

DRAFT- TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Ulysses

Nov. 12, 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 7:09pm.

ATTENDANCE:

TOWN OFFICIALS:

In person-

Supervisor- Katelin Olson

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

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Via Zoom-

Linda Liddle (PB, WSPPC), Anne Koreman

OTHERS:

In person-

Andy Sciarabba, Anita Bower, Cynthia & Bella Mannino, Maureen Shallish, Cait Darfler, Don Ellis, Dolores Higareda, Steve Nicholson, Chris Collins

Via Zoom-

Maureen's iPhone

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ms. Olson requested to remove discussion of the RFP for ground-mount solar at the highway dept. Board notifications and budget modifications can also be removed.

Mr. Goldman requested an update on the comp plan project.

Mr. Boggs made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. This was seconded by Ms. Weatherby and passed unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

None

PRESENTATION: David Weinstein (Environmental Management Council) on Unique Natural Areas (UNAs)

Mr. Weinstein introduced himself and Steve Nicholson. The purpose of the presentation is to draw awareness to UNAs and the UNA inventory. Promoting conservation & preservation are the responsibility of municipalities. Presentation highlights include the following:

- Ulysses has 9 UNAs
- Tax parcels in each site have not yet been updated

- Reasons for boundary changes
- Only applies to SEQR if it becomes designated as a “critical environmental area”

The group discussed.

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

Ms. Koreman shared the following updates from the Tompkins County Legislature:

- 2026 Budget:
 - Added 2 corrections officers to eliminate overtime
 - One 911 dispatch for same
 - Added position at TC Library
 - Tentative process almost complete
 - TCAT- 3 partners- trying to get all to agree on funding amount
 - 3.37% levy increase or \$4.89/1000 of assessed value
- Office for Aging is re-locating and is offering transportation in interim- call 211
- Board of Elections is moving but must be in Ithaca
- Flock cameras funded for another year. There are concerns about sharing the data but has been a decrease in crime.
- Code Blue shelter has opened on Cherry St. for cold weather
- Legislature has increased security
- Sales tax YTD up 4%. Down about .5 million from what was budgeted
- SNAP benefits & food security- has been working with local officials. TC has allocated \$50k for the food bank
 - Tburg had ~10 more than usual 100 (2x/month)
 - Enfield has seen over 30% increase and can use more volunteers

Ms. Koreman thanked those in attendance for allowing her to represent them. Dec. will be her final month as a legislator.

Finance Committee:

Meeting notes are always posted with agenda packets. The committee has been working on updating the fund balance policy and would like board feedback. It will be adopted in January at Org. mtg.

Comp plan:

Ms. Weatherby shared the following:

- Had good turnout for last meeting.
- Feedback from public and steering committee show a desire to extend timeline. The committee agreed to end of March deadline.
- Open house on 11/19 at Town Hall.
- The next committee meeting will be on Dec. 10.

Ms. Olson added that the town will need to pay MRB as this extension will be beyond the contract.

Three Falls:

Ms. Olson shared that they have a draft masterplan that state parks will need to review so it will not be finalized until early 2026.

Cold Springs Rd Park Open House:

This was held tonight. Over 500 people responded to the survey.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #150 OF 2025: CANCEL 2ND MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

RESOLVED, the Ulysses Town Board cancels the November 25, 2025 and December 23, 2025 Town Board meetings.

RESOLUTION #151 OF 2025: AUTHORIZATION TO INCLUDE A 2026 TOWN BUDGET

SUMMARY IN THE 2026 TAX BILLS

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Law section 922 (1) (d) permits municipalities to include a summary of the 2026 adopted budget with the tax bills if the Town Board approves such action by resolution; and

WHEREAS, all taxpayers deserve a clear and transparent explanation of how their taxes are used and the structure and changes in the Town of Ulysses 2026 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board authorizes the Supervisor and Clerk to prepare a brief summary of the 2026 Town Budget for inclusion with the 2026 tax bill.

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS 150 & 151:

Moved: Mr. Goldman Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	aye
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 5-0

Date adopted: 11/12/25

NEW BUSINESS:

AGARD ROAD SPEED REDUCTION REQUEST

RESOLUTION #152 OF 2025: REQUESTING A TRAFFIC STUDY TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON AGARD ROAD

WHEREAS, Agard Road is a Town of Ulysses road and

WHEREAS, residents have requested a speed study, and

WHEREAS, the Ulysses Highway Superintendent has reviewed the road conditions and supports a speed study and a speed reduction, contingent on enforcement, and

WHEREAS, §1622 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law establishes the law regarding speed limits on town highways, and

WHEREAS, this law states that the Department of Transportation, upon the request of the county superintendent of highways of a county, and the town board of the town affected with respect to town highways in such town outside of cities or villages, may, by order, rule or regulation: (1) Establish maximum speed limits at which vehicles may proceed on or along such highways higher or lower than the fifty-five miles per hour statutory maximum speed limit. No such limit shall be established at less than twenty-five miles per hour, except that school speed limits may be established at not less than fifteen miles per hour, (2) Establish maximum speed limits at which vehicles may proceed on or along all such highways lying within an area as designated by a description of the boundaries of such area submitted by the county superintendent of highways of a county and the town board of the town affected lower than fifty-five miles per hour statutory maximum speed limit. No such limit shall be established at less than thirty miles per hour,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses supports the request for a speed control investigation by NYSDOT to determine if the speed limit for Agard Road from Route 89 to Route 96 for the safety of residents, drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Tompkins County Highway Superintendent requesting that they accept and submit our request to the NYSDOT.

Moved: Mr. Goldman Seconded: Ms. Bouchard

The group discussed looking at a wholistic view of traffic calming in the town.

Olson	aye
Boggs	aye
Bouchard	aye
Goldman	aye
Weatherby	aye

Vote: 5-0

Date adopted: 11/12/25

REFERRING REQUEST FOR OPEN DEVELOPMENT AREA TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Ms. Olson said that this request is for parcels that do not have frontage on a road per state law. So if building is desired on a parcel, it needs this designation.

RESOLUTION #153 OF 2025: REFERRING REQUEST FOR OPEN DEVELOPMENT AREA TO PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, Maureen Foley and Jason Brenner have requested the Town Board establish an Open Development Area over their property designated as Tax Parcel 30.-3-9 and known as 1191 Taughannock Boulevard pursuant to NYS Town Law 280-a(4); and

WHEREAS, said law requires referral of this matter to the Town Planning Board for its advice regarding such establishment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Ms. Foley and Mr. Brenner's request is hereby referred to the Town Planning Board for advice and recommendation.

Moved: Mr. Goldman

Seconded: Ms. Weatherby

Olson aye

Boggs aye

Bouchard aye

Goldman aye

Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0

Date adopted: 11/12/25

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 27-28 – Town Buildings Closed for Thanksgiving

December 9 – Regular meeting @ 7pm @ Town Hall

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION #154 of 2025: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board approves the minutes as presented from the 10/28 Regular Meeting.

Moved: Ms. Bouchard

Seconded: Ms. Weatherby

Olson aye

Boggs aye

Bouchard aye

Goldman aye

Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0

Date adopted: 10/28/25

PAYMENT OF AUDITED CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION #155 of 2025: PAYMENT OF AUDITED CLAIMS

RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approves payment of claims #518-574 in the amount of \$195,103.64.

Moved: Ms. Olson

Seconded: Mr. Boggs

Olson aye

Boggs aye

Bouchard aye
Goldman aye
Weatherby aye

Vote: 5-0

Date adopted: 11/12/25

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

None

ADJOURN:

Mr. Goldman made a motion to adjourn at 8:13pm. This was seconded by Ms. Bouchard and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk, 12/3/25

