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

**2024 Pre-Tentative Budget**

Town of Ulysses

Sept. 12, 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 9:45am.

**ATTENDANCE:**

TOWN OFFICIALS

Supervisor- Katelin Olson

Board members- Michael Boggs, Liz Weatherby

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Second Deputy Supervisor/Budget Officer- Michelle E. Wright

Town Planner- Niels Tygesen

Building/Code Officer- Mark Washburn

BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Overview of Draft Tentative budget

Ms. Wright explained a recent shift in the town’s budgeting philosophy to move toward more accurate budgeting rather than a style that over-estimates expenses (appropriations) to accumulate fund balance.

She noted that mortgage tax will come in under budget for 2023. Mr. Washburn & Ms. Olson added that there have been more renovations than new purchases and things are being paid with cash rather than a mortgage.

Code, Planning & Zoning Budget

The following 2024 budget items were discussed:

* Ms. Wright noted that as a general rule, only one-time costs should be paid from fund balance
* Plans to increase fees & development of a graduated fee scale to help offset the personnel costs of bigger projects and special events
* An increase in line B1440.4 will be mostly related to stormwater. This will be billed back to applicant
* The Dep Enforcement Officer may be able to start doing violation inspections to help offset workload of Enforcement Officer
* A goal to put aside $5000/year toward a new electric vehicle
* Improved planning to stay up to date with technology and get new computers in a timely manner
* Software (UpCodes) to access info in the field
* Increase in travel and training for 2024 due to updated ICC codes
* Committee requests

Fire (SF) and Ambulance/EMS (SM) Budget

Ms. Olson shared that there is an increase in the Fire contract this year due to the Village using a new fee formula that includes assessment value rather than just call volume. She added that EMS costs have been increasing at a troubling pace as well.

Ms. Wright said that she is very concerned about the decrease in the town’s fund balance.

ADJOURN

Ms. Weatherby made a motion to adjourn at 11:56am. This was seconded by Mr. Boggs and passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk*

*9/25/23*