

Town of Ulysses
Regular Town Board Meeting
January 11, 2011

Present: Supervisor Roxanne Marino; Councilpersons David Kerness, Kevin Romer, and Lucia Tyler; Town Clerk Marsha L. Georgia; Highway Superintendent James Meeker; Deputy Supervisor Sue Poelvoorde; Attorney Mariette Geldenhuys.

Absent: Councilperson Elizabeth Thomas.

Others Present: Jim Dennis, Tompkins County Legislature Representative; Tim Reynolds; Bill Chaisson, Free Press Reporter; and Nancy Dean, Town Historian.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Ms. Marino moved, seconded by Mr. Kerness the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses approves the previous examined vouchers #526 through #560 in the amount of \$44,079.24 for 2010 and voucher # 1 through 16 in the amount of \$8,095.58 for 2011.

Ms. Marino	aye
Ms. Tyler	aye
Mr. Romer	aye
Mr. Kerness	aye

Adopted

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Marino moved, seconded by Mr. Kerness the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses approves the minutes of the Public Hearing dated 12/14/2010 and the Regular Town Board meeting of 12/14/2010 as corrected.

Ms. Marino	aye
Ms. Tyler	aye
Mr. Romer	aye
Mr. Kerness	aye

Adopted

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ms. Nancy Dean, Town Historian, gave a brief report on her activities for 2010 and reported on a new program the Historians are implementing called “History of Homes”.

PRESENTATION – Request for Re-zoning; Ben Gustafson, Hunt Engineers

Ms. Marino introduced Ben Gustafson of Hunt Engineers. Mr. Gustafson presented an outline for a request to re-zone a parcel on Trumansburg Road currently owned by Cayuga Breeders. The property is currently zoned commercial and the re-zoning would allow for light industrial use. Details of this request are available in the Code Enforcement office.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tompkins County Legislator Jim Dennis reported that Martha Robinson was appointed as Chair and he will remain on the Budget Committee as Chair. The County met with the Tompkins County Sheriff’s Road Patrol to continue negotiating a contract.

Trumansburg Fire Department – No one in attendance for report.

Trumansburg Village – No one in attendance for report.

TOWN REPORTS

Planning Board – Newly appointed Planning Board member Peter Fry gave a brief summary of his professional experience.

Highway Superintendent James Meeker reported on the activities of the Highway Department for the month. Mr. Meeker provided the “Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys” for the 2011 fiscal year to the Board.

Mr. Kerness moved, seconded by Ms. Marino the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses approve the “Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys” presented by Highway Superintendent James Meeker.

Ms. Marino	aye
Ms. Tyler	aye
Mr. Romer	aye
Mr. Kerness	aye

Adopted

Town Clerk Marsha L. Georgia reported the fees collected by the Clerk for the month of December and said that the collection of 2011 taxes was going smooth.

Code Enforcement Officer Alex Rachun gave the yearly report for his office.

Supervisor Roxanne Marino gave an overview of the Supervisor's Operating Statement and presented the following:

- Annual report from Mr. Austic on the activities of the Water Districts. Ms. Marino also noted that the Board needs to return to discussions with the Town of Ithaca on a fairer allocation of the costs of water loss.
- Date set for annual Town Board audit of Departments for February 4, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.
- Update on the voice mail system to be installed by All-Mode.
- Review of the new voucher system to begin in February. Ms. Tyler and Mr. Romer will review vouchers for the first six months.
- New accounting software implementation. Ms. Marino asked the Board to consider what reports they would like to see.

Deputy Supervisor Sue Poelvoorde reported that the Agriculture and Farm Protection Plan Committee is meeting again this Thursday, January 13th, to review the latest version of the draft Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan. This version was emailed to Town Board members to start their review.

Ms. Poelvoorde received a different form from NYS on the reporting of elected and appointed employees in the NYS retirement system. Ms. Poelvoorde will have to call and clarify if we need to resubmit the report and resolution.

The new web site is moving along (Ms. Henninger submitted a report to the Board via email).

Town Board Members and Committees

Ms. Tyler reported that she attended the first meeting in 2011 with Tompkins County Health Consortium. Ms. Tyler also announced that the Community Arts Partnership will be holding a recognition event on February 11, 2011, for all of the artists that have received awards.

OLD BUSINESS

Year-end Budget Modifications

Mr. Romer moved, seconded by Mr. Kerness the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses approves the following 2010 Year-end budget modifications:

A Fund

Appropriation line	1010.1	Town Board PS	increase	\$ 2.00
Appropriation line	1010.4	Town Board CE	increase	\$ 165.66
Appropriation line	1110.1	Justice PS	increase	\$ 0.02
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Appropriation line	1221.1	Deputy Supervisor PS	increase	\$ 214.60
Appropriation line	1410.1	Town Clerk PS	increase	\$ 0.08
Appropriation line	1620.4	Buildings CE	increase	\$ 2,544.50
Appropriation line	1650.4	Central Comm. CE	increase	\$ 799.20
Appropriation line	1670.4	Central Print /Mail	increase	\$ 1,824.65
Appropriation line	5010.1	Highway Super PS	increase	\$ 0.46
Appropriation line	5132.4	Garage CE	increase	\$ 637.02
Appropriation line	9055.8	Disability Insurance	increase	\$ 183.00
Appropriation line	8810.4	Cemeteries CE	decrease	\$ 800.00
Appropriation line	9010.8	State Retirement	decrease	\$ 3,910.68
Appropriation line	3510.4	Dog Control CE	decrease	\$ 917.97
Appropriation line	9030.8	Social Security	decrease	\$ 400.61
Appropriation line	5132.2	Town Barn Capital	decrease	\$ 341.95

B Fund

Appropriation line	3620.1	Safety Inspection PS	increase	\$ 0.08
Appropriation line	8020.4	Planning CE	increase	\$ 1,038.83
Appropriation line	9055.8	Disability Insurance	increase	\$ 1.80
Appropriation line	8010.1	Zoning PS	increase	\$ 0.02
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Appropriation line	9030.8	Social Security	decrease	\$ 1,040.73

DA Fund

Appropriation line	5130.1	Machinery PS	increase	\$ 804.40
Appropriation line	9055.8	Disability Insurance	increase	\$ 20.90
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Appropriation line	9040.8	Workers Comp	decrease	\$ 825.30

DB Fund

Appropriation line	5110.4	General Repairs CE	increase	\$ 9,072.60
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Appropriation line	9040.8	Workers Comp	decrease	\$ 1,757.00
Appropriation line	9060.8	Medical Insurance	decrease	\$ 2859.35
Appropriation line	5110.1	General Repairs PS	decrease	\$ 440.10
Appropriation line	9010.8	State Retirement	decrease	\$ 0.89
Appropriation line	9030.8	Social Security	decrease	\$ 0.19
Appropriation line	9055.8	Disability Insurance	decrease	\$ 25.30
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Revenue line	DB599	App. Fund Balance	increase	\$3,989.77
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SW3

Appropriation line 8340.4	Trans / Distrib CE	increase	\$ 965.97
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Appropriation line 8310.1	Admin PS	decrease	\$ 0.07
Appropriation line 8310.4	Admin CE	decrease	\$ 67.43
Appropriation line 8311.1	Water Clerk PS	decrease	\$ 0.68
Appropriation line 8340.1	Trans / Distrib PS	decrease	\$ 62.64
Appropriation line 8340.2	Trans / Distrib EQ	decrease	\$ 289.59
Appropriation line 9030.8	Social Security	decrease	\$ 30.87
Appropriation line 9040.8	Workers Comp	decrease	\$ 200.00
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Revenue line SW3 599	App. Fund Balance	increase	\$ 314.64
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SW4

Appropriation line 8310.1	Admin PS	increase	\$ 0.21
Appropriation line 9030.8	Social Security	increase	\$ 0.22
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Appropriation line 8310.4	Admin CE	decrease	\$ 0.43

Ms. Marino aye
Ms. Tyler aye
Mr. Romer aye
Mr. Kerness aye

Adopted

EMS – Joint Municipal Meeting

The EMS meeting with the Village, Town of Covert and Town of Hector has been rescheduled for January 26, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at the Trumansburg Fire Station.

Mr. Romer sent the Board a draft of an RFP for ambulance service and he would like the Board to review before the working meeting on January 25th. Mr. Romer asked the Board to focus on the services.

Ms. Geldenhuys shared with the Board a discussion she had with the Attorney General and asked the Board if they would like her to pursue a different avenue for more information. The Board told her to continue.

Sale of Property

Ms. Geldenhuys provided the Board with the procedure to sell Town property. Mr. Kerness will look into how to establish the value of the two properties in question.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Rezoning

Ms. Tyler moved, seconded by Mr. Kerness the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the request for re-zoning merits further consideration and the Town Board is directing the applicant to proceed with a Sketch Plan Conference and then proceed with a full Site Plan review with the Planning Board.

Ms. Marino	aye
Ms. Tyler	aye
Mr. Romer	aye
Mr. Kerness	aye

Adopted

Other

Code of Ethics

Ms. Marino said that Ms. Georgia provided an updated list of the people who have not signed the memorandum or attended training for the "Code of Ethics". If anyone wants to have the training session again, a time will be worked out with Ms. Geldenhuys.

Public Hearing for Fire Contract

The Board scheduled a public hearing for January 25, 2011, at 6:45 p.m., just prior to there working session meeting, to receive public comments on the 2011 Fire & EMS Contract with the Village of Trumansburg.

Agenda for January 25th Working Meeting

Some items for discussion are as follows:

- RFP Section #4 on ambulance service
- Priority tasks list
- Gas drilling advisory request

Executive Session

Ms. Marino moved, seconded by Ms. Tyler the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses go into Executive Session to discuss matters related to the appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, or removal of particular personnel.

Ms. Marino	aye
Ms. Tyler	aye
Mr. Kerness	aye
Mr. Romer	aye

Adopted

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:25 pm.

Adjournment

Meeting re-convened and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha L. Georgia
Ulysses Town Clerk

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