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

**2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Town of Ulysses

Oct. 10, 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 6pm.

**ATTENDANCE:**

TOWN OFFICIALS:

Supervisor- Katelin Olson

Board members- Mary Bouchard, Liz Weatherby, Rich Goldman, Michael Boggs

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Second Deputy Supervisor/Budget Officer- Michelle E. Wright

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

*(none)*

2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Ms. Wright explained the budget process. She (the Budget Officer) has created the Tentative budget with input from staff and board. The board may choose to make changes before adopting it as the Preliminary Budget. After adoption of the Preliminary Budget, a public hearing can be scheduled.

Ms. Wright noted some recent changes:

* Health consortium rates were originally planned to increase by 8.5% but have only increased by 8%.
* Some operations are still being funded by fund balance. She is slowly moving away from this practice toward a model where fund balance supports only one-time uses
* Tax rate has decreased for 2024 as TAV (taxable assessed value) has increased

A fund highlights:

* Increase in Deputy Clerk hours from 20-24/wk
* Increase in Rec Director salary

Community funding recommendations:

Ms. Olson shared that herself, Mr. Boggs and Ms. Weatherby reviewed the community funding requests and made recommendations to the rest of the board.

She further noted that she recused herself from recommending nursery school funding since she serves on that board.

The board discussed the requests and whether groups should come before the board for a brief presentation.

ADJOURN

Mr. Boggs made a motion to adjourn at 6:58pm. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk*

*10/16/23*