

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

Town of Ulysses

Nov. 8, 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 7pm.

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

Via Zoom:

Planner- Niels Tygesen

Attorney for the Town- Nathan VanWhy

OTHERS:

In person:

(none)

Via Zoom:

Elizabeth Weatherby, Linda Liddle, Jason Demarest, Anne Koreman (Tompkins County Legislator)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion:

Ms. Marino moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the appointment of Elizabeth Garner to full Planning Board member. Ms. Marino requested further discussion of the comp plan. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ULYSSES

(See separate minutes).

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (3 minute limit)

(none)

LIAISON/CHAIR REPORTS:

Ms. Koreman shared the following:

- The county has finished the budget with a 0% increase but the bill will increase about \$82 for the median house due to home value increases.
- Airport- Delta flights will now go to JFK rather than Detroit.
- Passed law to merge public and mental health departments to reduce stigma and provide better care.
- Legislator Granison passed away due to cancer on Sunday.
- Recovery Grants- 200 applications rec'd. The committee has 3 meetings scheduled to review.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF 2023 BUDGET

RESOLUTION 2022-163: 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, 2022 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 Town Board accepted the Preliminary Town Budget for 2023 on October 25, 2022 and, in accordance with New York State Town Law Section 108, set the Public Hearing date for November 8, 2022 at 7:00PM in person and via ZOOM, and

WHEREAS, notice of the Public Hearing was in the newspaper on November 1, 2022 and also posted on the Town's website on and included in the Town newsletter on October 28 and November 4, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Preliminary Budget was posted on the Town's website on November 1, 2022, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on November 8, 2022 where all members of the public were able to comment on the Preliminary Budget in person, via ZOOM, telephone, or in writing, and

WHEREAS, the tax levy limit set by the New York State Office of the State Comptroller for the Town of Ulysses for the year 2023 is 3.29%,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts the 2023 Preliminary Budget presented to become the Final Budget for 2023 for the Town of Ulysses with a resulting 3.03% increase in the overall tax levy, which is within the tax cap, with a 5.85% tax rate decrease and an overall final tax rate to 2.4670/\$1,000 taxable assessed value (TAV) for Town residents outside the Village of Trumansburg, a 4.85% tax rate decrease, an overall final tax rate to 1.2082/\$1,000 taxable assessed value (TAV), for Village of Trumansburg residents, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall submit a certified copy of the adopted 2023 Town Budget to Tompkins County.

Moved: Ms. Marino

Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	aye
Marino	aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 11/8/22

Ms. Wright was excused at this time (7:20pm).

NEW BUSINESS:

AUTHORIZATION TO INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE 2023 TOWN BUDGET IN THE 2023 TAX BILLS

RESOLUTION #164 OF 2022: AUTHORIZATION TO INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE 2023 TOWN BUDGET IN THE 2023 TAX BILLS

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Law section 922 (1) (d) permits municipalities to include a summary of the 2023 adopted budget with the tax bills if the Town Board approves such action by resolution, and

WHEREAS, all taxpayers deserve a clear and transparent explanation of how their taxes are used and the structure and changes in the Town of Ulysses 2023 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board authorizes the Supervisor and Clerk to prepare a brief summary of the 2023 Town Budget for inclusion with the 2023 tax bill.

Moved: Mr. Boggs

Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	aye
Marino	aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 11/8/22

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE RADIO HEAD METER READER

RESOLUTION # 165 of 2022: AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE RADIO HEAD METER READER

WHEREAS, the Ulysses Town Board authorized the purchase of a radio head meter reader in the 2023 Town Budget on November 8, 2022, and

WHEREAS, supply chain issues have resulted in a six-month delay between ordering the reader and anticipated delivery, and payment will not be made until 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approves the Water Supervisor to purchase a radio head meter reader from Ti-Sales for \$10,833.

Moved: Mr. Goldman

Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson aye
Boggs aye
Bouchard aye
Goldman aye
Marino aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 11/8/22

REFERRAL OF REZONING REQUEST TO PLANNING BOARD FOR TAX PARCELS 14.-1-11, 14.-3-18.1, AND 14.-3-18.2

Ms. Olson and Mr. Tygesen gave some background on the issue. The board will need to decide tonight whether the issue merits further consideration by referring it to the planning board for more analysis and review.

Mr. VanWhy noted that re-zoning is a local law change at the discretion of the town board. The town code identifies criteria that the Planning Board and Town Board should consider.

The board discussed.

Ms. Marino questioned including a FEA (full environmental assessment form) in the resolution at this stage. Mr. Van Why noted that the FEA will provide additional information on the environmental impact.

RESOLUTION #166 OF 2022: REFERRAL OF REZONING REQUEST FOR TAX PARCELS 14.-1-11, 14.-3-18.1, AND 14.-3-18.2 TO PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS a rezoning application was submitted by Jason Demarest on behalf of TFI Landco, LLC to rezone 2030 Gorge Rd., 2031 Gorge Rd., and 2051 Gorge Rd. (tax map numbers 14.-1-11, 14.-3-18.1, and 14.-3-18.2) from Business Zone (B1) to Development District (DD) (the "Proposed Action"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 212-20 of the Town Code, the Town Board has reviewed the application and all related materials;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby determines that the Proposed Action merits further consideration; and be it further

RESOLVED that the applicant is directed to proceed with a sketch plan conference as required by the Town Code; and be it further

RESOLVED that this matter is hereby referred to the Planning Board of the Town of Ulysses for further review and recommendation; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Board (a) Preliminarily classifies this matter as a Type 1 action; (b) declares itself lead agency; (c) directs preparation of Part 1 of the FEAF; and (d) directs all interested and/or involved agencies be notified of its intent to act as lead agency, and that they be provided with Part 1 of the FEAF upon its completion; and be it further

RESOLVED that based upon its preliminary review of the Proposed Action, the Town Board determines that due to its proximity to important historical and natural features located within the Town, that the Proposed Action includes the potential for at least one significant adverse environmental impact, and therefore directs that the applicant prepare an Environmental Impact Statement; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution is effective immediately.

Moved: Mr. Goldman Seconded: Mr. Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	aye
Marino	aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 11/8/22

APPRECIATION OF ETHAN CRAMPTON, RURAL YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

RESOLUTION #167 OF 2022: APPRECIATION OF ETHAN CRAMTON

WHEREAS, Ethan Cramton has been an invaluable member of the Town of Ulysses team for seven years as our Rural Youth Services Coordinator, and

WHEREAS, the Ulysses Town Board is grateful for his service, dedication, and passion for connecting with middle and high school youth in the Trumansburg School District, and

WHEREAS, the closure of the Trumansburg Central School District facilities in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in students and families confronting the challenges of isolation and social restrictions, and

WHEREAS, Ethan showed tremendous ingenuity and creativity in developing online and safe in-person opportunities to continue to serve and engage students throughout school closures and support our youth during a period of intense social and emotional needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board extends our deep appreciation and gratitude to Ethan Cramton and wishes him the very best on his future pursuits.

Moved: Ms. Olson Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson	aye
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Boggs aye
Bouchard aye
Goldman aye
Marino aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 11/8/22

VACANCY ON PLANNING BOARD

RESOLUTION #168 OF 2022: APPOINTMENT OF LIZ GARNER TO PLANNING BOARD

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board appoints Elizabeth Garner to replace the seat vacated by Rodney Bent on the Planning Board.

Moved: Ms. Olson Seconded: Mr. Goldman

Olson aye
Boggs aye
Bouchard aye
Goldman aye
Marino aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 11/8/22

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Ms. Marino suggested appointing members to the Comp Plan steering committee at the Dec. 13 meeting following the Nov. 14 application deadline.

OFFICIAL/STAFF REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (written reports provided)

The board discussed:

- Recruitment of a facilities manager
- Sales tax reports are delayed

Ms. Bouchard shared the following:

- Rec'd app for Bee Committee
- Still trying to organize an Ag Committee mtg

Ms. Marino:

- CSAC
 - youth reps- she and Ms. Darfler talked to 3 highschool students who may join the committee or set up a school club
 - Potential new member
 - Working to update CSAC mission resolution
- Working on Climate Smart Community points for actions that will enable the town to be eligible for funds

- Source water protection plan committee held first mtg with facilitator from NYRW. Will continue 1x month or more meetings.

Ms. Olson:

- Grant for generator for town barn and planning for town hall

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR TO WATER COMM

RESOLUTION #169 OF 2022: APPOINTMENT OF LINDA LIDDLE AS CHAIR OF WATER COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board appoints Linda Liddle as chair of the water source comm.

Moved: Ms. Olson Seconded: Mr. Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	aye
Marino	aye

Vote: 5-0
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 11 – Town buildings closed for Veterans Day
- November 22 – Regular Town Board meeting cancelled
- November 24 and 25 – Town buildings closed for Thanksgiving
- December 13 – Regular Town Board meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION #170 OF 2022: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board approve the meeting minutes from October 25, 2022 special meeting and regular meeting as presented or amended.

Moved: Ms. Olson Seconded: Mr. Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	aye
Marino	aye

Vote: 5-0
Date Adopted: 11/8/22

PAYMENT OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION # 171 OF 2022: PAYMENT OF AUDITED CLAIM

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board has reviewed and approves payment of claims for: vouchers numbered 476 through 526 in the amount of \$253,962.57.

Moved: Ms. Olson

Seconded: Mr. Boggs

Olson aye

Boggs aye

Bouchard aye

Goldman aye

Marino aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 11/8/22

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (3 min limit per person)

(none)

ADJOURN

Mr. Goldman made a motion to adjourn at 8:38pm. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk
12/7/22*