

**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING**

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**2021 Tentative Budget**

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Town of Ulysses

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October 21, 2020

The meeting was held via Zoom videoconference and noticed on the website at [ulysses.ny.us](http://ulysses.ny.us).

**ATTENDANCE:**

**TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Supervisor- Nancy Zahler

Board members- Michael Boggs, Katelin Olson, Rich Goldman, Marc Devokaitis

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Deputy Supervisor- Michelle Wright

**OTHERS:**

Mary Bouchard

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ms. Zahler called the Ulysses Town Board to order at 8:03am.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Ms. Olson moved to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Mr. Boggs and passed unanimously.

**2021 TENTATIVE BUDGET:**

The group had a brief discussion of the EV charging station and whether to pass cost to users or continue to pay and what the rate should be. The Conservation and Sustainability Advisory Committee will be tasked with making recommendations to the Town Board.

**FIRE/EMS lines:**

- Whether a reserve can be used
- Planning for future cost increases

**WATER DISTRICTS**

- Water District 1
- Water District 2
- Water District 3
- Water District 4
- HA FUND – (aerator capital project)

**HB FUND**

(Cemetery replacement capital project)

**REVIEW SUMMARY AND TAX RATES**

Overview of tax rates compared to previous years.

Mr. Devokaitis was excused at this time (9:35am).

**B FUND**

The board discussed code enforcement hours. Board members agreed that 30 hours would be ideal to significantly improve enforcement but there was concern about the financial impact. Most agreed on increasing hours to 27 for 2021 and re-visiting the issue early in year after 2020 is closed out.

**ADOPTION OF 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**RESOLUTION #207 of 2020: ADOPTION OF 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS the Town Supervisor presented the 2021 Tentative Budget to the Town Clerk and the Town Board on September 29, 2020, and

WHEREAS the Town Board discussed and considered the 2021 Tentative Budget at meetings on October 1,13,15, 16, 19, and 21, 2020;

RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts the Preliminary Budget for 2021 as presented at the 10/21/2020 meeting for the Town of Ulysses, with a .98% increase in the tax levy and a 2.5801 tax rate per \$1000 for Town residents outside the Village of Trumansburg, and a 1.52% levy increase and 1.2236 tax rate per \$1000 for Village of Trumansburg residents, and further

RESOLVED that the Town Board hold a public hearing via Zoom, on Thursday, 10/29/20 at 7pm for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Town of Ulysses 2021 Preliminary Budget and be it further

RESOLVED, that access details for how to participate in the Public Hearing shall be posted on the Town of Ulysses website at [www.ulysses.ny.us](http://www.ulysses.ny.us) at least 24 hours prior to the date of the hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is for all persons wishing to comment in favor or against the 2021 Preliminary Budget to have an opportunity to provide their comments thereon, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in addition to participation in the public hearing, all members of the public wishing to submit written comments on the proposed local law may do so in writing addressed to the Town Clerk at 10 Elm Street, Trumansburg, NY 14886 or by email to [clerk@ulysses.ny.us](mailto:clerk@ulysses.ny.us), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to publish notice of said hearing in the Ithaca Journal as required by law and the Town Board authorizes payment of expenses associated with said publications.

Moved: Ms. Zahler

Seconded: Mr. Goldman

Ms. Zahler	aye
Ms. Olson	aye
Mr. Boggs	aye
Mr. Goldman	aye

Vote: 4-0

Date Adopted: 10/21/20

**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Goldman moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:01am. This was seconded by Mr. Boggs.

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*Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato on 10/22/20.*