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

Town of Ulysses

May 9, 2023

*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--g9CpHIxdk9YxZyPw*](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWVIs--g9CpHIxdk9YxZyPw)*.*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

**ATTENDANCE:**

TOWN OFFICIALS

Supervisor- Katelin Olson

Board members- Michael Boggs (arrived at 7:03pm), Mary Bouchard, Rich Goldman, Liz Weatherby

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Via Zoom:

Second Deputy Supervisor/Budget Officer- Michelle E. Wright

OTHERS:

In-person:

Anne Koreman, Linda Liddle, Roxanne Marino, Mary Theresa Julian

Via Zoom:

Elizabeth Thomas

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mr. Goldman requested to add a discussion about the proposed training requirements for boards & committees.

**Motion:** Mr. Goldman moved to approve the amended agenda at 7:03pm. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (3 minute limit)**

Ms. Thomas recommended that the board add town’s guiding documents (comprehensive plan, etc.) to the water district extension policy for reference when determining whether to pursue an extension.

Ms. Marino suggested changing wording in the same document from should to shall in the 3rd paragraph. She further commented on the comp plan committee, adding that she wants to be sure of full representation across different areas of the town and encourages additional public outreach for Ag member vacancy.

Ms. Julian from NY Rural Water introduced herself noting that she is working with the town’s Water Source Protection Plan Committee. She said that creation of a drinking water source protection plan will position the town for funding opportunities.

**BOARD/STAFF REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*(Reports sent in advance and in Appendix)*

Ms. Koreman shared the following updates from the Tompkins County Legislature:

* County budget process:
  + Targeted a tax rate of ~5% as NYS is not funding as much for county
* Community COVID funding has been awarded to the town
* The Village has been awarded $5000 for a park near the water tower
* FEMA flood maps being redone
* RFP for local broadband company to help fill gaps
* $700K from opioid settlement- want to hear from those affected how to best use funds
* COVID
  + New booster for over 65 or medically compromised
  + Testing site has closed- call 211 if needed
* Salary compensation study is in the works

Ms. Olson shared the following:

* Thanked Legislator koreman for her support for the town’s grant award of $15k to help costs for summer program.
* Water district 1- exploring how to ensure water to the town residents along that line who receive it without being part of an official district.
* Review of 284 agreement with state for highway funding (CHIPS)
* Highway Dept. has moved to summer schedule (4- ten hour days)
* Auction is scheduled for a property on Tburg Rd.
* May 31 public info session for route 96 water
* Draft petition in process from Grassroots for water service
* Black diamond trail scoping project is happening in hopes of applying for funds in state funding cycle later this year
* IT transition/upgrade

LIAISON/CHAIR REPORTS:

Ms. Weatherby noted that they are still trying to get people to apply for the Ag committee.

Ms. Olson shared the following:

* Three Falls LDC meets on 1st Thursdays. They are negotiating with Boy Scouts for an MOU. They have an EIN number, selected council, and will start process to become 501 c-3.
* Comp plan mtg tomorrow night

Ms. Marino shared the following Conservation & Sustainability Advisory Committee (CSAC) updates:

* April 18 forum was well-attended
* Earthcare day went well
* Climate Smart Community bronze certification for the town expires end of sept.

Ms. Bouchard shared the following updates from:

* the finance committee has been working on a SWOT analysis of fund balance
* Found insurance for rec. program that is cheaper
* Rec Partnership may be affected by county budget shortfall

**OLD BUSINESS:**

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Ms. Wright will be getting quotes on some town hall projects soon and is adding window replacement to the capital plan.

WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN COMMITTEE VISION & GOALS

Ms. Liddle shared the updated goals/vision statement.

RESOLUTION #98 OF 2023: WATER SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE VISION AND GOALS

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board approves that Visions and Goals of the Water Source Protection Committee as presented or amended.

Moved: Ms. Olson Seconded: Mr. Goldman

Discussion:

Mr. Boggs asked for clarification on committee’s charge/membership

Olson aye

Boggs aye

Bouchard aye

Goldman aye

Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 5/9/23

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The board discussed adding additional seats to include more ag and lakeshore representation.

RESOLUTION #99 OF 2023: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board appoints the following individuals to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee for the duration of the project:

* Alison Weaver as a business representative
* Rose Hanson as the village representative.

Moved: Ms. Olson Seconded: Ms. Weatherby

Discussion:

The group further discussed expansion of the committee.

Olson aye

Boggs aye

Bouchard aye

Goldman aye

Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 5/9/23

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION OF TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Ms. Olson noted that at the next meeting she will propose a resolution requiring elected and (non-staff) public officials and Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee members to complete the town’s Ethics, Sexual Harassment and civil rights trainings (either remotely or in person) each year.

She further noted that it is within the town board’s purview to require training. Putting in a local law makes it easier to find in town records. The word “misconduct” may be removed.

DRAFT WATER EXTENSION/DISTRICT POLICY AND ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL POLICY ITEMS – DISCUSSION

Ms. Olson said that water districts can be initiated by the town board or by citizen petition. The petition process may be complicated for property owners to understand. The proposed policy will establish threshholds for which the board will initiate and spend funds to explore the feasibility of a district.

RELEASED TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE (TAV) – DISCUSSION

Ms. Wright presented the information to the board and asked what other info might be useful for the board in creating the budget.

NOISE ORDINANCE – SUBCOMMITTEE FORMATION

Ms. Olson noted that the village’s noise ordinance has not been successful but the attorney has shared another town’s ordinance that has been successfully litigated. Mr. Goldman volunteered to work with code officer on this.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 23 – Regular Town Board Meeting

May 29 – Town buildings closed for Memorial Day

May 31 – Public Information Session for Potential Water Extensions along Route 96; 6pm @ Town Hall

June 13 – Regular Town Board Meeting

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION #100 OF 2023: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board approve the meeting minutes from April 25, 2023 (regular meeting and public hearing) as amended.

Moved: Mr. Goldman Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson aye

Boggs aye

Bouchard aye

Goldman aye

Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 5/9/23

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

RESOLUTION # 101 OF 2023: BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approves the 2023 budget modification(s) as presented. (See appendix)

Moved: Ms. Bouchard Seconded: Mr. Goldman

Olson aye

Boggs aye

Bouchard aye

Goldman aye

Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 5/9/23

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION # 102 OF 2023: PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board has reviewed and approves payment of claims for vouchers numbered 164 through 215 (excepting voucher # 176) in the amount of $110,050.65.

Moved: Mr. Goldman Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Friendly amendment to add removal of 176

Olson aye

Boggs aye

Bouchard aye

Goldman aye

Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 5/9/23

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (3 min limit per person)**

Ms. Marino commented on the TAV and said that it could be useful in creation of the comp plan. She thanked the board for changes to proposed training law and requested that it be shared with those affected in advance.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Goldman made a motion to adjourn at 9:05pm. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk*

*5/19/23*

**APPENDIX:**

*WILL BE ADDED TO PDF AFTER APPROVAL*

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**BUDGET MODS**