

*Draft- not yet approved* **TOWN BOARD MEETING**

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Town of Ulysses

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Oct. 25, 2022

*The meeting was held in person at the Town Hall at 10 Elm St., Trumansburg NY as well as via Zoom videoconference. Notice of Town Board meetings are posted on the Town's website and Clerk's board.*

*Video recordings of meetings are available on Youtube at  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWVIs--q9CpHlxdk9YxZyPw>.*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**TOWN OFFICIALS**

In person:

Supervisor- Katelin Olson

Board members- Michael Boggs, Roxanne Marino, Mary Bouchard, Rich Goldman

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Budget Officer- Michelle E. Wright

OTHERS:

In person:

Cheryl Thompson, Todd Edmunds, John G. Wertis, Heather Mount

Via Zoom:

Elizabeth Weatherby, Linda Liddle

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion:**

Mr. Boggs moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Ms. Marino's environmental bond act resolution and elimination of the upcoming events item. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (3 minute limit)**

*none*

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

**RESOLUTION #156 OF 2022: BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:**

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board approve the following budget modifications:

## DA FUND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Budget Mod Request	Post Modification Budget
DA5020.4	Engineering CE	\$ 4,000	Increase	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000
<i>Grant writing consultant expenses associated with applying for DEC nonpoint source planning grant. Gatekeeper resolution 103-2022.</i>					

Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Budget Mod Request	Post Modification Budget
DA5120.4	Maintenance of Bridges CE	\$ 10,000	Decrease	\$ 1,000	\$ 9,000
<i>No planned use for this line, funds available.</i>					

Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Budget Mod Request	Post Modification Budget
DA5140.1	Brush & Weeds PS	\$ 25,000	Increase	\$ 3,000	\$ 28,000
<i>Overage due to vacation payout upon seperation of employment; additional funding to this line is estimated amount needed through the end of the 2022 financial year.</i>					

Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Budget Mod Request	Post Modification Budget
DA5120.1	Maintenance of Bridges PS	\$ 5,000	Decrease	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
<i>Funds available due to no planned use for the rest of the year.</i>					

## HA FUND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Budget Mod Request	Post Modification Budget
HA1620.21	Engineer CE	\$ 1,688	Increase	\$ 4,345	\$ 6,034
<i>Grant reimbursed for historic engineering costs associated with project (i.e. 2015 planning/design). The September financial report shows a revenue in the SW3 for this reimbursement.</i>					

Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Budget Mod Request	Post Modification Budget
HA3097	State Aid	\$ 30,215	Increase	\$ 4,345	\$ 34,561
<i>Final state aid payment for aerator/mixer EFC grant partial funded project.</i>					

Moved: Mr. Boggs

Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson            aye  
 Boggs            aye  
 Bouchard        aye  
 Goldman        aye  
 Marino            aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 10/25/22

## **PRESENTATION: Trumansburg Community Recreation**

Mr. Edmunds shared some history of the organization, noting that it was created as a 501C3 to address recreational needs in the community such as a shortage of fields, pool, community center,

and skate park. They currently promote social & recreational activities as well as send a monthly newsletter.

In order to purchase recreational space in the town, the town's zoning law needs to be clarified to include recreation as an allowable use.

The board discussed options for doing this, including formation of a development district versus a zoning amendment. Mr. Goldman and Ms. Olson agreed to work together on possible solutions to share with the town board.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **2023 Tentative Budget Discussion**

#### **ADOPTION OF 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING**

##### **RESOLUTION 2022-157: CHANGES TO THE 2023 TENTATIVE BUDGET, ADOPTION OF 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS the Town Budget Officer presented the 2023 Tentative Budget to the Town Clerk and the Town Board at the September 27 Regular Town Board meeting, and

WHEREAS prior to the presentation of the Tentative Budget, there were four public sessions to conduct line-by-line budget review on 9/13, 9/15, 9/20, and 9/22/22, and

WHEREAS the Town Board discussed and considered the 2023 Tentative Budget at meetings on 9/27, 10/11 and 10/25/2022, and

WHEREAS the following changes were made to the Tentative Budget at the 10/11 and 10/25 Town Board meetings:

#### 1. A Fund

1.1. Increase of \$5,000 in A1440.5 for parking lot design

1.2. Decrease of \$5,000 in A1990.4 to A1440.5

1.3. Decrease of \$20,250 addition to A962-235 Repair Reserve in order to pay for the Town Hall exterior painting and repair project from appropriated fund balance

1.4. Increase of \$2,500 addition to A962-236.22 Rec (TC Rec) assigned fund

1.5. Decrease A4089 Federal Aid, Other (ARPA) of \$20,250: this change reflects that the Town Hall exterior painting and repair project will be paid for out of appropriated fund balance via the decrease in the addition to the Repair Reserve referenced above

1.6. Increase of \$2,500 in A599 Appropriated Fund Balance as referenced above for the addition to the A962-236.22 Rec (TC Rec) assigned fund

#### 2. SM Fund

2.1. Decrease of \$10,000 in SM599 Appropriated Fund Balance

2.2. Increase of \$10,000 in SM1001 Real Property Tax

#### 3. B Fund

3.1. Decrease of \$32,000 to B3902

3.2. Increase of \$32,000 to B599 Appropriated Fund Balance to pay for expenses related to the Comprehensive Plan update

Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts the Preliminary Budget for 2023 as presented at the 10/25/2022 regular meeting for the Ulysses Town Board, and further

RESOLVED that the Town Board hold a public hearing at 10 Elm Street, Trumansburg, NY, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 7p.m. for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Town of Ulysses 2023 Preliminary Budget.

Moved: Mr. Boggs

Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	aye
Marino	aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 10/25/22

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA FOR RESOLUTIONS #158-159:**

#### **DESIGNATED THE TOWN OF ULYSSES AS A BEE CITY USA AFFILIATE**

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-158: DESIGNATED THE TOWN OF ULYSSES AS A BEE CITY USA AFFILIATE**

WHEREAS, the mission of BEE CITY USA is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, responsible for the reproduction of almost 90% of the world's flowering plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free to nearly free of pesticides; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the more than 3,600 species of native bees in the United States, along with introduced honey bees, we have very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, poor nutrition, pesticides (including insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides), parasites, diseases, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local growers; and

WHEREAS, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat (A) is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season to provide diverse and abundant nectar and pollen, since many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted; (B) is free to nearly free of pesticides, as

many pesticides can harm pollinators and/or their habitat; (C) comprises undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, unmown fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering; and (D) provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a long-term approach to maintaining healthy landscapes and facilities that minimizes risks to people and the environment by: identifying and removing the causes of pest problems rather than only attacking the symptoms (the pests); employing pests' natural enemies along with cultural, mechanical, and physical controls when prevention is not enough; and using pesticides only when no other method is feasible or effective; and

WHEREAS, supporting pollinators fosters broad-based community engagement in environmental awareness and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses should be certified a BEE CITY USA community because has formed a Bee Friendly Community Committee, which will guide the fulfillment of the required steps to becoming a Bee City USA community, and

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, the Town of Ulysses chooses to support and encourage healthy pollinator habitat creation and enhancement,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town of Ulysses Town Council is hereby designated as the BEE CITY USA sponsor.
2. One council member (initially, Mary Bouchard) is designated as the BEE CITY USA Liaison and Chair.
3. Facilitation of the Town of Ulysses' BEE CITY USA program is assigned to the Bee Friendly Community Committee.
4. The Bee Friendly Community Committee is authorized to and shall:
  - a. Celebration: Host at least one educational event or pollinator habitat planting or restoration each year to showcase the Town of Ulysses' commitment to raising awareness of pollinator conservation and expanding pollinator health and habitat.
  - b. Publicity & Information: Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a webpage on the Town of Ulysses website which includes, at minimum a copy of this resolution and links to the national BEE CITY USA website; contact information for your BEE CITY USA Liaison and Committee; reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished the previous year(s); and your recommended native plant species list and integrated pest management plan (explained below).
  - c. Habitat: Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private land, which includes, but is not limited to: identifying and inventorying Ulysses real property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings; creating a recommended locally native plant list to include wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs,

and trees and a list of local suppliers for those species; and, tracking (by square footage and/or acreage) annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced.

d. Pollinator-Friendly Pest Management: Create and adopt an integrated pest management (IPM) plan designed to prevent pest problems, reduce pesticide use, and expand the use of non-chemical pest management methods.

e. Policy & Plans: Establish, through the Town of Ulysses, a policy in the Town of Ulysses Comprehensive Plan to acknowledge and commit to the BEE CITY USA designation and review the Comprehensive Plan and other relevant documents to consider improvements to pest management policies and practices as they relate to pollinator conservation, identify appropriate locations for pollinator-friendly plantings, and consider other appropriate measures.

f. Renewal: After completing the first calendar year as a BEE CITY USA affiliate, each February, apply for renewal of the Town of Ulysses' BEE CITY USA designation following the format provided by BEE CITY USA, including a report of the previous year's BEE CITY USA activities, and paying the renewal fee based on the Town of Ulysses population; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approves the designation of Ulysses as a Bee City USA Affiliate.

**RESOLUTION 2022-159: RELEVY OF WATER DISTRICT 3 DELINQUENT WATER FEES**

WHEREAS, Town Code Chapter 200-10(C)(2) provides for delinquent water bills, taxes, assessments, fees, rents, or other service charges of Water District 3 to be placed on the ensuing year's tax roll as a re-levy; and

WHEREAS, Town Code Chapter 200-10(C)(2) defines delinquent as "a period of at least 60 calendar days as of October 1 of any year"; and

WHEREAS, customers were notified that they could make payments on delinquent amounts through Sept. 30, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board approves the re-levy of unpaid delinquent water charges in the amount of **\$3337.22** to the 2023 Town and County Tax Roll; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution along with a listing of the properties with re-levied water charges will be sent to the Tompkins County Assessment Department for the purpose of adding these delinquent charges to the 2023 Town and County Tax Roll.

Moved: Ms. Bouchard

Seconded: Mr. Boggs

Olson            aye  
Boggs            aye  
Bouchard        aye  
Goldman        aye  
Marino           aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 10/25/22

**BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (BRIC)**

**RESOLUTION #160 OF 2022: GATEKEEPER RESOLUTION FOR BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (BRIC)**

WHEREAS, funds have been made available to municipalities for projects related to insuring continuity of operations in the event of natural and manmade disasters through Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) funding stream; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses identified the need for generators in Town Hall and the Town Barn campus in 2020 to provide temporary power in the advent of a service disruption and added it to the Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses desires to apply for funding to design and install generators in Town Hall and the Town Barn; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a maximum of 25% local match; such funds are available in the A (town-wide) fund

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approves the submission of a grant request for up to \$100,000 for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) funding source.

Moved: Ms. Bouchard                      Seconded: Mr. Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	aye
Marino	aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 10/25/22

**RESOLUTION #161 of 2022: SUPPORTING THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, GREEN JOBS ENVIRONMENTAL BOND ACT OF 2022**

Whereas, providing clean drinking water and protecting our local rivers, bays, lakes, streams and waterfronts from pollution is paramount to quality of life in New York State and the Town of Ulysses; and

Whereas, modernizing water infrastructure will safeguard clean water, reduce flooding, reduce lead exposure and other public health threats, and create jobs; and

Whereas, the Town of Ulysses is vulnerable to extreme weather including deadly heat from rising temperatures and flooding from severe storms that put people, properties and public assets across the County at risk; and

Whereas, upgrading transportation and stormwater infrastructure, restoring natural resources, growing urban forests, building green roofs and upgrading cooling centers will reduce the impact of extreme weather, saving lives and money; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the importance of outdoor recreation and access to fresh, local food, as people flocked to local parks and sought out healthy foods for their families; and

Whereas, upgrades to facilities at state and local parks and preserves and the creation of new outdoor recreational areas will benefit our region by protecting wildlife habitat, providing more people access to nature, and creating jobs in the outdoor recreation economy; and

Whereas, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 would authorize the four billion, two hundred million dollars of bonds to finance critical environmental restoration, clean water, and infrastructure projects across New York State; and

Whereas, the funds would be targeted towards protecting clean water, reducing flood risk, restoring natural resources, protecting open space and farmland, and reducing the pollution that causes climate change; and

Whereas, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 was passed by the New York State Legislature as part of the 2022-23 New York State Budget and will appear on the November 8, 2022, New York State General Election Ballot for voter approval; and

Whereas, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 includes strong labor provisions and will support more than 84,000 family-sustaining jobs for New Yorkers; and

Whereas, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 would enable New York State and Tompkins County to address pollution and public health threats in disadvantaged communities by directing at least 35% with a goal of 40% of the measure's funding to address hazardous conditions in such communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses supports passage of the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022.

Moved: Mr. Goldman

Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson            aye

Boggs           aye

Bouchard       aye

Goldman        aye

Marino          aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 10/25/22

**PAYMENT OF AUDITED CLAIMS:**

**RESOLUTION #162 OF 2022: PAYMENT OF AUDITED CLAIM**



RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board has reviewed and approves payment of claims for voucher # 476 in the amount of \$48,507.89

Moved: Mr. Boggs

Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson            aye

Boggs           aye

Bouchard       aye

Goldman        aye

Marino          aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 10/25/22

**DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Marino questioned whether the board would consider purchasing property for TCR or loaning them funds to purchase.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (3 min limit per person)**

*none*

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Goldman made a motion to adjourn at 8:47pm. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk  
11/3/22*