

Town of Ulysses  
Special Town Board Meeting  
October 25, 2011

Present: Supervisor Roxanne Marino; Councilpersons David Kerness and Kevin Romer; Deputy Supervisor Sue Poelvoorde; Town Clerk Marsha L. Georgia; Attorney Mariette Geldenhuys.

Absent: Councilpersons Elizabeth Thomas and Lucia Tyler

Supervisor Marino called to meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Sue Poelvoorde discussed the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway (CLSB) request for funding assistance by the communities along the Byway for a Geocache Trail. The idea behind the trail is to drive more traffic to the Byway and increase tourism dollars to local businesses. The CLSB is requesting a \$500 contribution from the Town of Ulysses.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses alter the 2012 budget to make a new expenditure line of \$500 to include the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway Geocache Trail.

FURTHER RESOLVE that this expense be funded from the contingency account being reduced by \$500.

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

Adopted

Ms. Marino said that if anyone had any additional changes to the budget to get them to her as soon as possible because the Board has scheduled a meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to vote on the budget.

Ms. Marino reported on her meeting with the employees on October 17, 2011, to listen to their concerns about raises and health insurance contributions, a summary of which she also shared with the Board in an email. One of the concerns the employees have is that they feel like they will be working for less pay in 2012 than in 2011 with the change in the cost for both the health insurance and the dental/vision insurance while only getting the 1% raise. Ms. Marino sent another email today outlining a new proposal she worked out that would increase the raises and decrease the percent contribution to health insurance. Ms. Marino explained this proposal to the Board.

No decisions were made on this new proposal.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a legal matter with Attorney Goldenhuys.

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

Adopted

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses engage the firm of Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna LLP to prepare an amicus brief for submission in Anschutz Exploration Corporation vs Town of Dryden lawsuit, working in cooperation and consultation with the Town of Ulysses's attorney. The Board approves payment of a retainer of \$1,000 and hourly fees in excess of that amount as needed to prepare and submit the brief.

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

Adopted

Hearing no further business Mr. Kerness moved, seconded by Mr. Romer to adjourn the special meeting. Unanimously approved; meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha L. Georgia  
Ulysses Town Clerk