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RESOLUTION # _____ OF 2026: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board agenda for October 27, 2026 is approved as presented/amended.

Section 4 OLD BUSINESS ++++++

RESOLUTION #___ OF 2026: Adoption of 2027 Budget

WHEREAS, a public budget meeting was held on 9/21/26; and

WHEREAS, the Town Budget Officer presented the 2027 Tentative Budget to the Town Clerk and the Town Board at the 9/22/26 Regular Town Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board accepted the 2027 Preliminary Town Budget on 10/13/26 and, in accordance with New York State Town Law Section 108, and set the Public Hearing date for 10/27/26 at 7:00PM in person and via ZOOM; and

WHEREAS, notice of the Public Hearing was in the newspaper on 10/17/26, posted on the Town's website on 10/14/26, and included in the Town newsletter on 10/16 and 10/23/26; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on 10/27/26, 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 2027 is 3.78% and was overridden by the Town Board on 9/8/26 by Local Law #4 of 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts the Preliminary Budget for 2027 as the Final Budget for 2027, with a 7.63% increase in the tax levy and a 7.59% tax rate increase for Town residents outside the Village of Trumansburg, and a 3.08% levy increase and a 3.01% tax rate decrease for Village of Trumansburg residents that exceeds the tax cap.

RESOLUTION # _____ OF 2026: Selection of Solar Construction Company for Highway Barn Solar Array

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses received a \$100,000 grant to install a solar array at the Highway Barn from NYSERDA; and

WHEREAS, the Town undertook a Request for Proposals process to solicit bids; and

WHEREAS, the submissions were reviewed by Town staff, volunteers, and Taitum Engineering;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Ulysses Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into all necessary contract negotiations with the following company, based on their submission packet, not to exceed \$_____:

RESOLUTION # _____ OF 2026: Adopting a Negative Declaration and Designating Smith Woods as a Critical Environmental Area

WHEREAS, the area known as “Smith Woods” in the Town of Ulysses (“Town”), as more specifically set forth in Exhibit A hereto, has long been a privately held natural forest area and private park; and

WHEREAS, the owners of Smith Woods approached the Town and offered to donate Smith Woods to the Town; and

WHEREAS, as part of that donation, the owners of Smith Woods requested that the Town review and consider designation of Smith Woods as a Critical Environmental Area (“CEA”) pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and its implementing regulations; and

WHEREAS, New York State municipalities are authorized under state law (6 NYCRR § 617.14 [g]) to establish Critical Environmental Areas to bring attention to areas with exceptional or unique character with respect to a natural setting or an inherent ecological, geological or hydrological sensitivity to change; and

WHEREAS, the Ulysses Comprehensive Plan (“the Plan”) recognizes that Smith Woods has been identified as a Unique Natural Area by the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council, states that the Town should designate it as “Parks + Open Space” in future land use plans in order to provide for the conservation and enhancement of its open, natural and improved areas for environmental, recreational, green infrastructure, and scenic character benefits, and that a master plan to guide long-term care of Smith Woods should be developed; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on April 14, 2026, the Town Board preliminarily classified as an Unlisted Action the designation of Smith Woods as a CEA, 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 (Exhibit B hereto), which the Town Board reviewed at its meeting on May 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determined by resolution on May 26, 2026 (Exhibit C hereto) 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 23, 2026, the Town Board by resolution (Exhibit D hereto) 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 CEA, along with all other persons and entities as otherwise required by law; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on August 11, 2026, the Town Board by resolution (Exhibit E hereto) addressed several questions from the Town Planner, accepted the amended Part 1 SEAF as presented by the Town Planner (Exhibit F hereto), and re-scheduled the public hearing on the designation of Smith Woods as a CEA for September 22, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board conducted a public hearing on the proposed designation of the Smith Woods Critical Environmental Area on September 22, 2026, commencing at 7pm, at the Town of Ulysses Town Hall, 20 Elm Street, Trumansburg, New York, where all interested persons had an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has completed, or caused to be completed, Part 2 of the Environmental Assessment Form (Exhibit G hereto); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has completed, or caused to be completed, Part 3 of the Environmental Assessment Form (Exhibit H hereto); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the action as defined in 6 NYCRR § 617.2(b) and § 617.3(g), has reviewed the SEAF and considered same with respect to the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), has identified relevant areas of environmental concern, has thoroughly analyzed the relevant areas of environmental concern, and finds and determines that the proposed action will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds it appropriate to adopt a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA in connection with the proposed designation of the Smith Woods Critical Environmental Area; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds it appropriate, after having given a full and fair opportunity to any interested persons wishing to be heard and after having undertaken the SEQRA review of the proposed action, to designate and establish the Smith Woods Critical Environmental Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses, as follows:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Ulysses hereby adopts the Part 2 and Part 3 of the SEAF annexed hereto as Exhibits G and H, respectively, and finds that the proposed designation of the Smith Woods Critical Environmental Area will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts, and therefore adopts a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA for such action.

2. The Town Board hereby finds that the proposed Smith Woods Critical Environmental Area has exceptional and unique character relating to the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR § 617.14(g), including without limitation, an exception or unique natural setting; ecological sensitivity, and recreational value, for the reasons set forth in the Town Planner's memorandum dated May 7, 2026, all of which are hereby expressly accepted and adopted.

3. The Town Board hereby designates Smith Woods as a Critical Environmental Area, in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 617.14(g), and directs that the Town Clerk file and provide notice of this designation as required pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.14(g)(2).

4. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor or her designee to take all other actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate this resolution.

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately, except as where otherwise required by law.

RESOLUTION # ____ of 2026 Project Engineering, Design and Bid Preparation Agreement for Agard and Garrett Road Culverts

Resolved, the Ulysses Town Board authorizes that Town Supervisor to sign the Services Agreement for Project engineer, design and bid preparation for Agard and Garrett Road Culverts for \$95,000 each, pending approval by the Town Attorney.

Section 5 NEW BUSINESS ++++++

Section 7 APPROVAL OF MINUTES+++++

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RESOLUTION # _____ of 2026 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board approves the meeting minutes, as presented/amended, for October 13, 2026 (regular meeting).