

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

2022 Budget

Town of Ulysses

October 6, 2021

The meeting was held via videoconference on the Zoom platform.
Notice of Town Board meetings are posted on the Town's website and Clerk's board.

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Zahler called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

ATTENDANCE:

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Supervisor- Nancy Zahler

Board members- Michael Boggs, Katelin Olson, Rich Goldman, Mary Bouchard

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Budget Officer- Michelle E. Wright

OTHERS PRESENT:

(none)

2022 BUDGET

BRIEF REVIEW OF THE SUMMARY AND TAX RATE CHARTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE BUDGET

Ms. Wright gave a brief overview and explained the Tax Rate Schedule sheet of the Tentative Budget.

A FUND REVIEW

The following lines were discussed:

- Town Board
- Town Justice
- Supervisor- a new line added: Secretary to Supervisor
- Auditor
 - Audit required for ARPA funds
 - An annual GASB compliance audit used to be covered by Health Consortium but now covered by town
- Town Clerk
- Attorney
 - Line increases due to:
 - Expanded services at higher rates
 - Will need to procure new counsel as current is stepping down
 - Annexation may result in a costly appeals process (not enough is budgeted for this)
- Engineering
- Elections- not often used but kept in case a permissive or mandatory referendum is needed, or if a primary is necessary outside of a usual election cycle

- Records Management- large increase planned for new water district law and updates to zoning and special permits laws
- Town Hall EQ- increases due to
 - All town hall computers now coming out of this EQ line
 - Paving of parking lot. Request to get current estimate
- Town Hall CE
 - IT upgrades (cybersecurity and new computers)
 - EV charging station service contract fees- discussion of a 3yr or 5yr contract- agreement by board for 1 yr contract due to changing technology
- Central communication
 - Discussion of costs for phone/internet
- Printing & Mailing
- Liability Insurance
- Municipal Association Dues
- Contingency- further discussion will take place in Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Goldman moved to go into Executive Session at 9:45am for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

Ms. Bouchard moved to end Executive Session at 10:05am. This was seconded by Ms. Olson and passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Mr. Goldman made a move to adjourn at 10:05am. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk
10/13/2021*