

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Joint EMS/Fire Meeting

Town of Ulysses

September 3, 2019

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

The meeting was held at the Trumansburg Fire Hall, Main 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 (arrived 7:07pm)

Board members- Michael Boggs, Nancy Zahler, Rich Goldman (arrived 7:45pm), John Hertzler (arrived 7:26pm),

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Project Assistant- Michelle Wright

OTHERS PRESENT: Trustees of the Village of Trumansburg (Rordan Hart, Debbie Watkins, Ben Darfler, Ben Carver, Keith Hannon) representatives from the Towns of Covert and Hector

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

DISCUSSION on the PROPOSED FIRE BUDGET:

Deputy Fire Chief Matt Taylor presented the proposed 2019 fire budget expenses, highlighting the areas where costs have changed from the 2018 budget, and responded to questions from board members.

Mr. Hart directed the group to a handout projecting reserve funds amounts. Mr. Darfler further explained. Board members asked questions.

Mr. Hertzler arrived at this time.

Mr. Fulton noted that it would be helpful if the Towns of Covert & Ulysses considered procuring a water craft with a fire pump for lakefront emergencies. He estimated that the cost to purchase is \$50,000-200,000.

Mr. Hart and Mr. Darfler shared alternate models for structuring EMS and Fire cost-sharing in the joint districts.

Ms. Zahler inquired as to why call volume has increased. Mr. Fulton responded that the reporting method has changed.

Mr. Hart ended the fire budget discussion by noting that there is a 3.2% but they may receive grant funds that would help offset this.

DISCUSSION on the PROPOSED EMS BUDGET:

Mr. Hart noted that the previous year closed out \$112,000 over budget due to payroll/overtime.

The group discussed strategies for dealing with under/overages, such as with a reserve.

Mr. Hart explained the proposed budget and said that the expenditure spikes are due primarily to new staff.

The group discussed how the number of calls is determined.

Ms. Zahler inquired about last year's overage and whether they have budgeted to avoid this for next year.

ADJOURN:

Ms. Zahler moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm; seconded by Mr. Goldman and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato on 10/2/19.