

DRAFT- TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Ulysses

Jan. 14, 2025

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--q9CpHlxdk9YxZyPw>.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ATTENDANCE:

TOWN OFFICIALS:

In person-

Supervisor- Katelin Olson

Board members- Mary Bouchard, Liz Weatherby, Michael Boggs

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

WSPPC (Water Source Protection Plan Committee) member & CSAC (Conservation & Sustainability Advisory Committee) chair- Roxanne Marino

Absent-

Board member- Rich Goldman

OTHERS:

Via Zoom-

Anne Koreman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (3 minutes per person):

none

PUBLIC HEARING- 2025 FIRE AGREEMENT:

Ms. Bouchard moved to open the hearing at 7:03pm. This was seconded by Mr. Boggs and passed unanimously.

Ms. Olson asked whether there were any comments. Ms. Marino said that the town is given the contract and has no choice in it.

Ms. Olson agreed and said it was the same as prior years except for the date and amount.

Ms. Bouchard moved to close the hearing. This was seconded by Mr. Boggs and passed unanimously.

MUNICIPAL BOARD & STAFF REPORTS:

Ms. Koreman shared the following updates from the TC Legislature:

- New chair and vice-chair elected: Klein & Mezey
- New county admin- Korsah Akumfi
- Town of Danby received \$695k funding for homeowner/housing rehab. Started with \$8k from county to hire a grantwriter. TOU can look into this if interested
- Airport is resuming flights to DC

Committee reports:

Ms. Marino gave the following updates:

- CSAC
 - Worked with CLEAN on comments for Cargill's DEC permit
 - Working on setting meetings for year
- WSPPC
 - Getting closer to having a draft- maybe by end of Feb.
- CEC/NYSERDA grant
 - Energy assessment at highway dept.
 - Will try to get the town recertified as a Climate Smart Community

Ms. Weatherby gave an update on the CPSC (Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee)

- Visioning session with Town Board was held:
 - Discussed why live here, concerns...

Ms. Olson gave the following updates:

- Youth Commission-
 - job posted for Recreation Activity Specialist
 - Youth survey results from 2023
- Three Falls-
 - Met for operations discussions
 - State is managing the property for the winter
 - Applied for a parks & trails NY grant to do planning/assessment of the property

Ms. Bouchard shared the Bee Committee wants to submit monthly newsletter items.

OLD BUSINESS:

2025 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AGREEMENT

Ms. Olson reiterated that fire protection is a mandated service for towns to provide.

RESOLUTION #40 OF 2025: APPROVAL OF THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AGREEMENT FOR 2025

WHEREAS, a fire protection district known as the "Fire Protection District of the Towns of Ulysses, Hector and Covert" (hereafter referred to as "the Fire Protection District") has been duly established in the said towns; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Protection District encompasses the following territory in the Town of Ulysses: All of the Town of Ulysses, excepting the area within the limits of the incorporated Village of Trumansburg; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Trumansburg (hereafter referred to as “the Village”) maintains a volunteer fire department, with adequate and suitable apparatus, equipment and training for the furnishing of fire protection services within the Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, Town Law §184 permits a town to contract with a village which maintains adequate and suitable apparatus and appliances for the furnishing of fire protection services in such fire protection district; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to contract with the Village to provide fire protection services in the Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing as required by §184 of the Town Law was duly advertised on December 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was held on January 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. and all members of the public wishing to share their opinions in person or in writing had the opportunity to do so;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses hereby approves and authorizes execution of the attached Agreement between the Village and the Town, whereby the Village will provide the Town with fire protection capable of responding to fire related and health related emergencies on an ongoing basis within the Fire Protection District, for the period from January 1, 2025 until December 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED that, pursuant to the Agreement, the Town shall pay the Village the sum of **\$263,315.41** for such services and the bill will be paid no later than February 15, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED that, the Supervisor of the Town of Ulysses is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Town of Ulysses.

Moved: Ms. Olson Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	absent
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 4-0

Date Adopted: 1/14/25

SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC) ON MINE LAND RECLAMATION PERMIT FOR CAYUGA LAKE

CSAC adapted a document originally created by CLEAN and condensed it for the board to amend/approve. DEC did extend the comment period.

RESOLUTION # 41 OF 2025: SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC) ON MINE LAND RECLAMATION PERMIT FOR CAYUGA LAKE

WHEREAS, the NY Department of Environmental (NYDEC) determined on November 19, 2024 that Cargill, Inc. has submitted a complete Mined Land Reclamation permit application to amend the water storage location within Cayuga Salt Mine's currently permitted Life-of-Mine area; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses passed a resolution on November 12, 2024 requesting a thorough environmental review of the project and submitted a letter to the NY DEC to that effect; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses passed a resolution on December 10, 2024 requesting an extension to the public comment period, which was granted, thereby extending the comment period to January 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation and Sustainability Advisory Committee prepared written recommendations for the Town Board to consider, and these comments were shared with the public in the agenda materials posted on January 10, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to submit a letter on behalf of the Town outlining the numerous environmental concerns outlined in the letter drafted by CSAC and amended by the Town Board; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to submit this letter to the NY DEC and any interested parties that were included on the letter authorized on November 12, 2024 by January 15, 2025.

Moved: Ms. Olson

Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	absent
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 4-0

Date Adopted: 1/14/25

CFA 2024 AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT: GARRETT ROAD

Ms. Olson noted that the town received a grant award for \$520k to replace the Garrett Rd. culvert, based on a 2023 grant to review the 5 worst culverts. This is 3rd culvert grant that the town has received. Ms. Olson recommends applying for another grant this summer.

OVERVIEW OF PRIORITY PROJECTS IN 2025

Ms. Olson reminded the board of the projects that the town is committed to for 2025, including:

- Curry Rd bridge- DOT staff person transition so delayed/on hold for now

- Waiting on contract for Maplewood Rd rehabilitation
- Garrett Rd. DEC- contract
- Parking lot- next steps are to coordinate with neighbors and formalize the plan
- Comp Plan
- Camp Barton
- Public water requests and considerations
- Salo Habitat mgmt. planning
- NYSERDA funds for EV
- Annual audit
- Consultant for planning summer rec prog at CB
- Energy audit for highway
- Solar panel lease expiration
- Possible local law changes for property tax exemptions
- Grassroots water district request

She added that other unexpected items come up.

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION #42 OF 2025: APPROVAL OF THE 2025 AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE GREATER TOMPKINS COUNTY MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE CONSORTIUM

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses is a Participant in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (the "Consortium"), a municipal cooperative organized under Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law, and

WHEREAS, the municipal participants in the Consortium, including this body, have approved and executed a certain Municipal Cooperation Agreement (the "Agreement"; effective date of October 1, 2010), and

WHEREAS, Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law (the "Insurance Law") and the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Financial Services set forth certain requirements for governance of municipal cooperatives that offer self-insured municipal cooperative health insurance plans, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement sets forth in Section Q2 that continuation of the Consortium under the terms and conditions of the Agreement, or any amendments or restatements thereto, shall be subject to Board review and upon acceptance of any new Participant hereafter, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Cooperative Agreement requires that amendments to the agreement be presented to each participant for review and adopted by a majority vote by its municipal board, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses is in receipt of the proposed amended Agreement and has determined that it is in the best interest of its constituents who are served by the Consortium to amend the Agreement as set forth in the Amended Municipal Cooperative Agreement, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that upon receipt and review of the amended Agreement, the Town of Ulysses approves at a meeting of the governing body held on Jan. 14, 2025 and authorizes the Chief Elected Official to sign the 2025 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement (Effective 1.1.25) of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium as recommended by the Board of Directors.

Moved: Ms. Olson Seconded: Mr. Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	absent
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 4-0
Date Adopted: 1/14/25

INSERO AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER

RESOLUTION #43 OF 2025: AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO SIGN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH INSERO FOR ANNUAL AUDIT

RESOLVED, the Ulysses Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the engagement letter with Insero for the Town’s annual audit.

Moved: Ms. Olson Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	absent
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 4-0
Date Adopted: 1/14/25

TOMPKINS COUNTY 2025 YOUTH SERVICES CONTRACT

RESOLUTION #44 OF 2025: AUTHORIZING CONTRACT EXECUTION FOR 2025 TOMPKINS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses and Village of Trumansburg jointly share the expenses of Youth Services, as overseen by the Youth Commission and managed by the Town of Ulysses;

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has allocated \$17,066 in matching funds for Youth Development Programming, College Tours and Civic Engagement, and \$14,140 in matching funds for the Youth Employment Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board approves the Town Supervisor signing the 2025 Funding Contract; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board directs the Town Clerk to provide the signed contract to Tompkins County Department of Youth Services.

Moved: Ms. Olson

Seconded: Ms. Weatherby

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	absent
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 4-0

Date Adopted: 1/14/25

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20 – Town Facilities Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 28 – Regular Town Board Meeting, 7pm @ Town Hall

February 11 – Regular Town Board Meeting, 7pm @ Town Hall

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION #45 OF 2025: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board approve the meeting minutes, as amended, from December 10, 2024 (regular meeting), January 8, 2025 (special meeting), and January 9, 2025 (special meeting/organizational meeting).

Moved: Ms. Olson

Seconded: Ms. Weatherby

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	absent
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 1/14/25

PAYMENT OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION #46 of 2025: PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

RESOLVED that the Town board approves payment of the following audited claims:

- Abstract 13 (A-SW funds) voucher #639-672 in the amount of \$57,166.13
- Abstract 13 (HA fund) voucher #6 in the amount of \$21,964.11
- Abstract 1 (A-SW funds) voucher #1-29 in the amount of \$130,456.57

Moved: Ms. Olson

Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson aye

Boggs aye

Bouchard aye

Goldman absent

Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 1/14/25

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

Ms. Marino said she is interested to hear that there are problems with NYSEG as it relates to the solar panels. She was the supervisor or board member when the town got the funding and would like to be a part of future discussions about it.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Boggs made a motion to adjourn at 8:16pm. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk

1/21/25

APPENDIX:

Please find these documents on the following pages:

- Staff reports
- Budget modification