire to keep the level of benefits that they currently have. He drew attention to the importance of having good benefits to retain the qualified employees needed to perform highway tasks.

Mr. Woychak completed his presentation and excused himself at 7:10pm.

The board decided that they would like to see side-by-side comparisons of:

- The town's current plan with the consortium/Perry & Carroll/ACA (Obamacare)
- The various retirement plans of the town retirees

The highway department excused themselves at 7:30pm.

Ms. Wright excused herself at 8pm.

The group continued the discussion, focusing on medicare, supplemental plans, and retiree coverage. They opted not to take action until more information is obtained.

**FORUM DISCUSSION:**

The board discussed the upcoming forum scheduled for April 12 and decided which topics would be discussed and by whom, the amount of time spent talking versus listening and the order of activities.

People will be invited to put a pin on the map showing their property, as they have coffee and snacks.

Sign in sheets will be available with opportunities to join committees.

After going over logistics, each board member will give a brief “commercial” on the following topics:

Ms. Thomas- Jacksonville

- Water District 3 updates
- The Jacksonville church
- Properties of concern

Mr. Kerness- Water

- Second source
- Septic inspections
- Potential new water districts

Ms. Kiley- Zoning

Ms. Zahler- EMS Billing

Mr. Hertzler- Alternative energy/sustainability

Mr. Goldman- Stronger code enforcement

Time will be given for questions and then breakout groups will be formed according to interest.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:54pm was made by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Kerness.

*Respectfully submitted*  
*by Carissa Parlato*  
*April 11, 2014*