

DRAFT- TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Ulysses

June 24, 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, Rich Goldman, Michael Boggs

Deputy Town Clerk- Casey Beck

WSPPC member & CSAC (Conservation & Sustainability Advisory Committee) chair- Roxanne Marino

Via Zoom-

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Absent-

Liz Weatherby

OTHERS:

In person-

Roxanne Marino

Via Zoom-

Natasha

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ms. Olson requested to pull the culvert item from Old Business.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (3 minutes per person):

Ms. Marino suggested that Clean Energy Communities be added to the NYSEDA resolution. She further noted that the Water Source Protection Plan will probably be available for the board in late July or early August. She also asked that it be noted that the Department of Health folks who assisted the committee with the well studies have lost their job due to federal cutbacks.

CONSENT AGENDA (Resolutions #97-99):

RESOLUTION # 97 OF 2025: ANNUAL ROAD CLOSURES FOR GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL

RESOLVED, the Ulysses Town Board authorizes the temporary closure of parking along Falls Road between Cemetery Road and Cayuga View; Cemetery Road between Route 96 and Falls Road; and Rabbit Run between South Street Ext. and Route 96 from Sunday, July 13, 2025 through Sunday, July 20, 2025; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board directs the Highway Superintendent to post the road closures.

RESOLUTION # 98 OF 2025: ANNUAL CANCELLATION OF SECOND AUGUST MEETING

RESOLVED, the Ulysses Town Board cancels its regular second meeting in August.

RESOLUTION #99 OF 2025: APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

RESOLVED, the Ulysses Town Board appoints Jonathan Ferrari to the Ulysses Board of Zoning Appeals for a term expiring December 31, 2027.

Moved: Ms. Bouchard Seconded: Mr. Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	aye
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 6/24/25

OLD BUSINESS:

NYSERDA CONTRACT FOR SOLAR PROJECT AT THE HIGHWAY BARN

Ms. Olson noted that this will be ground-mount solar rather than roof-top.

Ms. Marino gave a brief overview of the project, saying that we will be able to install up to 44kw at that site which will help with town hall electricity and assist the town in producing independent electricity.

RESOLUTION # 100 OF 2025: NYSERDA CONTRACT FOR SOLAR PROJECT AT THE HIGHWAY BARN

RESOLVED, the Ulysses Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the contract with New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) accepting up to \$100,000 for the installation of a solar project at the Highway Barn, pending legal approval and alteration of the contract to name Teresa Naylor as the project director; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board thanks Roxanne Marino for her steadfast work on behalf of the Town on sustainability projects, and most particularly the NYSERDA Clean Energy Community credits that make this solar project possible.

Moved: Ms. Olson Seconded: Mr. Goldman

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye

Bouchard aye
Goldman aye
Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 6/24/25

**GATEKEEPER RESOLUTION FOR THE 2025 WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (WQUIP)–
NON-AGRICULTURAL NON-POINT SOURCE (NPS) ABATEMENT AND CONTROL**

Ms. Olson noted that the town had previously authorized MRB to do a study of this culvert in preparation for applying for grant funding.

**RESOLUTION # 101 OF 2025: GATEKEEPER RESOLUTION FOR THE 2025 WATER QUALITY
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – NON-AGRICULTURAL NONPOINT SOURCE ABATEMENT AND
CONTROL**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses has undertaken the necessary engineering studies to qualify for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation’s WQIP funding program; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this program in the 2025 Consolidated Funding Application; and

WHEREAS, the MRB Group has identified the Agard Culvert as a high priority culvert for replacement or substantial repair;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to submit an application for the 2025 Water Quality Improvement Project – Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source (NPS) Abatement and Control for the Agard Road Culvert.

Moved: Ms. Olson Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson aye
Boggs aye
Bouchard aye
Goldman aye
Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 6/24/25

**SUPPORT & AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWN OF ULYSSES 2025 WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT – NON-AGRICULTURAL NONPOINT SOURCE ABATEMENT AND CONTROL**

**RESOLUTION #102 of 2025: SUPPORT & AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWN OF ULYSSES
2025 WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – NON-AGRICULTURAL NONPOINT SOURCE
ABATEMENT AND CONTROL**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulysses, Tompkins County, supports the submission of a 2025 New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) on behalf of the Town to construct improvements to the Agard Road culvert; and

WHEREAS, the NYS DEC provides competitive statewide grant funding through the Non-agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control project subcategory for the replacement of culverts and the Town of Ulysses considers this project a priority; and

WHEREAS, if funding is received, it will allow the Town to replace this deficient culvert and address erosion and aquatic connectivity in the area; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board, on behalf of the Town, identifies the Town Supervisor as the authorized representative for the project, able to execute necessary documents relative to and as required for this application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby acknowledge the required 25% match for all grant funding awarded as a local match in the form of in-kind services or cash contributions, hereby appropriated and obligated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses recognizes and fully supports the submission of the WQIP for a Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control grant by MRB Group on behalf of the Town, aligning with the June 2024 Engineering Feasibility Study for a Culvert Replacement Project.

Moved: Ms. Olson Seconded: Mr. Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	aye
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 6/24/25

NEW BUSINESS:

SIGNING LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT FOR NDV LAW

RESOLUTION #103 of 2025: SIGNING LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT FOR NDV LAW

WHEREAS, Nathan VanWhy, of the firm Coughlin and Gerhart, has served as general legal counsel to the Town of Ulysses since January 2022; and

WHEREAS, Nathan VanWhy is establishing his own private practice, NDV LAW, PLLC; and

WHEREAS, ongoing litigation in code and zoning enforcement are currently being handled by other attorneys at Coughlin and Gerhart; and

WHEREAS, under NYS and the Town of Ulysses Procurement Policy, the Town Board can authorize contracting for professional services as needed, and these services are reviewed annually at the Town's Organizational Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign a letter of engagement with NDV LAW, PLLC for general municipal services; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign paperwork that allows ongoing legal cases related to code and zoning enforcement to remain with Coughlin and Gerhart.

Moved: Ms. Olson Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	aye
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 6/24/25

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1- Public Info Session for former Camp Barton

July 4 – Town Buildings Closed

July 8 - Regular Town Board Meeting, 7pm @ Town Hall

July 22 – Regular Town Board Meeting, 7pm @ Town Hall

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION # 104 OF 2025: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board approve the meeting minutes as presented from June 10, 2025 (regular meeting).

Moved: Ms. Bouchard Seconded: Mr. Boggs

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	aye
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 5-0

Date Adopted: 6/24/25

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

(none)

ADJOURN:

Mr. Goldman made a motion to adjourn at 7:23pm. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk, 6/25/25