

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Ulysses

April 26, 2018

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:

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Supervisor- Liz Thomas

Board members- Michael Boggs, John Hertzler, Nancy Zahler (*via conference call- unable to vote)

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Bookkeeper- Nina Thompson

ABSENT:

Rich Goldman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Don Smith, Bruce Fredericks, Mark Sussman, John & Linda Liddle

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

RESOLUTION 2018-97: APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the agenda for April 26, 2018 with the addition of an executive session to discuss collective bargaining.

Moved: Ms. Thomas

Seconded: Mr. Boggs

Ms. Thomas aye

Ms. Zahler *unable to vote

Mr. Hertzler aye

Mr. Boggs aye

Mr. Goldman absent

Vote: 3-0

Date Adopted: 4/26/18

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Don Smith, 1329 Taughannock Blvd., commented on the status of the proposed Route 89 water district. He appreciates what the town has done so far and wants to continue to the next step to

determine whether the project is viable. Harmful algal blooms (HABs) were a big problem last year and continued issues will affect the town's property tax base negatively.

Bruce Fredericks from 1130 Maplewood Rd. spoke in support of continuing the proposal as well as access to clean water would secure property values.

Mark Sussman, from Seneca and Curry Roads, is concerned about a vacant area near the Curry road bridge which has become a hangout for people. He worries about trash or other issues.

GENERAL UPDATES:

Mr. Boggs shared that he attended a water summit in Seneca Falls as well as the IO (Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Organization) and ag meetings. He will attend the Planning Board meeting as well.

Ms. Thomas shared that she went to a water conference over the weekend where HABs were discussed.

At this time, the board discussed the Route 89 water district and handling planning and zoning when the Environmental Planner leaves to start her new job.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK FOR THE PLANNING BOARD

RESOLUTION 2018-98: APPOINTMENT OF CLERK FOR THE PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses has an opening for the Clerk of the Planning Board and the Zoning Update Steering Committee, and

WHEREAS, this position was advertised and applicants were interviewed,

Therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of Ulysses appoints Maria Barry to be the Clerk for the Planning Board and Zoning Update Steering Committee at the rate of \$16/hour.

Moved: Ms. Thomas Seconded: Mr. Boggs

- Ms. Thomas aye
- Ms. Zahler *unable to vote
- Mr. Hertzler aye
- Mr. Boggs aye
- Mr. Goldman absent

Vote: 3-0

Date Adopted: 4/26/18

SUPPORTING A CONGRESSIONAL BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS

RESOLUTION 2018- : SUPPORTING A CONGRESSIONAL BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses is committed to the health and safety of students, school employees, and all residents, and

WHEREAS, it is the Town of Ulysses' highest priority to create and maintain a respectful and healthy environment and the town is, therefore, committed to reduce gun violence and

fatalities; doing so is necessary to helping all children thrive and remain safe at home, in school, and throughout life, and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Congress passed and President Clinton signed, the Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Use Protection Act, that banned the manufacture for civilian use of certain semi-automatic firearms defined as assault weapons and certain ammunition magazines defined as large capacity in order to reduce crime and violence in the United States, and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the Act expired by operation of law and has not been renewed by Congress, and

WHEREAS, due to the expiration of the Act, assault weapons may be legally sold and purchased within many states, and

WHEREAS, since 1999, the number of mass shootings in schools, churches, and other public places has increased as the overall national crime rate has steadily declined, and

WHEREAS, in the last several years, mass shooting incidents involving assault-style weapons and high-volume magazines once banned by the Act have occurred in locations across the United States including Tucson, Arizona; Aurora, Colorado; Newtown, Connecticut; Clackamas, Oregon; Virginia Tech University; Las Vegas, Nevada; Orlando, Florida; and Parkland, Florida, and

WHEREAS, hundreds of innocent children and adults have been killed or injured in these incidents, and

WHEREAS, the use of semi-automatic, assault-style weapons equipped with large capacity magazines enables persons intent on committing mass murder to cause far more deaths and injuries than would be possible if such weapons and ammunition magazines were not available, and

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Ulysses mourn the loss of the 17 innocent people murdered on February 14, 2018, at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, the deadliest school shooting since 2012, and

WHEREAS, the firearm used to murder and injure the victims at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School was an AR-15 semi-automatic assault style weapon equipped with high-capacity magazines, the same weapon used repeatedly in school shootings of students and teachers, and

WHEREAS, assault-style weapons and large capacity ammunition magazines are not suitable for civilian use of any type and constitute a demonstrated threat to the general public and law enforcement personnel, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ulysses urges the United States Congress to immediately enact a law mirroring the provisions of the Assault Weapons Ban of 2013 as introduced in the United States Senate that prohibits the sale of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, and

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk send copies of this resolution to Congressman Reed and to Senators Charles Schumer and Kristen Gillibrand and request their support for the passage of the legislation.

Moved: Ms. Thomas Seconded: Mr. Hertzler

After a brief discussion, the board agreed to table this resolution.

TABLED.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

MONTHLY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2018-99: APPROVAL OF MINUTES- 4/13 AND 4/16 SPECIAL MEETINGS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the minutes of 4/13 and 4/16.

Moved: Ms. Thomas Seconded: Mr. Boggs

Ms. Thomas	aye
Ms. Zahler	*unable to vote
Mr. Hertzler	aye
Mr. Boggs	aye
Mr. Goldman	absent

Vote: 3-0

Date Adopted: 4/26/18

RESOLUTION 2018-100: APPROVAL OF MINUTES- 4/10

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the minutes of 4/10 for the public hearing and the regular meeting.

Moved: Ms. Thomas Seconded: Mr. Boggs

Ms. Thomas	aye
Ms. Zahler	*unable to vote
Mr. Hertzler	aye
Mr. Boggs	aye
Mr. Goldman	absent

Vote: 3-0

Date Adopted: 4/26/18

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Boggs moved to go into Executive Session at 7:42pm for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining. This was seconded by Mr. Hertzler and passed unanimously.

Ms. Thomas moved to end Executive Session at 8:37pm, seconded by Mr. Boggs and passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Boggs moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm; seconded by Mr. Hertzler.

Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato on 5/3/18.