

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Ulysses

January 27, 2015

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

PRESENT:

Supervisor- Liz Thomas
1st Deputy Supervisor- Nancy Zahler
Board members- John Hertzler, Dave Kerness, Rich Goldman
2nd Deputy Supervisor- Michelle Wright
Clerk- Carissa Parlato

OTHERS PRESENT:

Phil Antweiler (Jacksonville Community Association (JCA)), Dave Schurman

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

RESOLUTION 2015-39:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the agenda for January 27, 2015 with the additions of: Mr. Kerness' proposal, an executive session, budget modifications (along with claims for approval), the discussion of storm water and recommendations for the Planning Board's work plan.

Moved: Ms. Thomas

Seconded: Mr. Kerness

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

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 1/27/15

(APPROVAL OF MINUTES was moved to the end of the meeting.)

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Thomas announced the following:

- The Town of Enfield sent information on Black Oak Wind Farm for the board’s review.
- MedEx has raised its administration fees (for ambulance billing) for 2015.
- A training is being offered in April through Syracuse University on a number of topics.

Mr. Goldman shared that Renovus (a successful renewable energy supplier/installer) has purchased property and will be moving into Ulysses.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mr. Antweiler shared the following updates from the JCA:

- A discussion on the revitalization of Jacksonville prioritized the following: increasing attractiveness, walkability, accessible housing to median income and seniors, efficient use of infrastructure and facilitating transit use.
- Opportunities and challenges of properties in need of redevelopment
- The possibility of partnering with CCE for a “community café” (a community discussion carried out by a skilled facilitator).

The board entered into the discussion at this time to offer its ideas on the white store (that may go to tax sale).

Ms. Thomas would like to assemble a new water committee focused on Water District 3 issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

GENERAL CODE

Ms. Thomas presented the items that need to be amended as part of the codification and took the board’s input.

2015 WORK PLAN

Ms. Wright and Ms. Zahler presented a proposed 2015 work plan for the board and the board gave their input.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECORD OF ACTIVITIES FOR NYS RETIREMENT

RESOLUTION 2015-40:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Ulysses-(location code 30607) hereby establishes the following work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on time keeping records or their record of activities.

Title	Std work day	Name	Last 4 of ss.#	Reg. #	Current term	Participate s in time-keeping system (yes/no)	ROA result
<i>Elected officials</i>							
Town Supervisor	6	Elizabeth Thomas			1/1/14-12/31/17	No	27.36
Town Clerk	8	Carissa Parlato			1/1/14-12/31/17	No	22.09
Highway	8	James Meeker			1/1/14-12/31/17	No	24.86

Superintendent						
Town Judge	6	Thomas Schlee			1/1/13-12/31/16	No 18.67
Appointed officials						
Court Clerk	8	Angela Champion			1/1/15-12/31/15	Yes
Deputy Town Clerk	6.2	Patricia Halloran			1/1/15-12/31/15	Yes
Deputy Highway Superintendent	8	David Reynolds			1/1/15-12/31/15	Yes

Moved: Mr. Goldman Seconded: Ms. Zahler

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

Vote: 4-1
 Date Adopted: 1/27/15

TRAILS PROJECT-

TOMPKINS COUNTY TRAIL USER INFORMATION WEBSITE

RESOLUTION 2015-41:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Ulysses Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to submit a grant application for up to \$50,000 to the Tompkins County Tourism Grant Program to create a comprehensive website of hiking, biking and ski trail information that will link the multiple trails throughout the County together for ease of use by both tourists and local residents. Also,

RESOLVED that there will be no cash or direct monetary component of this grant expected from the Town of Ulysses, only the in-kind contribution of the Town Supervisor’s time.

Moved: Ms. Thomas Seconded: Mr. Kerness

Discussion- Ms. Zahler asked for clarification on financials and Ms. Thomas’ time commitment. Ms. Thomas responded.

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

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 1/27/15

TEMPORARY LEADERSHIP ASSIGNMENT

RESOLUTION 2015-42:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses appoints Rich Goldman to take the role of leadership of the town February 5 to 8; and Dave Kerness from February 15 to 18, 2015 during the absence of both the Town Supervisor and the First Deputy Supervisor.

Moved: Ms. Thomas Seconded: Mr. Goldman

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

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 1/27/15

STORMWATER RESOLUTION- Rescission

RESOLUTION 2015-43:

Ms. Zahler moved to rescind Resolution 2015-35, rescinding the action on charges related to stormwater control until the board can reassess policies and procedures relating to applicant chargebacks.

Moved: Ms. Zahler Seconded: Mr. Goldman

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

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 1/27/15

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 12/9

RESOLUTION 2015-44:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the minutes for 12/18/14 and 1/7/14 as edited by Ms. Thomas.

Moved: Ms. Thomas Seconded: Ms. Zahler

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

Vote: 4-0

Date Adopted: 1/27/15

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

RESOLUTION 2015-45:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve vouchers 1-4 in the amount of \$15,421.03.

Moved: Ms. Thomas

Seconded: Mr. Goldman

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

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 1/27/15

APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

RESOLUTION 2015-46:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve budget modifications as follows:

A FUND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

A1220.12	Deputy Supervisor PS	increase	1,965.00
<i>2014 original budget estimate calculation did not reflect the accurate weekly hours</i>			
A1220.11	Bookkeeper PS	decrease	601.75
A1460.4	Records Management	decrease	1,363.25
A1220.4	Supervisor CE	increase	206.80
<i>Credit card fees from Clerk's office</i>			
A1410.4	Clerk CE	decrease	206.80
A1410.11	Deputy Town Clerk PS	increase	1,586.67
<i>2014 costs exceeding estimates</i>			
A1410.1	Town Clerk PS	decrease	720.10
A1460.4	Records Management	decrease	866.57

A5132.4	Highway Barn CE	increase	27.20
A1460.4	Records Management	decrease	27.20
A9060.8	Medical/Dental Insurance	increase	5,319.61
<i>Exceeding 2014 estimates</i>			
A1460.4	Records Management	decrease	2246.17
A1620.2	Town Hall EQ	decrease	3073.44

B FUND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

B3620.4	Safety Inspection CE	increase	241.18
Training for Alex and cell phone payment			
B3620.2	Safety Inspection EQ	decrease	241.18
<i>From the unpurchased truck</i>			
B9060.8	Medical Insurance	increase	1,480.45
<i>Exceeding 2014 estimates</i>			
B3620.2	Safety Inspection EQ	decrease	1,480.45
<i>From the unpurchased truck</i>			

DA FUND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

DA5130.1	Machinery PS	increase	8,737.92
<i>Old equipment broke down</i>			
DA5140.1	Brush and Weeds PS	decrease	3240.91
DA5142.1	Snow Removal PS	decrease	535.78
DA5148.1	Snow Removal OG PS	decrease	535.76
DA5130.4	Machinery CE	decrease	4,425.47

DA9030.8	Social Security	increase	1180.41
<i>Due to increase in payroll salary budget line</i>			
DA5130.4	Machinery CE	decrease	1180.41

DB9060.8	Medical Insurance	increase	3,489.95
<i>Exceeding 2014 estimates</i>			
DA5130.4	Machinery CE	decrease	3,489.95

DB FUND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

DB5110.1	Highway Maintenance PS	increase	1,859.52
<i>Old equipment broke down</i>			
DB5110.4	Highway Maintenance CE	decrease	1,859.52

DB9030	Social Security	increase	137.86
<i>Due to increase in payroll salary budget line</i>			

DB5110.4	Highway Maintenance CE	decrease	137.86
DB9060	Medical Insurance	increase	3,541.01
<i>Exceeding 2014 estimates</i>			
DB5110.4	Highway Maintenance CE	decrease	3,541.01

Moved: Ms. Thomas

Seconded: Ms. Zahler

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

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 1/27/15

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mr. Antweiler commented on family and dwelling units in the zoning law. He would like to see if amending this language can improve code enforcement.

Mr. Schurman said that he was impressed with the ambition of the Town Board after hearing the work plan proposal. He added that he is in support of straightening out the laws (General Code codification project).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ms. Thomas made a motion to move into executive session at 9:52 p.m. for matters pertaining to the proposed acquisition of real property; seconded by Ms. Zahler.

Ms. Zahler made a motion to move out of executive session at 10:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Goldman, passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Goldman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kerness and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato on 2/4/15.