

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Ulysses

January 24, 2017

Audio of the minutes are available on the website at ulysses.ny.us.

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

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

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

Supervisor- Liz Thomas

1st Deputy Supervisor- Nancy Zahler

2nd Deputy Supervisor- Michelle Wright

Board members- Michael Boggs, Rich Goldman, John Hertzler

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Planner- Darby Kiley

OTHERS PRESENT:

(none)

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

RESOLUTION 2017-41: APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the agenda for January 24, 2017 with the addition of a discussion of a tree grant and an executive session to discuss the acquisition of real property.

Moved: Ms. Thomas

Seconded: Mr. Goldman

Ms. Thomas aye

Ms. Zahler aye

Mr. Hertzler aye

Mr. Boggs aye

Mr. Goldman aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 1/10/17

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

(none)

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Thomas noted the following:

- The highway department has decided to unionize.
- The county has offered to buy the town a sign to commemorate their bicentennial.
- Met with the sidewalk committee yesterday. Hopefully construction will start in May.
- Mariette is reviewing the ag section of the zoning update. She will send it to the zoning steering committee next.
- Formal recognition was received from the state for the Salo drive grant.

Ms. Zahler noted that she met with Ag Committee and they have a lot of project ideas.

NEW BUSINESS:

SOLAR LAW REVISIONS

RESOLUTION 2017-42: SOLAR LAW REVISIONS

WHEREAS the Ulysses Conservation and Sustainability Advisory Committee submitted recommendations for changes to the Town of Ulysses Solar Local Law including recommendations for design standards for glare, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board has worked on three separate large-scale solar installations in the past year and also may have recommendations for changes to the Ulysses Solar Local Law, Therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board recommends referring the comments about the Ulysses Solar Local Law from the Ulysses Conservation and Sustainability Advisory Committee (CSAC) to the Ulysses Planning Board for their review and

RESOLVED the Ulysses Town Board requests the Ulysses Planning Board deliberate on the recommendations from the CSAC in combination with their own knowledge of the functionality of the Ulysses Solar Local Law to recommend edits to Ulysses Town Board.

Moved: Ms. Thomas Seconded: Mr. Goldman

Mr. Hertzler asked questions regarding the glare calculations.

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

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 1/24/17

ESTABLISHING LEAD AGENCY FOR SOLAR PROJECT

RESOLUTION 2017-43: ESTABLISHING LEAD AGENCY FOR SOLAR PROJECT

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board has no objection to the Ulysses Planning Board's request to establish itself as Lead Agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act for reviewing the 2 megawatt community solar project proposed by Renovus Energy, Inc. located at 1574 Trumansburg Road.

Moved: Ms. Thomas Seconded: Ms. Zahler

Mr. Hertzler questioned the location of the farm on a major route and whether glare would be an issue.

Ms. Thomas aye
Ms. Zahler aye
Mr. Hertzler nay
Mr. Boggs aye
Mr. Goldman aye

Vote: 4-1
Date Adopted: 1/24/17

OLD BUSINESS:

AUTHORIZING THE 2017 WORK PLAN FOR THE TOWN BOARD

The board discussed the work plan ideas and ratings.

RESOLUTION 2017-44: AUTHORIZING THE 2017 WORK PLAN FOR THE TOWN BOARD

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board has set general priorities for their work for the year 2017 according to their Work Plan finalized on 1/24/2017, acknowledging that other topics may emerge throughout the year that may take precedent.

Moved: Ms. Thomas Seconded: Ms. Zahler

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

Vote: 5-0
Date Adopted: 1/24/17

APPOINTMENT AND SALARY FOR WATER DISTRICT OPERATOR ASSISTANT

RESOLUTION 2017-45: APPOINTMENT AND SALARY OF WATER DISTRICT OPERATOR ASSISTANT

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board appoints Dustin VanDerzee to the position of Water District Operator Assistant at the pay rate of \$15.09.

Moved: Ms. Thomas Seconded: Mr. Hertzler

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

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 1/24/17

RE-APPOINTMENT OF CONTINUING MEMBER TO THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 2017-46: RE-APPOINTMENT OF CONTINUING MEMBER TO THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board reappoints John Gates to the Agriculture Committee with a term ending 12/31/2019, and

RESOLVED the Ulysses Town Clerk’s office will contact the returning member to take the oath of office and sign the ethics pledge.

Moved: Ms. Zahler Seconded: Mr. Boggs

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

Vote: 5-0
Date Adopted: 1/24/17

RECREATION PARTNERSHIP

The board will wait until they have a new version of the draft contract to discuss this further.

REQUEST FROM CSAC FOR TREE GRANT

RESOLUTION 2017-46: AUTHORIZING CSAC TO SUBMIT A GRANT

Resolved that the Ulysses Town Board authorizes members of the Conservation and Sustainability Advisory Committee to prepare a grant application for the Town to submit to the NYS DEC Urban & Community Forestry Grants program for a tree inventory in parts of the Town of Ulysses.

Moved: Ms. Thomas Seconded: Mr. Boggs

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

Vote: 5-0
Date Adopted: 1/24/17

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

(none)

MONTHLY BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2017-47: APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1/4

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the minutes of 1/4/17.

Moved: Ms. Thomas Seconded: Mr. Goldman

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

Vote: 5-0
Date Adopted: 1/24/17

RESOLUTION 2017-47: APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1/10

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the minutes of 1/10/17.

Moved: Ms. Thomas Seconded: Mr. Goldman

Ms. Zahler noted that the State of the Village meeting was reported as being on 2/4 but is actually on 2/11.

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

Vote: 5-0
Date Adopted: 1/24/17

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

RESOLUTION 2017-48: APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the following budget modifications to the 2016 budget:

A1220.4	Supervisor CE	Increase	\$1,483.93
<i>Increase in payroll processing expenses and accounting software.</i>			
A1010.4	Town Board CE	Decrease	\$1,483.93
<i>Approximately \$400 left after this modification.</i>			

A1220.11	Bookkeeper PS	Increase	\$2,013.44
A1220.12	Deputy Supervisor PS	Decrease	\$2,013.44

A1410.11	Deputy Town Clerk PS	Increase	\$272.00
<i>Slightly more hours than projected.</i>			
A1410.4	Town Clerk CE	Decrease	\$272.00

Over \$1000 left in this line post modification.

A5010.1	Highway Superintendent PS	Increase	\$5,505.79
<i>Due to change in Highway Superintendent in the beginning of 2016.</i>			
A-915	Unappropriated Fund Balance	Decrease	\$5,505.79
<i>Estimated over \$300,000 fund balance remaining</i>			

A5132.4	Highway Barn CE	Increase	\$857.91
A5132.2	Highway Barn EQ	Decrease	\$857.91
<i>Approximately \$150 remaining post modification.</i>			

B8010.4	Zoning CE	Increase	\$103.66
B8020.1	Zoning Clerk PS	Decrease	\$103.66

B1440.4	Engineering CE	Increase	\$464.00
<i>Map plan and report for water district 5</i>			
B1990.4	Contingency account	Decrease	\$464.00
B9060.8	Health Insurance	Increase	\$7,089.12
<i>This was due to the change in health benefits provided to a particular employee in the B fund. This extra expense was accounted for during the budgeting season.</i>			
B1990.4	Contingency account	Decrease	\$7,089.12
<i>\$2,446.88 left in contingency post modification</i>			

130.2	Machinery EQ	Increase	\$57,187.80
<i>This is a known over expenditure and was accounted for during the budgeting season with our end of year estimates.</i>			

DA-915	Assigned Unappropriated Fund Balance	Decrease	\$57,187.80
<i>This plan (developed during the budget season) allows us to preserve the equipment reserve for future use.</i>			

DA9055.8	Disability Insurance	Increase	\$17.32
DA9060.8	Health Insurance	Decrease	\$17.32

SW3-8330.4	Water Purification Contractual	Increase	\$7,096.36
<i>Additional costs due to TTHM remediation work in water district: engineering work required for funding opportunities. Preliminary engineering report and environmental report for NEPA.</i>			
SW3-915	Assigned Unappropriated Fund Balance	Decrease	\$7,096.36
<i>Funds available.</i>			

Moved: Ms. Thomas Seconded: Ms. Zahler

Ms. Thomas aye

Ms. Zahler aye
Mr. Hertzler aye
Mr. Boggs aye
Mr. Goldman aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 1/24/17

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Goldman made a motion to move into Executive Session at 9:28pm for the purpose of discussing the possible acquisition of real estate where a public discussion may affect the price or terms. This was seconded by Ms. Zahler and passed unanimously.

Ms. Zahler moved to end Executive Session at 9:58pm, seconded by Mr. Goldman and passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Goldman moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:58pm; seconded by Mr. Hertzler and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato on 1/25/17.