

TOWN OF ULYSSES  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2010

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

Others Present: Code Enforcement Officer Alex Rachun; Tompkins County Legislator James Dennis; Cornell Students Amanda Maass, Elizabeth Burrichter, and Jay Wetz; Geoffrey Hart; Diane Hillman; Justice Thomas Schlee; Free Press Reporter Bill Chaisson; Ithaca Journal Reporter.

Supervisor Marino opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: STB 01/28/10, RTB 02/09/2010 AND STB 02/23/2010

Minutes tabled no resolution passed.

#### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Hearing no further discussions on the vouchers, Ms. Marino moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas the following:

BE IT Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses approve voucher numbers 85 through 90 and 92 through 137 in the amount of \$103,165.28.

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

Adopted

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one wished to speak.

#### REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following gave reports – for a full version you can listen to the reports on the website at [www.ulysses.ny.us](http://www.ulysses.ny.us)

- County Board Representative James Dennis
  - o Census flyers distributed
  - o Address NYS Budget Cuts and effect
  - o TC HealthCare Consortium
- Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan
  - o Ms. Poelvoorde will report under Deputy Supervisor
- Planning Board
  - o Conservation Zone update
  - o Lake Front Committee

## TOWN REPORTS

- Highway Superintendent James Meeker
- Town Clerk Marsha L. Georgia
- Justice Thomas Schlee

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

Whereas the Town Court Clerk is in the hospital and is expected to be out two to four weeks;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses allow the Town Justices to contract for services up to 40 hours per week for \$15 per hour.

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

Adopted

## Board Members and Committees

- Mr. Kerness
  - o Working on job description for Water Superintendent
- Ms. Thomas
  - o Will write up report on Association of Towns Annual meeting
- Ms. Tyler
  - o Reported on Car Share meeting

## Deputy Supervisor Sue Poelvoorde

- Reported on Ag Farmland Protection Plan
- Progress on tables for the conference room

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses approve the purchase of the tables for the conference and be paid for out of the A Fund.

Mr. Romer said he is glad you are looking at new tables but what about the awful chairs. Chairs will be in the future.

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

Adopted

Supervisor Roxanne Marino

- Resolution to modify 2010 budget

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses approve to increase A5132.2 Highway Barns by \$3000 and decrease Capital Building Reserve by the \$3000,

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

Adopted

- Scheduled Special meeting for March 15, 2010, at 7 pm following Public Hearing on Fire Contract and EMS to discuss 2009 year end budget modifications

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Contract & EMS

A public hearing before signing the 2010 contract will be held on March 15 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall.

Contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension for Youth Services

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses authorize Supervisor Marino to sign the contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

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

Adopted

Health Care Consortium Agreement

Ms. Tyler moved seconded by Ms. Thomas the following:

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER  
TOMPKINS COUNTY MUNICIPAL INSURANCE CONSORTIUM**

Whereas, the Tompkins County Council of Governments (TCCOG) is comprised of all the municipalities in Tompkins County and

Whereas, the Town of Ulysses is a member of the Tompkins County Council of Governments (TCCOG), and

Whereas, health care costs for Tompkins County and other local governments have been increasing each year at rates much higher than inflation, which can be addressed by pooling our buying power,

Whereas, in 2007, the County, on behalf of TCCOG, accepted an incentive grant award under the New York State Shared Municipal Services Program to assist the municipalities in Tompkins County to create local municipal health care consort into, and

Whereas, the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium developed health benefits coverage for all participating municipalities with the intent of providing a net savings to the taxpayers of Tompkins County, a goal the Town of Ulysses supports, and

Whereas, TCCOG encourages the signature of an inter-municipal agreement by TCCOG members, an

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Town Board, the Chief Elected Official of the Town of Ulysses is hereby authorized to execute a municipal cooperative agreement effective May 1, 2010, with the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium for the, New York State Shared Municipal Services Program.

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

Adopted

Town Website

The agreement with Adam Pratt is for a full year for \$800 a year. The contract can be terminated at any time. The Board authorized Ms. Marino to sign the contract.

Water Meeting with the Town of Ithaca

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses move forward with the Town of Ithaca to install a water meter to better track the water usage the Town of Ithaca charges the Town assuming that the cost of the project will be split 50/50 at a total cost of the \$125,000.

Friendly amendment moved by Ms. Tyler, seconded by Ms. Thomas

Further resolve that if the Town goes forward 50/50 on this meter all of the penalty charges will be removed.

Ms. Marino nay

Ms. Thomas aye

Ms. Tyler aye

Mr. Romer aye

Mr. Kerness nay

Adopted

Local Law on Road Construction and Excavation – the Board discussed and tabled until the March 23, 2010 meeting.

Ethics Policy – the Board discussed and Mr. Kerness will update.

Executive Session

Ms. Marino moved to go into executive session to discuss matters related to the appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, or removal of particular personnel. Mr. Kerness seconded the motion and the vote was taken.

Ms. Marino aye

Ms. Thomas aye

Ms. Tyler aye

Mr. Kerness aye

Mr. Romer aye

Adopted

Adjourned for executive session at 10:23 pm.

Re-convened meeting at 11:07 pm

Ms. Thomas moved seconded by Mr. Romer to adjourn the meeting:

Ms. Marino aye

Ms. Thomas aye

Ms. Tyler aye

Mr. Kerness aye  
Mr. Romer aye

Adopted  
Meeting adjourned at 11:08 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,

Marsha L. Georgia  
Ulysses Town Clerk  
MLG: mlg