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**ULYSSES TOWN BOARD  
RESOLUTIONS for OCTOBER 27, 2020**

4 Section 5a ++++++

5 **RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_ OF 2020: AUTHORIZING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE TOMPKINS COUNTY BROADBAND STUDY**

6 *WHEREAS the lack of broadband access impedes the ability of our residents to do work, attend school, have medical*  
7 *appointments, run their businesses, and even to have virtual face-to-face conversations with loved ones; and*

8 *WHEREAS access to broadband services is not a luxury but a necessary public need that must be addressed; and*

9 *WHEREAS there are still households in the Town of Ulysses that lack access to highspeed broadband service and others*  
10 *experience barriers to access based on affordability and physical distance from the road; and*

11 *WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses adopted resolution #202 of 2020 on October 13, 2020 urging the Tompkins County*  
12 *Legislature to undertake a countywide study to improve broadband access and*

13 *WHEREAS, The Tompkins County Legislature has given tentative approval to a 2021 funding request to enable Tompkins*  
14 *County to enter into a contract to study the current status of broadband coverage within all municipalities in Tompkins*  
15 *County and the portion of Seneca County served by the Trumansburg School District and to develop recommendations for*  
16 *affordably expanding access to all households in throughout Tompkins County, including the Trumansburg School*  
17 *District, in collaboration with the Southern Tier Network,*

18 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT,**

19 *RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses pledges the amount of \$5000, payable to Tompkins County in*  
20 *2021 to financially support the Countywide Broadband study that will provide the following deliverables to identify a*  
21 *possible path forward for a county-wide buildout of both middle and last mile fiber optic cable in Tompkins County:*

- 22 1. *Market assessment - identifying the unserved and underserved areas, what the competition is in the county,*  
23 *where do the current providers provide service, what the terms are and what they are charging, and will outline*  
24 *demographics.*
- 25 2. *Design - outside (geographic layout and design, redundancy and diversity, how to reach each address point,*  
26 *comparison of a distributed or central architecture) and inside plan design (where should colocation centers be*  
27 *placed, convergence points, OLTs, etc...).*
- 28 3. *Business and operations model - what are the different models out there for municipal based fiber to the home.*  
29 *What does it look like and what are the different models of operation?*
- 30 4. *Operations and maintenance - a complete look at what would it take to operate the infrastructure, what type of*  
31 *service, what are the staffing needs, what is a recommended maintenance schedule? How often do you need to*  
32 *replace a core router etc...?*
- 33 5. *Financials - for both capital and operations (including take rate opportunities) - what kind of revenue can you*  
34 *expect since it needs to cover costs for many decades?*

1 *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Ulysses pledges \$5,000 to be paid to Tompkins County in 2021 when the*  
2 *contract for the above deliverables is executed and be it*

3 *FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount of \$5,000 be appropriated from the 2021 proposed Contingency Fund Account*  
4 *A1990.4 rather than increasing the 2021 Preliminary budget and be it*

5 *FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Clerk shall send a certified copy of the approved resolution to the Tompkins*  
6 *County Administrator as evidence of the Town’s pledge of support of the proposed Broadband study.*

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8 **RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_ OF 2020: Approval of payment for guide rail installation to claim State reimbursement**

9 *WHEREAS, to protect the roadway along Maplewood Road in the Town of Ulysses, the Highway Superintendent has*  
10 *arranged for the purchase and installation of a guide rail at a cost of \$15, 654 and*

11 *WHEREAS, funds for this project are available in the 2020 Town of Ulysses Budget DB 5112.2 Account and*

12 *WHEREAS, this expense is 100% reimbursable by New York State through the CHIPS program and*

13 *WHEREAS, the deadline for submission to New York State is November 13, 2020 and requires a copy of the cancelled*  
14 *check from the vendor and*

15 *WHEREAS, to hold the voucher until the Town Board’s normal payment cycle scheduled for November 10, 2020 would*  
16 *make it difficult to submit all documentation needed to request NYS reimbursement by the deadline, now therefore be it*

17 *RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board authorizes the early payment of Voucher # \_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$15,654 from*  
18 *account DB112.2 to expedite reimbursement from the New York State CHIPS program.*

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21 **RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_ of 2020: Authorization to Contract for Space Rental for Middle School Program**

22 *WHEREAS, the COVID -19 Community Education Program for Trumansburg Middle School Students needs to secure an*  
23 *appropriate venue to continue the successful program through the rest of the Fall 2020 school session and*

24 *WHEREAS, negotiations for space are underway for the program to resume before the next Town Board meeting, and*

25 *WHEREAS, the program costs are included in the 2020 budget and are offset by parent fees and donations, now therefore*  
26 *be it*

27 *RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute a space rental agreement for*  
28 *an amount not to exceed \$2000 for the balance of the fall school session and be it further*

29 *RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Supervisor shall report to the Town Board on the agreement and shall file an executed*  
30 *copy of the agreement with the Town Clerk.*

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1 Section 6e ++++++

2 **RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2020: Approval of Videoconference Proposal to Enhance Public Engagement**

3 *WHEREAS, due to COVID-19, the Governor of New York State has required the Ulysses Town Board to meet remotely*  
4 *since March 2020 and*

5 *WHEREAS, to assure that the public had continued access to the deliberations of the Town Board and opportunities to*  
6 *provide comments to the Town Board during public hearings and Town Board meetings, the Town Board has used Zoom*  
7 *as a videoconferencing platform to conduct meetings and*

8 *WHEREAS, when the Town Board is required to resume in-person meetings at the Town Hall, it wishes to continue to*  
9 *continue to provide greater and more flexible access to enable the public to engage with their local government, and*

10 *WHEREAS, the attached proposal outlines a cost-effective way to adapt the Town Hall court room to enhance both in-*  
11 *person and remote participation by the public and remote arraignments by the Justice Courts, and*

12 *WHEREAS, funds for the purchase of equipment and consultation needed to create a hybrid meeting capacity for in-*  
13 *person and remote participation are available in the 2020 budget, now therefore be it*

14 *RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board approves the proposal and authorizes the expenditure of up to \$3350 from the*  
15 *2020 budget.*

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17 Section 6 f+++++

18 **RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2020: Appointment to the Joint Youth Commission**

19 *WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Ulysses and the Village of Trumansburg requires*  
20 *the Town of Ulysses to appoint two representatives to the Ulysses-Trumansburg Joint Youth Commission to help identify*  
21 *youth needs and recommend programs to address those needs, and*

22 *WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in one of the Town seats and*

23 *WHEREAS, a well-qualified Town resident has expressed interest in serving on the Joint Youth Commission, now therefore*  
24 *be it*

25 *RESOLVED, that \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed as the second Town representative to the Joint Youth*  
26 *Commission.*

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28 Section 6g ++++++

29 **Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_ of 2020: Authorizing use of funds from the Town of Ulysses A234 / A878 Capital Improvement**  
30 **Reserve Fund for an Asset Database**

31 *WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses adopted a resolution on September 12, 2017 establishing the type*  
32 *capital reserve fund to cover the cost of future capital expenses in the A Fund; and*

33 *WHEREAS, the current balance of the A234 / A878 Capital Improvement Reserve Fund is \$31,047.20; and*

1 WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §6-c, an expenditure from a capital equipment reserve fund requires  
2 authorization by the Town Board, and such authorization is subject to a permissive referendum; and

3 WHEREAS, Local Finance Law § 11.00 contains the list of periods of probable usefulness for various items and purposes  
4 for which a municipality may issue debt and for which the term equipment is linked; and

5 WHEREAS, Local Finance Law § 11.00 states that “The expenses incurred by a municipality, for the acquisition and  
6 installation of a new computer assisted integrated financial management and accounting system” is a capital expense  
7 that falls under the term equipment; and

8 WHEREAS, the intent of this custom asset database is to maintain data pertaining to Town owned capital assets in order  
9 to comply with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB); and

10 WHEREAS, the Town purchased a custom asset database for \$3,120 in April of 2020 (voucher number 152); and

11 WHEREAS, the Town received verbal guidance on August 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 from the Accounting Firm Insero, in the presence of  
12 Town Counsel, that appropriating money from a reserve for an expense is not problematic as long as the expense is an  
13 appropriate use of said reserve;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the following expenditures from the Town of Ulysses  
15 A234 / A878 Capital Improvement Reserve Fund for the purchase of an asset database for \$3,120;

16 RESOLVED that, pursuant to General Municipal Law §6-c, this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will post and publish the following notice of the permissive referendum in accordance to  
19 law and provide a copy of such notice to the Town Supervisor:

20 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regular meeting held on the 27th day of October, 2020, the Town Board of the Town  
21 of Ulysses, New York duly adopted Resolution #\_\_\_\_ of 2020, an abstract of which follows below, which is subject to a  
22 permissive referendum pursuant to General Municipal Law section 6-c. The resolution authorizes the Town of Ulysses  
23 (“the Town”) to use up to \$3,120 from the Town of A234 / A878 Capital Improvement Reserve Fund. The resolution shall  
24 take effect 30 days after adoption, i.e., on November 27th, 2020, unless by such date there is filed in the office of the  
25 town clerk a petition, signed, and acknowledged or proved, or authenticated by electors of the town qualified to vote  
26 upon a proposition to raise and expend money, in number equal to at least five percent of the total vote cast for governor  
27 in the Town at the last general election held for the election of state officers, but not be less than 100 in a town of the  
28 first class, protesting against the resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the qualified electors of the town, for  
29 their approval or disapproval.  
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31 Section 10 ++++++

32 **RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_ OF 2020: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

33 RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approves the minutes from the Town Board meetings held October 13, October  
34 15,16, 19, and 21, 2020.

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