

DRAFT- TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

Town of Ulysses

Aug. 11, 2026

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](#)

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

ATTENDANCE:

TOWN OFFICIALS:

In person-

Supervisor- Katelin Olson

Board members- Liz Weatherby, Michael Boggs

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Second Deputy Supervisor- Teressa Naylor

Attending remotely due to extenuating circumstances-

Board member- Steve Manley

OTHERS:

In person-

Rich Goldman, Sarah Adams, Linda Liddle, Vicki Romanov, Rachel Ostlund (County Legislator),

Donna Blanton, Max Blanton, Dave Blanton

Via Zoom-

Michael Miller, Nancy's iPad2, Linda Liddle (*later in the evening*)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ms. Olson said that the board could go into Executive Session later in the meeting to discuss employment of particular persons or corporations, if desired.

Mr. Boggs moved to approve the agenda as presented. This was seconded by Ms. Weatherby and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: TOWN BOARD VACANCY

Ms. Olson noted that this Public Hearing was originally scheduled for the July 28 meeting (which ended up getting cancelled).

Mr. Boggs moved to open the hearing at 7:05pm. This was seconded by Ms. Weatherby and passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Donna Blanton from Waterburg Road said that they moved here recently, love it, and don't want it to change. She would like the board to appoint Rich Goldman to the vacant position.

Linda Liddle from Dubois Road spoke in favor of appointing Rich Goldman. She has experience working with him on the Planning Board and appreciates his prior experience.

Lou Licari spoke in favor of appointing Rich Goldman.

Kristy Licari spoke in favor of appointing Rich Goldman for the reasons previously mentioned.

Sarah Adams spoke in favor of Rich Goldman for his knowledge and financial background.

Dave Blanton said that he is new to town and has a special needs son. He appreciates the services in Tompkins County and supports the appointment of Rich Goldman to help keep things the same here.

Closing the hearing:

Mr. Boggs moved to close the hearing at 7:15pm. This was seconded by Ms. Weatherby and passed unanimously.

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

Sarah Adams asked if the Town Board vacancy resolution could be moved up the agenda so that people in attendance could know the outcome of the appointment.

Donna Blanton requested the same.

The board agreed.

MUNICIPAL BOARD & STAFF REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (written reports provided)

Legislator Ostlund drew attention to the county's budget series- designed to help people understand the budget process and how funds are spent. Although still early in the process, the county is projecting at least a 17% increase.

OLD BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE TOWN BOARD VACANCY

RESOLUTION #131 OF 2026: APPOINTMENT TO FILL TOWN BOARD VACANCY

Resolved, that the Ulysses Town Board appoints Rich Goldman to fill a temporary vacancy on the Town Board through December 31, 2026.

Moved: Boggs Seconded: Weatherby

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Manley	absent
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 3-0

Date adopted 8/11/26

MUNICIPAL BOARD & STAFF REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (written reports provided)

Ms. Weatherby shared that the Youth Commission will meet later this month and Three Falls LDC met and is working on website.

Ms. Olson added that Three Falls is planning for 2027 in coordination with state parks. They will start seeking funding once the state completes the SEQR.

On the county’s budget information, Ms. Olson noted that the example the county used does not apply to the Town of Ulysses as we distribute our sales tax differently.

Ms. Olson shared TCCOG updates.

OLD BUSINESS (Cont’d):

RE-SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 200 OF THE TOWN CODE (WATER)

RESOLUTION #132 OF 2026: INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 200 OF THE TOWN CODE, SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses has caused to be prepared a proposed local law titled “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 200 OF THE TOWN CODE” (the “Proposed Local Law”); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board already introduced the Proposed Local Law and to commence the required review processes prior to taking further action thereon; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing on the question of adopting the Proposed Local Law is hereby scheduled for September 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.;

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk, and Town Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take such additional steps as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Moved: Olson Seconded: Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Manley	absent
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 3-0
Date adopted 8/11/26

ENGINEERING RFQ SELECTION

Ms. Weatherby noted that a committee rated proposals, held interviews, and checked references.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ms. Olson moved to open Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a particular person or corporation at 7:39pm. This was seconded by Ms. Weatherby and passed unanimously.

Ms. Olson moved to end Executive Session at 8:01pm. This was seconded by Mr. Boggs and passed unanimously.

ENGINEERING FIRM SELECTION

RESOLUTION #133 OF 2026: ENGINEERING FIRM SELECTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses circulated a Request for Qualifications for Engineer Services and Grant Writing for bridges and culverts; and

WHEREAS, the Town was fortunate to have several applicants, whose applications were reviewed and rated by an ad hoc group of elected officials and staff appointed by the Town Board, with references checked and interviews conducted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that in consideration of qualifications, experience, and rates, the Town of Ulysses selects Barton & Loguidice to provide engineering and grant writing services related to bridges and culverts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Supervisor is authorized, subject to Town Attorney approval, to enter into any necessary agreements to formalize the relationship.

Moved: Olson Seconded: Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Manley	absent
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 3-0

Date adopted 8/11/26

SCHEDULE PRE-PRELIMINARY 2027 BUDGET REVIEW FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

RESOLUTION #134 OF 2026: PRE-PRELIMINARY 2027 BUDGET REVIEW MEETING

RESOLVED, the Ulysses Town Board schedules its pre-preliminary 2027 Budget review meeting for 8am on Monday, September 21, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Clerk is directed to notice it as a special meeting.

Moved: Olson Seconded: Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Manley	absent
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 3-0

Date adopted 8/11/26

LEASE WITH CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY FOR COMMUNITY CENTER

RESOLUTION #135 OF 2026: LEASE WITH CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY FOR COMMUNITY CENTER

RESOLVED, the Ulysses Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the annual lease with the Church of the Epiphany and undertake or designate another person to complete any necessary actions complete the terms of the lease agreement.

Moved: Olson Seconded: Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Manley	absent
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 3-0

Date adopted 8/11/26

RE-SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON DESIGNATION OF SMITH WOODS AS A CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREA (CEA)

Ms. Weatherby explained changes in NYS's wetland delineation that have made it necessary for us to change our designation process.

RESOLUTION #136 OF 2026: RE-SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF SMITH WOODS AS A CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREA, ALONG WITH RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses is considering the designation of Smith Woods as a Critical Environmental Area ("CEA") pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on April 14, 2026, the Town Board preliminarily classified the action as an Unlisted Action, directed the Town Planner to prepare a Part 1 Short Environmental Assessment Form ("SEAF") relating to the proposed action along with a memo recommending particularized reasons for such designation, along with a narrative response to the Part 2 SEAF questions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Planner on May 7, 2026 circulated a proposed Part 1 SEAF, memo and narrative response, which the Town Board reviewed at its meeting on May 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determined on May 26, 2026 that Smith Woods may possess one or more characteristics warranting designation as a CEA, including exceptional or unique natural setting, ecological sensitivity, and recreational and educational value, as outlined in the Town Planner's memo; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board also determined on May 26, 2026 that a public hearing regarding such designation was required, and scheduled such for its meeting on July 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on June 9, 2026, the Town Board accepted the Part 1 SEAF as presented by the Town Planner, declared its intent to act as lead agency, and directed the Town Planner to circulate notice of intent to act as lead agency to all involved and interested agencies along with the owners of properties adjacent to the proposed Critical Environmental Area, along with all other persons and entities as otherwise required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Planner has requested that the Town Board (1) re-review Part 1 of the SEAF presented by the Town Planner, considering a change in wetlands regulations, (2) officially designate involved and interested agencies for the Town Planner, (3) identify the specific environmental characteristics that warrant the CEA designation, (4) direct re-notification of agencies and neighboring properties, and (5) re-schedule the public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Part 1 of the SEAF presented by the Town Planner is approved as originally presented, except that the response to Question #13 shall be changed to read "The Town's official wetland map has identified local wetlands adjacent to the subject site"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Planner is directed to sign said Part 1 as amended; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Planner's recommendation of involved and interested agencies is approved as follows:

- DEC Commissioner;
- DEC regional office;
- Tompkins County Highway Department;
- Tompkins County Planning and Sustainability Department;
- Village of Trumansburg's Board of Village Trustees;
- Both Planning Boards and BZAs for the Town and Village;
- Town Bee Friendly Community Committee;
- Town Conservation and Sustainability Committee;
- Town Habitat Nature Preserve Advisory Committee;
- Town Tree Advisory Council;
- Town Youth Commission;
- Village Events & Tourism Committee;
- Ulysses Historical Society; and
- Professional staff and/or retained professional services that administer environmental and developmental regulations for both the Town and the Village; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Planner is authorized to supplement the foregoing list of interested and involved agencies as he deems appropriate in light of new and/or additional information; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts all of the particularized reasons set forth on pages 9 and 10 of the Town Planner's memo dated May 7, 2026 justifying Smith Woods' designation as a CEA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Planner is directed to provide notice to all involved and interested agencies of the Town Board's intent to act as lead agency concerning this matter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing shall be held by the Town Board with respect to the proposed designation of Smith Woods as a Critical Environmental Area on September 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 10 Elm Street, Trumansburg, New York; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is also directed to provide notice of this public hearing to the owners of those properties immediately adjacent to Smith Woods by mailing said notice not less than 20 days prior to the public hearing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Planner is directed to help the Town Clerk in identifying the neighboring owners of property, preparing the notice of public hearing, and in all other items as reasonably requested by the Town Clerk; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved: Weatherby Seconded: Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Manley	absent
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 3-0

Date adopted 8/11/26

REVISION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR SOLAR ARRAY AT HIGHWAY BARN

Ms. Olson noted that we previously put out an RFP and got one bid and we would like to get more bids. Teresa worked with others to amend the RFP to make it more manageable and applicable as a minor solar array design & installation.

RESOLUTION #137 of 2026: AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF RFP FOR GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses was awarded a NYSEDA Clean Energy Communities grant for the installation of a solar energy system; and

WHEREAS, NYS Energy Law 9-103 exempts from the requirements of competitive bidding energy performance contracts, which include the installation of solar energy systems;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is authorized to issue an RFP for a ground-mounted solar energy system in the form attached hereto, pending final legal approval. The Town Supervisor is also allowed to amend dates associated with the RFP as well.

Moved: Olson Seconded: Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye

Manley absent
Weatherby aye

Vote: 3-0

Date adopted 8/11/26

NEW BUSINESS:

LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX CAP LIMIT FOR 2027: INTRODUCTION AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION #138 of 2026: INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT

WHEREAS, a local law entitled "A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C" was introduced at this meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to hold a public hearing with respect to the adoption of said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing shall be held by the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses with respect to the adoption of the aforesaid Local Law on September 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 10 Elm Street, Trumansburg, New York; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

Moved: Olson Seconded: Boggs

Olson aye
Boggs aye
Manley absent
Weatherby aye

Vote: 3-0

Date adopted 7/28/26

AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW VOLUNTARY DONATIONS TO ANIMAL SHELTER PER NYS REQUIREMENT

RESOLUTION #139 OF 2026: ALLOWING VOLUNTARY SHELTER DONATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses issues dog licenses pursuant to Article 7 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law; and

WHEREAS, recent amendments to New York State Agriculture and Markets Law require municipalities issuing dog licenses to provide applicants with the opportunity to make voluntary contributions to an animal shelter selected by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Bookkeeper recommends using budget line A615;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses hereby designates the SPCA as the animal shelter utilized by the Town of Ulysses for dog control; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any voluntary contributions collected by the Town of Ulysses through its dog licensing program be deposited into Fund A615; and

RESOLVED, that and funds collected shall be turned over annually during the month of March to the SPCA in accordance with applicable law and accounting procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and to update dog licensing forms and procedures accordingly.

Moved: Olson Seconded: Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Manley	absent
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 3-0

Date adopted 8/11/26

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT ENGINEERING FUNDING REQUEST FOR WATER DISTRICT 1 WATER LINE

RESOLUTION #140 OF 2026: AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT ENGINEERING FUNDING REQUEST FOR WATER DISTRICT 1 WATER LINE

WHEREAS, legislative funding may be available to pay for engineering costs associated with the permissive users along a Trumansburg Village-owned water line that serves a state-funded property;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to submit a funding request for up to \$100,000 for a legislative earmark in the NYS Legislature for engineering assessment costs **and opportunities** of the Village-owned former distribution line that serves Town-outside-Village properties.

Moved: Olson Seconded: Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Manley	absent
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 3-0

Date adopted 8/11/26

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT-
Olson, Boggs

CANCELLATION OF AUGUST 25, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

RESOLUTION #141 OF 2026: CANCELLATION OF THE AUGUST 25, 2026 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

RESOLVED, the Ulysses Town Board cancels the August 25, 2026 regular Town Board meeting.

Moved: Olson Seconded: Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Manley	absent
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 3-0

Date adopted 8/11/26

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7 – Town Buildings Closed for Labor Day

September 8 – Regular Town Board Meeting, 7pm @ Town Hall

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION #142 of 2026: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board approve the meeting minutes, as presented/amended, from June 23 (Special & Regular Meetings), June 30, 2026 (regular meeting) and July 6, 2026 (special meeting).

Moved: Olson Seconded: Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Manley	absent
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 3-0

Date adopted 8/11/26

BOARD NOTIFICATIONS:

none

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

RESOLUTION #143 OF 2026: BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approves the 2026 budget modifications as presented (*See Appendix*).

Moved: Boggs Seconded: Weatherby

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Manley	absent

Weatherby aye

Vote: 3-0

Date adopted 8/11/26

PAYMENT OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION #144 OF 2026: PAYMENT OF AUDITED CLAIMS

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approves payment of the following audited claims:

- Vouchers #16-17 in the HA Fund totaling \$8437.76
- Voucher #18 in the HB Fund totaling \$35,725.36
- Vouchers #359-409 in the A-SW Funds totaling \$213,778.19

Moved: Olson

Seconded: Boggs

Olson aye

Boggs aye

Manley absent

Weatherby aye

Vote: 3-0

Date adopted 8/11/26

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

none

ADJOURN:

Mr. Boggs made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm. This was seconded by Ms. Weatherby and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk, 8/28/26

APPENDIX:

Included:

- Public Hearing comments
- Local Law to amend Water Code- draft
- Local Law to Override Tax Levy Limit- draft
- Staff Reports
- Budget modifications



Outlook

Regarding Town request for public feedback regarding Town vacancy

From Cynthia Mannino [REDACTED]

Date Wed 7/22/2026 2:19 PM

To Carissa Parlato <clerk@townofulyssesny.gov>

Hello Carissa

Re: The Town Board would like to hear feedback from the public on two applicants for a vacancy through Dec. 31, 2026.

--duties of the Town Board

--application from Rich Goldman

--application from Keith Hannon

Since Rich Goldman has won the primary it makes sense to have Rich fill the vacancy.

Thank you

Cynthia Mannino

Sent from my iPhone



Outlook

Re: Ulysses Updates for 7/24/26

From Ari Kissiloff <[REDACTED]>

Date Mon 7/27/2026 1:35 PM

To Carissa Parlato <clerk@townofulyssesny.gov>

Got it thanks for explaining that.

But why then just 2 names for consideration (the democrats). By that logic the town board could appoint anyone?

But in any case if it's between 2 people and one won the primary is the person statistical most likely to win, it would,make sense for continuity for them to serve.

This is not to mention that Hannon is temperamentally unfit for this position. He once told me I was stupid because I taught at ithaca college and not Cornell where he works

Please do share with the town board as public input.

Sent from my iPad

Town Board Vacancy

From Nancy Cusumano <[REDACTED]>
Date Tue 7/28/2026 7:32 PM
To Carissa Parlato <clerk@townofulyssesny.gov>
Cc Katelin Olson <supervisor@townofulyssesny.gov>; Steven Manley <manley@townofulyssesny.gov>; Michael Boggs <boggs@townofulyssesny.gov>; Elizabeth Weatherby <weatherby@townofulyssesny.gov>

Dear Supervisor Olson and Town Board members,

I am writing in lieu of making comments in person due to the board meeting's cancellation tonight.

I am writing in support of appointing Richard Goldman to the interim town board position. Since Rich will be elected in November, and given his past experience as a member of this town board, I can think of no reason at all that he should not be appointed now.

What would be the point of appointing another person for a few short months...for this person to barely get up to speed and then be removed. I cannot fathom why in the world that would be done.

Please, appoint Mr Goldman for the vacancy through the end of the year.

Thank you,

Nancy Cusumano

TOWN OF ULYSSES
LOCAL LAW NO. ____ FOR THE YEAR 2026

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 200 OF THE TOWN CODE

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses as follows:

Section 1. Statutory Authority

The Town has authority to adopt this Local Law pursuant to Article IX, § 2(c) of the New York State Constitution; Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, including but not limited to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10(1)(i) and § 10(1)(ii)(a); and the Town Law of the State of New York, including but not limited to Town Law §198.

Section 2. Amendment of Section 200-4(M)

Section 200-4(M) is amended by replacing said section entirely with the following:

Master meter required. When multiple living units exist on a single parcel, a single master meter shall be installed measuring all water consumed on the parcel. Upon application by the owner(s) of a parcel, the Town Board may, in its reasonable discretion and subject to approval by the Water District Operator, authorize at the sole cost and expense of the owner(s) installation of water meters for each separate living unit in addition to the master meter. In such event, the owner(s) shall remain directly responsible for payment of all water user fees, rates, rents and charges as measured by the master meter, even when the Town of Ulysses sends a bill to the person(s) occupying such living units.

Section 3. Amendment of Section 200-10(A)

Section 200-10(A) is amended by replacing said section entirely with the following:

User fees. User fees shall be assessed to each property within the service area for the purposes of retiring debt and operation and maintenance. User fees and formulas for determining user fees shall be established in accordance with New York State Town Law and may be modified from time to time by resolution of the Town Board after following all procedures required by New York State Town Law. User fees may be included on the tax bills for each property within the service area, and payment for same shall be made at the same time and at the same place as specified for other Town charges.

Section 4. Amendment of Section 200-10(C)(1)

Section 200-10(C)(1) is amended by replacing said section entirely with the following:

If there shall be any payments which are due to the Town of Ulysses, or any Department or District thereof, pursuant to any section of this article, which shall remain due and unpaid, in whole or in part, for a period of 30 calendar days from the date of payment due to the Town of Ulysses, the

same shall constitute a default, and there shall be added to the entire amount of the original bill, a penalty equal as set forth from time to time by resolution of the Town Board.

Section 5. Remainder

Except as hereinabove amended, the remainder of the Code of the Town of Ulysses shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

**TOWN OF ULYSSES
LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF THE YEAR 2026**

**A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT
ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Ulysses pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Ulysses to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2027 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town Board of the Town of Ulysses, County of Tompkins, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the 2027 fiscal year that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 4. Remainder

Except as hereinabove amended, the remainder of the Town Code of the Town of Ulysses shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Separability

The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of this local law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and as if such person or circumstance, to which the local law or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempt therefrom.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Town of Ulysses Clerk's Office
MONTHLY REPORT for July 2026

Submitted by Carissa Parlato

<u>LICENSES/PERMITS issued:</u>	<u>#</u>
Sporting licenses	6
Disabled parking permits	6
Dog licenses and renewals	47
Marriage licenses	3
Notarizations	5

<u>FINANCIAL REPORT:</u>	
\$17,795.00	TOTAL fees collected
\$17,183.31	stays in the town
\$616.69	goes to the state

<u>FOIL requests</u>	<u>completed</u>
Property records	1

CLERK's OFFICE TASKS:

Water:

- Collected payments

Public engagement projects and tasks:

- Weekly newsletter, Facebook updates, press releases on:
 - Town Board vacancy
 - Comp Plan public hearings
 - Primary/election updates

IT:

- Checked spam filter weekly
- Corresponded with Computer Room & Advance 2000 for assistance as needed

Health & Safety Committee:

- Met on 7/23 to continue work on updating our 1993 Emergency Plan. Jessica Verfuss from TC DOER attended to help answer questions

TC Public Information Advisory Board:

- Met on 7/14. Discussed public talk on History of Journalism in TC, held on 7/11 as well as TC Communications Dept. updates

Records Management:

- Weekly meetings with Lori on planning for disposal of scanned building plans and scanning of new plans
- Began disposition of plans scanned in 2018

Facilities

- Landscaping
- Ordered supplies
- Coordinated projects with DPW-mostly HVAC

Other:

- Participated in engineer RFQ screening & interviews
- Attended Tompkins Chamber training: L.E.A.R.N. - Effective Strategies for Business Leadership Success

General/routine tasks:

- mail, answered inquiries on various topics, attended town board meetings and took minutes, notary services, licensing (marriage, dog, sporting), disabled parking permits, collected building & zoning fees, participated in weekly Supervisor/Clerks office meetings, managed building use/equipment sign out, responded to FOIL requests, posted board meetings & videos on web and Youtube, monthly solar meter reads



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Planning & Zoning July 2026 Report to Town Board

Town Board Meeting Date, 08.11.2026

Submitted by Niels Tygesen, 08.05.2026

Planning Board

The Planning Board held a meeting on July 7 to discuss the following item:

- The Board conducted sketch plan review for a proposed accessory structure located at 1282 Taughannock Blvd.
- [Minutes link](#); [recorded meeting video link](#).

Board of Zoning Appeals

The BZA did not conduct any business this month.

Planning Projects

- 2025-45 Comp Plan Update
 - 2026 2Q report tracking for CSC grant.
 - Coordination ongoing work with Consultant.

Zoning Enforcement

- Ongoing research on code enforcement cases.
- Joseph Allen, 6200 & 6211 Brook Road (parcels 23.-1-12 and 23.-2-4 respectively) and parcels 23.-1-14.4 and 23.-2-5.2, continues to make progress and good faith effort to comply with the Court's adjournment in contemplation of dismissal. Next set Court date for review and potential dismissal is 12.20.2026.
- Keith Dodge, 1942 Trumansburg Road (parcel 20.-3-9.22), plead guilty to all violations on July 28, 2026. The plea deal stated that should the defendant resolve all outstanding issues no later than 270 days, prosecution would petition the Court to dismiss all charges.

Miscellaneous

- Building, Planning, and Zoning permit reviews.
- Tompkins County Stormwater Coalition Meeting – stormwater activity and financial report



TOWN OF ULYSSES

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- ITCTC 07.21.2026 [Policy/Planning Committee Meeting – Director’s Report](#)
 - Interviews with engineering firms related to RFQ for culvert/bridge projects.
 - Demo-interviews with permit mgmt. software.
 - Customer support pertaining zoning information and permitting process.

Greetings Board Members: Below are financial highlights from the July 2026 financial statements.

Balance Sheet

As detailed in the Supervisor's Report, total cash balances as of 7/31/2026 amounted to \$561,758.19, an increase of 19,574.62 from the end of June. A few notable items to comment on for this month:

- We did not need to redeem and investments.
- Sales tax payments are coming on a timely basis, having received payments through June as of the end of July. Sales tax revenue is currently running over 10% ahead of budget based on trends thus far in 2026.
- EMS Payments are also now current through June and ambulance charges are currently earned at 60% of the budget.
- We finally received our first Mortgage Tax payment from the County, however it was not deposited until August and is not reflected in the July financials. The amount is \$41,323.49 – approximately 59% of our budget.
- Cash outlays were as expected. Notable is the increase in payroll due to summer camp and youth employment.

In addition to cash balances, the Town had investments valued at a total of \$3,660,509.13 as of July 31, 2026. Of the total investments, \$1,730,343.94 represents reserve funds, and \$1,930,165.19 represents a combination of fund balance and property tax revenue. As of July 31, a total of \$67,794.52 was recorded in interest and earnings from investments.

Income Statement

Revenues through June 2026 are mostly as expected. Below I have pointed out some highlights:

- Sales tax revenues through the end of June are running at about 11% over budget. It is too early to know whether this trend will continue through the year.
- EMS revenues as of June are just about 60% of the budgeted revenue.
- Court revenue is recorded through June, with the annual budget of \$25,000 almost fully earned.
- As noted earlier, the Town finally received its first mortgage tax payment in early August.
- WD3 reflects the second quarter billing, with slightly under 50% of the budget earned.

Expenditures through July 2026 are also as expected, with some spending being front loaded (such as payments for Fire and Ambulance services, community organizations, and some insurance costs). I don't have anything new to point out from my previous report other than the increase in summer payroll activity.

Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Activities

Below are some highlights of my activities for the Month:

- Personnel: I continue to support employees and retirees with benefit administration, employment, and civil services functions. I have also been very busy with YEP and Camp employees, most of whom started work in early July.
- Finance Committee: The Finance Committee did not meet as originally scheduled on July 6th due to the change in the Board meeting date. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.
- Budget Modifications: I will be presenting a few budget modifications for the Boards review and approval at the August 11 meeting.
- 2027 Budget Planning: I have begun work on budget planning tasks for 2027. Budget request forms have been distributed to budget managers and Committee Chairs – with a due date back to me of August 7th. As discussed at the June board meeting, our detailed budget review with the Board will take place on September 21st from 9:30am until 2:00pm. More details will be distributed as we approach that date.

2026 Budget Modifications Requested at Town Board Meeting 8/11/26

A FUND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

1	Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Budget Mod Request	Post Budget Mod.
	A1620.1	Town Hall - Personnel	\$ 650.00	Increase	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,800.00
	A5132.1	Highway Barn - Personnel	\$ -	Increase	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	A7110.1	Parks - Personned Services	\$ 650.00	Increase	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 2,000.00
	A1620.4	Town Hall - Contractual	\$ 28,140.00	Decrease	\$ (3,150.00)	\$ 24,990.00
	A5132.4	Highway Barn - Contractual	\$ 21,635.00	Decrease	\$ (500.00)	\$ 21,135.00
	A7110.4	Parks - Contractual	\$ 8,000.00	Decrease	\$ (1,350.00)	\$ 6,650.00

This budget adjustment refelcts the hiring of a cleaner, rather than contracting cleaning services for both the Town Hall and the Highway Barn. Additionally, it reflects work performed by the DPW at the Town Hall and Town Parks that exceeded the amount originally anticipated in the budget. Contractual funds are available to cover these costs in each functional area.

2	Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Budget Mod Request	Post Budget Mod.
	A1940.4	Purchase of Land/ROW	\$ -	Increase	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 5,600.00
	A1990.4	Contingency	\$ 27,000.00	Decrease	\$ (5,600.00)	\$ 21,400.00

This adjustment reflects the closing costs related to the acceptance of donated land.

3	Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Budget Mod Request	Post Budget Mod.
	A7989.4	Culture and Recreation Contractual	\$ 12,790.00	Increase	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 13,790.00
	A1990.4	Contingency	\$ 21,400.00	Decrease	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 20,400.00

This adjustment reflects the amount paid to the Encore Players for 1776 Production.

SW3 FUND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

1	Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Increase / Decrease	Budget Mod Request	Post Budget Mod.
	SW3-8340.46	Truck Maintenance - Contractual	\$ 1,100.00	Increase	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,600.00
	SW3-8340.49	Water Trans and Dist - Engineering	\$ -	Increase	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 4,750.00
	SW3-8340.41	Water Trans and Dist - General	\$ 1,000.00	Decrease	\$ (500.00)	\$ 500.00
	SW3-1990.4	Contingency	\$ 13,750.00	Decrease	\$ (4,750.00)	\$ 9,000.00

To reflect additional truck maintenance costs, which are covered by savings in other contractual accounts, and to reflect the costs associated with engineering design for a water tank blower enclosure. Contingency funds are available to cover the unanticipated engineering costs.