

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Ulysses

July 23, 2019

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- Nancy Zahler, Michael Boggs, Richard Goldman, John Hertzler

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Bookkeeper- Nina Thompson

Project Assistant- Michelle Wright

OTHERS PRESENT:

Linda Liddle, Michelle Couwenhoven, Janice Johnson (Tompkins County Youth Services), Jon Gregory (Trumansburg/Ulysses Youth Commission), Anne Koreman (Tompkins County Legislator)

CALL TO ORDER:

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

YOUTH SERVICES PRESENTATION

Mr. Gregory introduced himself as the Village of Trumansburg representative to the Trumansburg/Ulysses Youth Commission. He explained that the youth commission is a partnership between the town, village, and county, with the charge of allocating funds and advising some programs.

He went on to say that the commission is trying to create a new position for a year round, part-time Recreation Director and proposed that the position be administered by the town and housed in the town hall. The position could be funded using current funding levels with the goal of improving access, professionalism and centralization of the many recreational offerings.

Ms. Johnson explained that she provides technical assistance and support to recreation directors throughout county. Trumansburg/Ulysses is the only municipality that does not have a year-round position to coordinate all of the programming. She added that the current local recreation director is part-time and seasonal and does not take advantage of the monthly meetings or support that is offered. She reiterated the need for more professionalism and access in the position.

The board asked questions regarding current programs, funding structure, costs, and implications of the proposed position on current town staff.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

RESOLUTION 2019-136: APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the agenda for July 23, 2019 with the additions of a discussion of Empire Passes for the library; zoning update; and an executive session to discuss the appointment of a particular person.

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: 7/23/19

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

(none)

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

Ms. Koreman shared the following:

- Early voting locations & dates have been set: 10/26-11/3/19 at various locales including the Town of Ithaca, and the crash & fire rescue building on Brown Road.
- The legislature will discuss redistricting for the next election after census data has been received.
- At 5:30pm on 8/6/19, the legislature will read a resolution in honor of James Johnston, a soldier from Trumansburg who was killed.
- They have been looking at various jails to get ideas for jail renovations.
- Tompkins County Human Rights office is hosting some documentaries at Cinemapolis with guest speakers.

NEW BUSINESS:

SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY

RESOLUTION 2019-137: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH TOMPKINS COUNTY FOR REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE ON COUNTY ROADS

WHEREAS the Town of Ulysses plows and deices roads owned by the County and the County reimburses the Town for this work, and

WHEREAS the existing Snow and Ice Agreement with Tompkins County ending September 30, 2019 has worked well in the past for reimbursement to the Town from the County of expenses to keep county roads safe in the winter, and

WHEREAS the Highway Superintendent recommends approval of the 3-year Agreement that outlines the reimbursement amounts for snow and ice removal done by the Town of Ulysses on roads owned by Tompkins County.

Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the Snow and Ice Agreement between the Town of Ulysses and Tompkins County for a 3-year period from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2022.

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: 7/23/19

The board discussed the Highway Superintendent’s plans to switch to a new type of deicer.

CONDITION OF COUNTY ROADS

RESOLUTION 2019-138: CONDITION OF COUNTY ROADS

WHEREAS the following roads owned by Tompkins County in the Town of Ulysses are in extremely poor conditions which include potholes, crumbling edges of the road, and poor shoulder condition:

- Jacksonville Road
- Taughannock Park Road
- Waterburg Road
- Halseyville Road
- Podunk Road

WHEREAS the conditions of these roads are a safety hazard, especially for bicycles and motorcycles and can cause damage to cars on roads that have an assumed speed limit of 55 mph,

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board requests that Tompkins County increase the rate of repair and resurfacing of these roads that are in dangerous condition.

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: 7/23/19

GENERAL UPDATES:

Ms. Zahler shared the following:

- Signage for the Habitat Nature Preserve is in the works
- She attended a county meeting regarding the census. They are hiring census takers even though will mostly be on-line. The group is advocating for to get leaders from underserved communities to encourage participation in completing the census.

Ms. Thomas shared the following:

- The trails website has been adopted by the Tompkins County visitors bureau.
- The Historian and Deputy Clerk have been working on cemetery documentation.
- HABs have been confirmed in Cayuga Lake. She is on 3-4 committees dealing with this issue.
- The Zoning & Code Officer will do write up on a recent enforcement action where the DEC was involved.
- There was a recent DEC action on the village laundromat due to unapproved new washing machines and discharge into the creek.
- Grassroots displayed their plans for large-scale development at the festival.

OLD BUSINESS:

GENERAL CODE CONTRACT

RESOLUTION 2019-139: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR GENERAL CODE

RESOLVED that the Town Board of Ulysses authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the contract with General Code to incorporate local laws from 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 into the Ulysses Code as quoted by Mary Beth Sullivan from General Code on 3/21/2019.

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: 7/23/19

ZONING

Mr. Boggs shared that he has been working on stream definitions in the zoning draft.

Ms. Thomas noted that she is hoping to get a clean copy of the updated draft to the board next week.

Ms. Thomas shared that there have been some changes in the draft to ag-related commerce. The group discussed.

Ms. Zahler suggested that the board hold a public information session in addition to a public hearing so that questions can be answered.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

DECLARING SURPLUS EQUIPMENT FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2019-140: DECLARING SURPLUS EQUIPMENT FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board declares that the following equipment belonging to the town is surplus and can be sent to auction, sold, used in trade for new equipment, or disposed of by the Highway Superintendent:

1967 Galion Grader

1973 Sullair compressor

1990 Ford 917H flail mower

2007 Smith model 14 Salt Spreader (no truck that this fits)

1999 Smith model Salt Spreader 10AHC (no truck that this fits)

1968 Airflow boxes (2)

2003 Frink power angle plow

1990 Ford 917H flail mower

1989 Frink trip wings and arm

Moved: Mr. Boggs

Seconded: Ms. Zahler

Ms. Thomas aye

Ms. Zahler aye

Mr. Hertzler aye

Mr. Boggs aye

Mr. Goldman aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 7/23/19

ESTABLISHING THE PLANNING BOARD AS LEAD AGENCY FOR SEQRA FOR THE REQUESTED CARS EXPANSION

RESOLUTION 2019-141: ESTABLISHING THE PLANNING BOARD AS LEAD AGENCY FOR SEQRA FOR THE REQUESTED CARS EXPANSION

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of Ulysses is reviewing a project by Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services (CARs) and has requested declaring itself as Lead Agency for SEQRA.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of Ulysses authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the letter of intent for the Planning Board to act as Lead Agency pursuant to SEQRA on the CARS expansion project, and

RESOLVED that the Town Board of Ulysses requests final approval of the CARS project only be given provided that a finalized contract for municipal water for the expansion is in place,

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Therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of Ulysses authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the letter of intent for the Planning Board to act as Lead Agency pursuant to SEQRA on the CARS expansion project, and

RESOLVED that the Town Board of Ulysses requests final approval of the CARS project only be given provided that a finalized contract for municipal water for the expansion is in place.

Moved: Ms. Zahler

Seconded: Ms. Thomas

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

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 7/23/19

ADOPTING A WETLANDS MAP FOR THE TOWN OF ULYSSES

Ms. Thomas said that she has been urging the Water Resources Council take this issue up and ask the county to endorse these maps.

RESOLUTION 2019-142: ADOPTING A WETLANDS MAP FOR THE TOWN OF ULYSSES

RESOLVED that the Town of Ulysses adopts as its official map of wetlands in the Town of Ulysses, the Ulysses section of the 2012 map of Tompkins County Wetlands developed by Nicholas Hollingshead with support and funding from the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network, Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation, the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance, Tompkins County, and the Park Foundation.

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: 7/23/19

CANCELLING THE AUGUST 27 TOWN BOARD MEETING

RESOLUTION 2019-143: CANCELLING THE AUGUST 27 TOWN BOARD MEETING

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board meeting on August 27 is cancelled.

Moved: Ms. Zahler Seconded: Ms. Thomas

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

Vote: 5-0
Date Adopted: 7/23/19

EMPIRE PASSES AVAILABLE FOR CHECK OUT FROM ULYSSES LIBRARY

Ms. Thomas shared that the library director asked the whether the town board could donate 3 additional empire passes for the library to offer for checkout. The board agreed.

Ms. Zahler gave thanks to all who helped with JCA fundraiser. The group is now beginning to plan the community build for the new restroom.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

(none)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2019-144: APPROVAL OF MINUTES from 7/9/19

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approves the minutes from the Town Board meeting on 7/9/19.

Moved: Ms. Zahler Seconded: Mr. Goldman

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

Vote: 5-0
Date Adopted: 6/25/19

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ms. Thomas made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:05pm. This was seconded by Mr. Goldman and passed unanimously.

Ms. Zahler moved to end Executive Session at 9:38pm. This was seconded by Mr. Goldman and passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Goldman moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:38pm, seconded by Ms. Zahler and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato on 8/6/19.