

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Ulysses

June 25, 2018

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The meeting was held at the Ulysses Town Hall at 10 Elm Street, Trumansburg.

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### **ATTENDANCE:**

#### TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Supervisor- Liz Thomas

Board members- Michael Boggs, John Hertzler, Nancy Zahler, Rich Goldman

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Bookkeeper- Nina Thompson

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Anne Koreman, Ulysses resident and County Legislator

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Ms. Thomas called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

#### **RESOLUTION 2018-126: APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the agenda for June 25, 2018 with the addition of cemetery maintenance.

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: 6/25/18

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

(none)

### **REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE:**

Ms. Koreman shared the following:

- She suggested that the town pass a resolution opposing the Cayuga Power Plant's plans to use compressed natural gas.

- Sales tax for the quarter is up 6.5%.

## **URGING SUPPORT OF PRIDE MONTH AND PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION**

### **RESOLUTION 2018-127: URGING SUPPORT OF PRIDE MONTH AND PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION**

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2017 the Ulysses Town Board adopted resolution 2017-116 creating a policy that allows the Town Board to consider requests from organizations seeking endorsement for their environmental and/or social causes that “ promote or support the rights, inclusion, dignity of all Town residents and those historically excluded or discriminated against...” and

WHEREAS, County Legislator Anne Koreman affiliated with Finger Lakes Pulse, a local LGBTQ group, has requested that the Town of Ulysses affirm the dignity and equal rights of individuals with a wide range of sexual identities who have been discriminated against and to show our support and solidarity by displaying a rainbow flag at the Town Hall during LGBTQ+ Pride Month in June 2018,

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board expresses its welcoming support of and commitment to assuring the equal rights of all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, asexual and questioning individuals who live and work in our community and those who visit here throughout the year and further

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board urges Senator Thomas O’Mara to support and advocate for the passage of Senate Bill S07010, which is the companion bill to Assembly Bill A03358, co-sponsored by Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton, which passed by the Assembly in May 2018 during the next legislative session. The law “prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or expression; defines "gender identity or expression" as having or being perceived as having a gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression whether or not that gender identity, self image, appearance, behavior or expression is different from that traditionally associated with the sex assigned to that person at birth; further includes offenses regarding gender identity or expression within the list of hate crimes,” and further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ulysses thank Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton for her leadership and co-sponsorship of this important bill to reduce discrimination based on gender identity or expression and further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk send certified copies of this resolution to Senator O’Mara and Assemblywoman Lifton and to County Legislator Anne Koreman.

Moved: Ms. Zahler    Seconded: Mr. Goldman

Mr. Goldman proposed a friendly amendment to remove the flag statement.

Ms. Thomas            aye

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

Vote: 4-1

Date Adopted: 6/25/18

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DECLARING MANSE ROAD A HIGHWAY BY USE**

**RESOLUTION 2018-128: DECLARING MANSE ROAD A HIGHWAY BY USE**

WHEREAS Manse Road, which runs between Route 96 and Jacksonville Roads in the Town of Ulysses has been used as a public road for at least 40 years, and maintained by the Town of Ulysses Highway department for far more than forty(40) years; and

WHEREAS Manse Road was sometimes referred to as Church Road in Town documents and the two names were used interchangeably; and

WHEREAS on April 8, 1967 the Town of Ulysses Planning Board passed a resolution to accept Manse Road as the official name of a previously unnamed road that appeared on the 1960 Official Town Map; and

WHEREAS on August 8, 1995 it is noted in the Town of Ulysses Town Board meeting minutes that the highway superintendent was asked to block off Manse Road for a celebration; and

WHEREAS the Town Highway Superintendent report of November 14, 2006 shows that a drain line and catch basin were installed on Manse Road (misspelled Mense Road in minutes); and

WHEREAS the August 9, 2008 Town Highway Superintendent report shows that Manse Road was paved (misspelled Manne Road in minutes); and

WHEREAS the November 10, 2008 Town Highway Superintendent report shows the highway department paved an invert for channeling water into a catch Basin on Church Road; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Ulysses declares Manse Road a highway by use in the Town of Ulysses AT THE CURRENT SURVEYED WIDTH pursuant to Highway Law section 189.

Moved: Ms. Thomas            Seconded: Mr. Goldman

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

Vote: 4-1

Date Adopted: 6/25/18

**ADOPTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY**

**RESOLUTION 2018-129: ADOPTING THE NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses Board believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments which is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change may endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; affecting drinking water supplies; and posing potential health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS on September 16, 2016, the Town of Ulysses pledged by resolution to participate in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s “Climate Smart Communities” initiative; and

WHEREAS the Town of Ulysses appointed the Ulysses Environmental Planner as the Town’s Climate Smart Community Coordinator on June 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, achieving Climate Smart Communities certification helps receive better scores for some State funding applications, and provides recognition for the Town’s climate action leadership, and

WHEREAS Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County and the Clean Energy Coordinator, in conjunction with the Ulysses Conservation and Sustainability Advisory Committee drafted and reviewed a natural resources inventory for the town which will help to identify critical resources to preserve, and

WHEREAS the NRI is a living document and may be amended over time,

Therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town of Ulysses adopts the Town of Ulysses Natural Resources Inventory as presented at the meeting on June 25, 2018; and further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk send a certified copy of this resolution to the regional Clean Energy Communities Energy Coordinator, Terrance Carroll, prior to 6/29/2018, and to the chair of the CSAC.

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: 6/25/18

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**TRUMANSBURG COMMUNITY RECREATION (TCR) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

The board discussed the MOU and proposed deleting line 1d, which seemed to be added in error.

**DESIGNATING THE ULYSSES CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS THE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE FOR THE TOWN OF ULYSSES**

**RESOLUTION 2018-130: DESIGNATING THE ULYSSES CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS THE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE FOR THE TOWN OF ULYSSES**

WHEREAS, the Ulysses Town Board through Resolution No. 2016-154 on September 13, 2016 pledged to participate in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s “Climate Smart Communities” Initiative in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, and

WHEREAS, a Climate Smart Communities Certification Program has been developed to provide local governments with a framework to guide climate action and enable high-performing communities to achieve recognition for their leadership, and

WHEREAS, achieving Climate Smart Communities certification helps receive better scores for some State funding applications, and provides recognition for the Town’s climate action leadership, and

WHEREAS, in order to become a Climate Smart Community, one of the mandatory actions is to establish or designate a Climate Smart Communities Task Force, which serves as a central body of leadership that promotes and supports climate mitigation and adaption in the community, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Ulysses Conservation and Sustainability Advisory Committee is to provide the Town Board with advice and counsel on energy, climate change, and energy-related economic development issues—areas that overlap with the Climate Smart Communities goals.

Therefore, now be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board hereby designates the Ulysses Conservation and Sustainability Advisory Committee as the Town’s Climate Smart Communities Task Force for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Climate Smart Communities Initiative.

Moved: Ms. Thomas

Seconded: Mr. Hertzler

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

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 6/25/18

**CEMETERY MAINTENANCE**

Jacob McAvoy, a recent high school graduate who repaired headstones in the past, offered to do more this summer.

**RESOLUTION 2018-131: APPOINTMENT FOR SPECIAL CEMETERY MAINTENANCE PROJECT**

RESOLVED to appoint Jacob McAvoy to repair cemetery stones in the Jacksonville cemetery at a rate of \$11/hr for up to \$1000 from budget line A8810.1 and be supervised by the Town Supervisor.

Moved: Ms. Thomas                      Seconded: Mr. Hertzler

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

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 6/25/18

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

(none)

**MONTHLY BUSINESS**

**BUDGET MODIFICATION**

**RESOLUTION 2018-132: BUDGET MODIFICATION**

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approves the following budget modifications

**A FUND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

A5410.4	Sidewalks CE	INCREASE	\$1,000.00
To cover costs for mowing & snow removal on the sidewalk along Smith Woods			
A1990.4	Contingency	DECREASE	\$1,000.00
\$14,738 would remain in the A Fund Contingency account			

A8810.1	Cemeteries PS	INCREASE	\$1,000.00
<i>To fund a new budget line for temporary seasonal labor for cemetery maintenance</i>			
A8810.4	Cemeteries CE	INCREASE	\$500.00
<i>To cover supplies associated with cemetery maintenance</i>			
A1990.4	Contingency	DECREASE	\$1,500.00
<i>\$13,238 would remain in the A Fund Contingency account</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  
Date Adopted: 6/25/18

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION 2018-133: APPROVAL OF MINUTES- 6/12/18**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the minutes of 6/12/2018 as edited.

Moved: Ms. Thomas                      Seconded: Mr. Boggs

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

Vote: 4-0  
Date Adopted: 6/25/18

**RESOLUTION 2018-134: APPROVAL OF MINUTES-6/20/18**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approve the minutes of 6/20/2018.

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: 6/25/18

**ADJOURN:**

Ms. Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm; seconded by Ms. Zahler.

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*Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato on 7/6/18.*