

TOWN OF ULYSSES
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 23, 2010

Present: Supervisor Roxanne Marino; Council people David Kerness, Kevin Romer, and Elizabeth Thomas; Lucia Tyler absent; Town Clerk Marsha L. Georgia; Deputy Supervisor Sue Poelvoorde.

Others Present: Aaron Munzer, Ithaca Journal Reporter; Doug Austic, Water Superintendent; Richard Coogan

Ms. Marino called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Special Event Permit

At the June 8, 2010, Board meeting the fee was not set for the Special Event Permit. Mr. Rachun had suggested \$50.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses hereby sets the fee for the Special Events Operating Permit at \$50 payable to the Town Code Enforcement Officer.

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

Adopted

Schedule of Meetings

The Board rescheduled the Regular Town Board meeting to August 18, 2010.

At the July 29, 2010, Special Town Board meeting the Planning Board will present the proposed Conservation Zone to the Town Board.

Water District

Letter from Cayuga Breeders

The Town of Ulysses received a letter from the Cayuga Breeders Farm's attorney requesting an explanation on how the unit allocations for water billing were established and if there is a process to reduce the number of units.

Ms. Geldenhuys reviewed the Town Law and determined that because the water district was formed by an Article 12A there is no provision to reduce the number of unit allocation established at the district formation. Ms. Geldenhuys has responded to the Cayuga Breeders Farm's attorney.

Next Steps with the Town of Ithaca

The effort to resolve the discrepancy in water volume billing between the towns of Ulysses and Ithaca included the following discussions: volume data from Ithaca and Ulysses on a spreadsheet prepared by Ms. Marino, the discovery of a leak in a line on the Ulysses side reported by Doug Austic, Water Superintendent, and how that impacts the Ulysses quantity numbers, the option to install a second 2-way meter in the Town of Ulysses paid for and owned solely by the Ulysses water districts, and preparing a public mailing to inform all water district customers of the options being considered by the Town Board.

The Town Board directed Mr. Austic to gather more information about the availability and cost of a parcel of land for the construction of a second meter house. Discussion of the most appropriate way to proceed was deferred to a future meeting once more information on the potential total cost of constructing the new meter is available.

Web Site Design Quotes

Ms. Poelvoorde has reviewed the quotes for professional writing assistance with the re-design of the Town's web site. Mr. Kerness moved seconded by Mr. Romer the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses hire Sue Henninger for the writing portion on the web site not to exceed \$2980.

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

Adopted

Storm Water Annual Report

Ms. Poelvoorde said she will send out the annual report to the State. The public hearing will be held prior to the Town Board meeting on July 13, 2010.

NYS Retirement System – Report of Hours for Elected and Appointed Staff

Ms. Poelvoorde will have a resolution ready for the Town Board to adopt at the July 13, 2010, meeting.

Intern

The Board discussed the two intern positions that they want to hire and their duties to assist the Town Board and Planning Board.

Computers

The Board discussed the need to acquire an additional computer for one of the interns. Ms. Marino would like to get input from all the departments on their computer needs. A new server computer is also needed per Jeff Burns recommendation.

Dog Enumeration and Licensing

The TC Animal Control Committee discussed having the Town Clerks develop a draft dog licensing procedure and forms.

Each Town will do their dog enumeration. Ms. Marino will look into that the insurance issue for an independent contractor to complete the enumeration.

DELTA Engineering

The Board discussed hiring Delta Engineering for the road maintenance inventory and if they would like to meet with the company again to continue the discussions on the road preservation law and road usage agreement.

Ms. Marino will find out if Delta can attend a future meeting.

Co-Signer on Checks

The Board discussed having an additional town staff as a co-signer for the checks in the event that either Ms. Marino or Ms. Poelvoorde are not available.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses approve Marsha L. Georgia to be a co-signer on checks over \$5000.

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

Adopted

Ms. Marino will check with the bank to see if they allow this provision.

EMS

Mr. Romer presented a resolution to be submitted to the Village of Trumansburg about the EMS Task Force. The Board discussed some changes and Mr. Romer accepted the amendments.

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

Whereas, the Ulysses Town Board is concerned that the proposed changes to the Village of Trumansburg's EMS program are being implemented in a manner with little serious consideration of input from the Town of Ulysses or its residents, and

Whereas, the Ulysses Town Board believes that the proposed insurance-only billing plan has not been well enough considered in some aspects that can have serious consequences for equity and ensuring that no one in our community might refuse care or emergency services for fear of the costs, and

Whereas, the community has had little to no input on options to receive EMS that may be more economical or provided in a faster manner, and

Whereas, the Ulysses Town Board is not comfortable moving forward towards implementation of this plan without full and complete answers to several important concerns the Town has raised, and

Whereas, the Ulysses Town Board also believes that calling the current proposal "insurance only" billing plan is deceptive, and the task force process is not open and transparent with minutes taken and made available to the public.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Ulysses Town Board is not in support of the proposed changes to Trumansburg EMS under the current process.

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

Adopted

Hearing no further business Ms. Thomas moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Kerness; meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha L. Georgia
Ulysses Town Clerk