



ULYSSES TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTIONS for August 24, 2021

Section 2

RESOLUTION # OF 2021 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board agenda for August 24, 2021 is approved as presented/amended.

Section 5a NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-: Annexation resolutions to be added at the meeting

Section 5b- NEW BUSINESS

2021 # : Authorization to Pursue Water Studies for Town Residents

WHEREAS, residents of the Town of Ulysses have requested public water to address poor water quality and/or insufficient supplies of potable water, and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Zoning Update has targeted some communities of the Town for denser development and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan adopted by Congress in 2021 has provided federal funding to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 and to support local infrastructure projects related to water, sewer, and broadband and

WHEREAS, the Town acknowledges the need to preserve and protect farm lands in the Town, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ulysses explore the feasibility of conducting a town-wide water study to identify properties with insufficient or low quality water supply, to determine where there is potential interest in developing water districts that do not adversely affect active farmlands or identify other possible mitigation measures for areas unsuitable for water districts, and further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ulysses determine the cost and engineers to conduct water studies to explore previously identified areas for water quality improvement, including:

- Updating of the Map, Plan and Report developed in 2018 for Falls Road property owners
A water line to connect Water District #3 from its terminus on Cold Springs Road and the Village of Trumansburg's water line serving Town residents and Cayuga Addiction Recovery Services and
A potential expansion of Water District #3 to prepare for anticipated growth in this community targeted for development.

Section 7 CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS A-D

WHEREAS, the Ulysses Town Board has reviewed the following resolutions A-E thoroughly and is satisfied that the resolutions are sufficiently clear and do not require further explanation or discussion, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that Resolutions A-D are hereby approved as printed.

44 **RESOLUTION A: 2021-_____ : Town Board Authorization for Online Bank Transfers Between Town Accounts**

45 WHEREAS, bank transfers between Town bank accounts for routine Town operations, including payroll and vendor
46 payments are currently prepared manually and physically brought to the bank for processing; and

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48 WHEREAS, online banking allows for immediate electronic transfers between the Town’s operational bank accounts; and

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50 WHEREAS, the Comptroller’s publication – Cash Management Technology notes: “the benefits of online banking include
51 the ability to review account balances and check clearing activity, make transfers between bank accounts, reconcile
52 accounts frequently, and closely monitor cash balances for more effective investing”; and

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54 WHEREAS, the Town Bookkeeper would be able to more efficiently manage operational cash flow for payroll and
55 accounts payable with the ability to make online transfers between Town operational bank accounts; and

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57 WHEREAS, the online transaction authority for the Bookkeeper would be limited to transferring funds between Town
58 bank accounts, and would not allow for other transactions; now therefore be it

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60 RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board authorizes online digital banking access for the Town Bookkeeper and Budget
61 Officer to make transfers between Town bank accounts and be it further

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63 RESOLVED, that the Bookkeeper shall notify the Budget Officer and the Supervisor of any online transfers.

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65 **RESOLUTION B: 2021-_____ : Town Board Procurement Notification Acknowledgement of Chlorine Pump Included in**
66 **Water District 3 TTHM Remediation Aerator Project**

67 WHEREAS, the Water District 3 TTHM Remediation Aerator Project partially funded by the New York State
68 Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) Grant through the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant
69 Program, EFC project number 18217 has progressed through installation of equipment and testing, and,

70 WHEREAS, the Town has been notified by project engineers that the chlorine pump has been included in eligible costs
71 for the project, and

72 WHEREAS, per the Town’s procurement policy, two quotes have been obtained and confirmed still valid, and the Water
73 District Operator recommends the purchase to provide backup for this critical component of the water system and
74 intends to purchase from the low bidder; now therefore be it

75 RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board acknowledges receipt of this notice of procurement for the chlorine pump.

76 **RESOLUTION C: 2021-_____ : Urging Limited Suspension by Executive Order of the New York Open Meetings Law**

77 **WHEREAS** on March 12, 2020, in an effort to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus, otherwise known as COVID-19,
78 New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.1 which, in part, suspended portions of Article 7 of
79 the New York Public Officers Law and did so “to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such
80 actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings
81 to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such
82 proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed;” Governor Cuomo successively extending such
83 suspension by Executive Orders on a monthly basis through June 25, 2021; and

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85 **WHEREAS**, on June 24th, 2021, by Executive Order 210, Governor Cuomo rescinded Executive Orders 202 through
86 202.111, including Executive Order 202.1, effective June 25, 2021, the Governor concluding at that time that “the State
87 of New York [has] successfully flattened the curve of COVID-19 cases in New York,” and that, therefore, the Executive
88 Orders were “no longer necessary;” and

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WHEREAS, since the issuance of Executive Order 210, the increased prevalence of the Delta Variant of COVID-19 has caused a resurgence of coronavirus cases throughout the United States, New York State and Tompkins County, said resurgence prompting local governments to reinstate public health advisories that call for the indoor masking of individuals, whether vaccinated or not, and recommend limitations on the size of indoor gatherings, including municipal meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s rescission of Executive Order 202.1 now requires that the Ulysses Town Board, as well as all municipal governing boards throughout New York State, convene in-person meetings at a central location and allow full public attendance and participation therein; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses, like many municipalities throughout New York State, finds itself with limited meeting facilities that may not provide adequate social distancing for either Board members or meeting attendees, and further, that the Ulysses Town Board senses among both its own members and the Town’s other residents a serious and growing concern regarding the public’s health and safety amid the coronavirus’ resurgence; and

WHEREAS, no legislative remedy to this problem through amendment of Article 7 of the New York Public Officers Law is likely to occur before January 2022; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board respectfully requests that the Governor of the State of New York immediately re-impose through Executive Order those portions of previous Executive Order 202.1 that suspended portions of Article 7 of the New York Public Officers Law—commonly referred to as the “Open Meetings Law”—so as to permit municipal governing boards and other, similar municipal bodies to conduct public meetings remotely in a manner similar to, and with like restrictions, as Executive Order 202.1 permitted, and that such suspension continue until such time as the Delta Variant and any similarly-lethal variants of COVID-19 have successfully been controlled; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to The Hon. Kathy C. Hochul, Lieutenant Governor and New York Governor-Designate; the Hon. Thomas F. O’Mara, New York State Senator; Dr. Anna R. Kelles, New York State Assemblymember; the Hon. Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, Chair, Tompkins County Legislature; and the Secretary of the Tompkins County Council of Governments.

RESOLUTION D: 2021-_____ : Approval of August 10, 2021 minutes

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board has reviewed and hereby approves the minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting as presented/amended.