

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Ulysses

May 28, 2019

Audio of the minutes are available on the website at [ulysses.ny.us](http://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- Nancy Zahler, Michael Boggs, Richard Goldman, John Hertzler

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Bookkeeper- Nina Thompson

Project Assistant- Michelle Wright

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle Couwenhoven, Anne Koreman (Tompkins County Legislator), Linda Liddle

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

#### **RESOLUTION 2019-100: APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the agenda for May 28, 2019 with the additions of a union contract amendment discussion and a budget modification.

Moved: Mr. Goldman

Seconded: Mr. Boggs

Ms. Thomas            aye

Ms. Zahler            aye

Mr. Hertzler        aye

Mr. Boggs            aye

Mr. Goldman        aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 5/28/19

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

*(none)*

### **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:**

Ms. Koreman shared the following updates from Tompkins County:

- A \$10 million federal grant was awarded for airport.

- Funding was approved for another outreach worker on the Commons. This is meant to be a preventative program for mental health assistance.
- The legislature supported the NYS halt resolution to reduce isolation time while incarcerated. encouraging 15 day max
- The property foreclosure auction will be held on June 17. There are no properties in Ulysses.
- They are working on getting human rights commission up and running.
- TCAT will have 3 or more electric buses soon due to grant awards.
- The Cayuga power plant announced that it will close down the coal burning plant and set up a solar powered data center.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Hertzler shared that he has been working on the Jacksonville fundraiser for new restrooms but not on behalf of the town.

Ms. Zahler shared the following:

- Tomorrow is Durand Day as proclaimed by the town board.
- She attended a presentation on emergency response times.
- The County Planning Dept. is preparing for the 2020 census and asked about any special areas in the town that should be focused on. Ms. Zahler suggested Jacksonville.
- NYSERDA has approved an extension for the zoning grant project.

Mr. Boggs shared the following:

- He and Mr. Goldman attended the Planning Board meeting on the zoning update draft.
- He attended the IO meeting where they discussed Cayuga County’s lake management plan which may be used as a model for other municipalities.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF MISSION & GUIDELINES FOR HABITAT NATURE PRESERVE on SALO Drive**

Ms. Zahler presented draft language for the proposed sign at the Salo Drive trail.

**RESOLUTION 2019-101: APPROVAL OF MISSION & GUIDELINES FOR HABITAT NATURE PRESERVE on SALO Drive**

WHEREAS, the Ulysses Town Board appointed the Salo Habitat Advisory Committee in 2018 to make recommendations to the Town about the purpose and use of this unique resource purchased with a grant from the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee has engaged local neighbors to assure that the mission and guidelines for use will welcome visitors while minimizing disruptions for neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee recommended a mission statement, guidelines for use, and proposed signage for the nature preserve; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the proposed mission, guidelines, and plans for signage be approved as suggested.

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: 5/28/19

**HIGHWAY CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PLANNING DISCUSSION**

Ms. Thomas distributed an updated capital plan. Mr. Stewart would like to speed up acquisition of a flail mower. Also, a new plow is needed for the 2020 Mack truck that has already been ordered. The board discussed the capital plan and came up with questions for the next meeting with Mr. Stewart.

**APPROVAL OF RECREATION PARTNERSHIP BY-LAWS**

**RESOLUTION 2019-102: APPROVAL OF RECREATION PARTNERSHIP BY-LAWS**

WHEREAS, the Ulysses Town Board received updated by-laws for the Recreation Partnership dated April 23, 2019 from Tompkins County Youth Services Coordinator Janice Johnson, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board ratifies the Recreation Partnership by-laws as presented.

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: 5/28/19

**HIGHWAY UNION CONTRACT AMENDMENTS**

The highway department is requesting that some of the staff move to a compressed work week of 10-hour days for four days each week. The staff discussed how overtime and call-in time would be calculated.

The department would also like the board to consider the contract language about seniority protection and clarification of starting salary.

Board members discussed whether to pursue this discussion as it took many hours to negotiate the current contract but decided that if the union representative provides the language, the Town Board is amenable to considering this suggestion.

Mr. Goldman & Ms. Zahler agreed to hold a follow up conversation with the union and highway.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

*(none)*

**MONTHLY BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION 2019-103: APPROVAL OF MINUTES from 4/9**

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approves the minutes from the Town Board meeting on 5/14/19.

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: 5/28/19

**BUDGET MODIFICATION**

**RESOLUTION 2019-104: BUDGET MODIFICATION**

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approves the following budget modification:

**A FUND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

A5010.4	Highway Superintendent CE	INCREASE	\$1,000.00
<i>To increase line to cover new computer and additional expenditures expected</i>			
A917	Unassigned Unappropriated Fund Balance	DECREASE	\$1,000.00
<i>To appropriate additional fund balance to cover the above increase</i>			

Moved: Ms. Thomas                      Seconded: Mr. Boggs

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

Vote: 5-0

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**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Goldman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm, seconded by Mr. Boggs and passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato on 6/5/19.*