



ULYSSES TOWN BOARD

RESOLUTIONS for September 28, 2021

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RESOLUTION # _____ OF 2021 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board agenda for September 28, 2021 is approved as presented/amended.

Section 5 a- NEW BUSINESS ++++++

RESOLUTION # ____ of 2020: ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW # 2 OF 2021 TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C

WHEREAS, municipalities of the State of New York are limited in the amount of real property taxes that may be levied each year under the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c, and

WHEREAS, subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c expressly authorizes a municipality to override the tax levy limit if the town government decides to adopt a budget with a property tax levy that exceeds the level set by the State, by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the governing body, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses reviewed and discussed a proposed local law to override the tax levy limit and adopted a resolution on September 14, 2021 for a public hearing to be held by said Town on September 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to hear all interested parties on the proposed local law entitled "A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3- C"; and

WHEREAS, in the event the Town of Ulysses annual tax levy exceeds the allowable tax levy limit due to their own decisions or cost increases outside their control, New York State has the authority to penalize the Town unless the Town has formally given itself permission to exceed the tax cap, and

WHEREAS, adopting this local law is not predictive of the final tax levy but will provide the Town of Ulysses Town Board the flexibility to exceed the Property Tax Cap if it is deemed necessary, and

WHEREAS the Public Hearing on September 28, 2021 was noticed at the Town Hall at 10 Elm Street, Trumansburg, NY and was publicized in the Ithaca Journal on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, and advertised on the Town’s website, and

WHEREAS, all interested parties wishing to be heard at the Public Hearing were heard, and

WHEREAS, adoption of this law is a SEQRA Type II action exempt from any further environmental review and

Now Therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town of Ulysses Town Board enacts a local law to override the tax levy limit for the fiscal year 2022, as follows:

LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2021: TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses as follows:

43 Section 1. Legislative Intent: It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes
44 that may be levied by the Town of Ulysses, County of Tompkins pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow
45 the Town of Ulysses, County of Tompkins to adopt a town budget for (a) town purposes, (b) fire protection districts, and
46 (c) any other special or improvement district, and Town improvements provided pursuant to Town Law Article 12-C,
47 governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 that requires a
48 real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

49 Section 2. Authority: This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly
50 authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of at least sixty
51 percent (60%) of the Town Board.

52 Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override: The Town Board of the Town of Ulysses, County of Tompkins is hereby authorized to
53 adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2022 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General
54 Municipal Law §3-c.

55 Section 4. Severability: If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof
56 to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid
57 or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be
58 confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to
59 the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment
60 or order shall be rendered.

61 Section 5. Effective date: This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

62 **Section 5b- NEW BUSINESS ++++++**

63 **RESOLUTION # _____ of 2021: Include Comprehensive Analysis of Fire & EMS Services in the 2022 Tentative Budget**

64 WHEREAS, the Ulysses Town Board is charged with safeguarding the health and welfare of its residents and with being
65 prudent fiscal stewards of the taxes raised from town property owners,

66 WHEREAS, the Town has fulfilled its public safety obligations by contracting for both Fire and Emergency Medical
67 Services (EMS) from the Village of Trumansburg, and

68 WHEREAS, the combined cost of the annual services for 2021 is \$ 565,899 and represents 38% of all town taxes levied
69 from those residing outside the Village of Trumansburg, and

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71 WHEREAS, the costs of providing contracted services continues to increase, the Town Board sought and received a
72 proposal to conduct an external comprehensive analysis of the FIRE and EMS services, now therefore be it

73 RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board directs the Supervisor to include the cost of \$43,835 for the proposed FIRE &
74 EMS study in the 2022 Tentative Budget with the understanding that it will be reviewed again by the Town Board during
75 its detailed review of the 2022 Tentative Budget.

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77 **Section 5c- NEW BUSINESS ++++++**

78 **RESOLUTION # _____ of 2021: Authorization to Execute 2022-2024 Animal Control Agreement with the SPCA of**
79 **Tompkins County**

80 WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses is responsible for the health and safety of its residents and for providing dog control
81 services pursuant to Article VII of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York, and

82 WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses has chosen to fulfill its dog control responsibilities by participating in the Tompkins
83 County Animal Control consortium which provides dog control services to towns through the SPCA of Tompkins County,
84 and

85 WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Animal Control Agreement starting January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024
86 continues to provide the same services, and the annual charge for dog control service for 2022 will be \$ 18,134.00,
87 which has been the same cost since 2019, now therefore be it

88 RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to execute the 2022-2024 Tompkins County Animal
89 Control Agreement on behalf of the Town.

90 **Section 5e- NEW BUSINESS Introduction & Discussion ++++++**

91 WHEREAS, the Ulysses Town Board is committed to assuring the safety of its employees and the residents seeking
92 services from the Town and

93 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues and as of September 2021, Tompkins County has been designated a high
94 transmission community due to the increased spread of the Delta variant, and

95 WHEREAS, Tompkins County has adopted a safety policy that the Town of Ulysses wishes to follow, now therefore be it

96 RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board adopts the following policy effective November 1, 2021:

- 97 1) All Town of Ulysses employees shall be asked to complete and return to _____ a Self-Attestation form to
98 indicate whether they have been vaccinated.
- 99 2) Those who do not return the Attestation form and those who indicate that they are or will not vaccinated by
100 October 31, 2021 will be expected to participate in twice weekly saliva surveillance testing at their worksite as a
101 condition of employment, using paid time to gather samples.
- 102 3) Employees who are vaccinated and wish to participate in surveillance testing shall contact _____ to be
103 included in the testing program.
- 104 4) The Supervisor, shall, in consultation with Department heads designate a staff courier to pick up testing kits and
105 drop off samples in accordance with Tompkins County protocols, using paid work time.
- 106 5) Vaccinated employees may also seek free periodic testing at the County's testing site on their own time while
107 the service continues to be offered through the Cayuga Health System and Tompkins County Department.
- 108 6) All staff shall continue to follow CDC and Department of Health COVID-19 safety measures by masking inside and
109 when a safe distance cannot be maintained outside when interacting with others, along with proper hand
110 hygiene, and by calling in and staying home when feeling symptomatic.
- 111 7) Employees in the testing program shall receive detailed instructions on how to participate.
- 112 8) Any employee testing positive for the coronavirus must notify his/her supervisor upon learning their status and
113 follow public health guidance on isolating as needed, since contact tracing conducted by the Health Department
114 may not include employer notifications.
- 115 9) The cost of testing shall be paid for by Tompkins County throughout the period of the national Emergency
116 Declaration, currently extended through December 2021.
- 117 10) This policy shall be reviewed in December 2021 and periodically during 2022.

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119 **Section 5f- NEW BUSINESS ++++++**

120 **RESOLUTION # _____ of 2021: Approval of Minutes**

121 RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board approve the meeting minutes from 9/14/21 and Special Town Board meetings
122 held on 9/21/21 for collective bargaining and 9/22/21 for 2022 Budget Workshop as presented/amended.