

*Draft- not yet approved* **TOWN BOARD MEETING**

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Town of Ulysses

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March 26, 2024

*The meeting was held in person at the Town Hall at 10 Elm St., Trumansburg NY as well as via Zoom videoconference. Notice of Town Board meetings are posted on the Town's website and Clerk's board.*

*Video recordings of meetings are available on Youtube at  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWVIs--q9CpHlxdk9YxZyPw>.*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**TOWN OFFICIALS:**

Supervisor- Katelin Olson

Board members- Mary Bouchard, Michael Boggs, Rich Goldman, Liz Weatherby (via Zoom due to extraordinary circumstances)

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

In person-

Roxanne Marino, Linda Liddle

Via Zoom-

Maddy Vogel

From NYS Dept. of Health- Braden Savage, Martin Zartarian, Pat O'Connor

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion:**

Ms. Olson requested the addition of discussion of well testing to New Business. Ms. Bouchard moved to approve the agenda with this amendment. This was seconded by Mr. Goldman and passed unanimously.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Ms. Marino spoke on behalf of the Water Source Protection Plan Committee (WSPPC). She said that last night the committee spoke with NYS Dept. of Health regarding well testing for 20 properties. She thanked the board for agreeing to add it to the agenda tonight and shared an informational document.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ARPA PROCUREMENT AND PROCESS UPDATE**

Ms. Olson updated the board by saying that MRB has been engaged to do the scoping associated with the new parking lot and stormwater management project.

**IT/CYBER UPDATE**

Ms. Olson said that the town has just about completed the phases of the IT project with only the phone system upgrade left. She noted that it has been a difficult transition to move to IT support that is remote without having someone on-site. In the future it may be necessary to hire a local person to be on-site to interface with the IT company.

**WELL TESTING PROGRAM:**

Mr. Zartarian from NYS Dept. of Health Bureau of Water Supply Protection said that his program can sample 20 wells and collect historical info on well, wellhead, casing, test for coliform, e-coli, nitrates, sulfites, lead, iron, magnesium... Wells along the lake could be tested for HABs. The results will then be shared with owners. The town will receive results that are not location specific.

Mr. Goldman asked the town’s responsibility if a well is found to be contaminated and the homeowner does not have the means to remediate it.

Mr. Zartarian said that the Healthy Neighborhoods program which can help if the county chooses to participate.

He added that contaminants could be geological or man-made- they wouldn’t necessarily be able to tell.

Ms. Olson asked whether contamination findings are shared with the local health depts. or other agencies. Mr. Zartarian said that they could share with the county or other state agencies in an attempt to find resources.

Ms. Marino noted that a part of the Water Source Protection Plan will include strategies, education, and implementation so well testing is relevant.

Ms. Olson and Mr. Goldman confirmed that the town is interested in participating.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 9 – Regular Meeting, 7pm @ Town Hall

April 20- Earthcare Day

April 23 – Regular Meeting, 7pm @ Town Hall

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION #72 OF 2024: APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board approve the meeting minutes as presented from 3/12/24 Regular Meeting.

Moved: Mr. Goldman                      Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

- Olson                      aye
- Boggs                    aye
- Bouchard                aye
- Goldman                aye
- Weatherby              aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 3/26/24

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (3 min limit per person):**

Ms. Liddle asked when she should share details on the water/additional well-testing for ARPA. Ms. Olson said ASAP so we can begin considering

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Goldman made a motion to adjourn at 7:49pm. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk  
4/5/24*