

November 12, 2024

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sparta was held November 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Members present: Supervisor Mark Schuster, Deputy Supervisor Deb Halpenny, Bill Smith, Mary Ellyn Calabrese and Aaron Schreiner.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. A motion was made by Deb Halpenny and seconded by Mary Ellyn Calabrese to accept the minutes as amended. All voted yes. Carried.

Public hearing on 2025 Budget was opened at 7:05 pm.

Assessor Holley Smalt reviewed her report.

The Town Board reviewed Ron Maxwell report.

Highway Superintendent Kevin Robinson reviewed his report.

A motion was made by Deb Halpenny and seconded by Aaron Schreiner to Reappoint Roy Baley as Board of Assessment Review Member. Term to expire 9/30/2029. All voted yes. Carried.

A motion was made by Mary Ellyn Calabrese and seconded by Bill Smith to sign the extended Inter-municipal Agreement for machinery, tools, equipment and services sharing with the County of Livingston commencing on 1/1/2025 and terminating 12/31/2025. All voted yes. Carried.

A motion was made by Mary Ellyn Calabrese and seconded by Deb Halpenny to sign the 2024-2027 County Snow and Ice Removal Contract on county roads. All voted yes. Carried.

A motion was made by Mary Ellyn Calabrese and seconded by Aaron Schreiner to pass the following Resolution for Public Hearing:

The Town Board of the Town of Sparta met at a regular board meeting at the Town Offices of the Town of Sparta located at 8374 Sparta Center Rd, Dansville, New York 14437, in the Town of Sparta, New York on the 12th day of November, 2024, commencing at 7:00 p.m., at which time and place the following members were:

Present:	Supervisor	Mark Schuster
	Council Member	Deb Halpenny
	Council Member	Aaron Schreiner
	Council Member	Mary Ellyn Calabrese
	Council Member	Bill Smith
Absent:		None

WHEREAS, all Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Article 7, §104 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sparta has considered a proposed local law known as “Extending the Temporary Land Use Moratorium Prohibiting Large Scale Solar Installations in the Town of Sparta for an Additional Six Months,” to temporarily halt development of large-scale solar installations, for an additional period of six months, while the Town considers comprehensive zoning changes and the enactment of zoning measures to specifically address the matters of community concern; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 239 l-m of the General Municipal Law, said local law with all supporting documents is to be submitted to the Livingston County Planning Board for its comments; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sparta recognizes that this local law is a Type II Action under SEQR, and therefore SEQR review will not be required as there are no adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sparta finds it in the best interest of the Town of Sparta to hold a public hearing on the adoption of said local law.

NOW ON MOTION OF Mary Ellyn Calabrese which has been duly seconded by Aaron Schreiner, be it

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Sparta will hold a public hearing on the proposed local law on the 4th day of December 2024, at 4:00 p.m., at which time and place all interested parties and citizens for or against the proposed law will be heard.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

All voted yes. Carried.

A motion was made by Deb Halpenny and seconded by Bill Smith to pass the following Resolution to hold a Public Hearing:

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Present:	Supervisor	Mark Schuster
	Council Member	Aaron Schreiner
	Council Member	Deb Halpenny
	Council Member	Mary Ellyn Calabrese
	Council Member	Bill Smith
Absent:		None

WHEREAS, all Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Article 7, §104 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sparta has considered a proposed local law known as “Establishing a Six-Month Moratorium on Applications, Approvals, and/or Construction or Installation of Wind Energy Systems and/or Wind Farms and/or Wind Energy Storage Systems” to temporarily halt development of wind installations, for a period of 6 months, while the Town considers comprehensive zoning changes and the enactment of zoning measures to specifically address the matters of community concern; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 239 l-m of the General Municipal Law, said local law with all supporting documents is to be submitted to the Livingston County Planning Board for its comments; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sparta recognizes that this local law is a Type II Action under SEQR, and therefore SEQR review will not be required as there are no adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sparta finds it in the best interest of the Town of Sparta to hold a public hearing on the adoption of said local law.

NOW ON MOTION OF Deb Halpenny which has been duly seconded by Bill Smith, be it

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Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

All voted yes. Carried.

After a request for public comments, and none being made, Supervisor Schuster declared the public hearing closed on the 2025 budget.

A motion was made by Aaron Schreiner and seconded by Mary Ellyn Calabrese to adopt the 20254 budget as presented. All voted yes. Carried.

General bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$5,831.07.

Highway bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$242,855.78.

Street light bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$220.16.

A motion was made by Mary Ellyne Calabrese and seconded by Aaron Schreiner to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Carried.

Next regular meeting will be held December 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

TOWN CLERK

Sheila Duffy