October 13, 2026

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sparta was held October 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Members present: Supervisor Mark Schuster, Council Members Bill Smith, Aaron Schreiner and Mary Ellyn Calabrese

Absent: Deputy Supervisor Deb Halpenny,

Minutes of the September 8, 2026 meeting were read. A motion was made by Bill Smith and seconded by Aaron Schreiner to accept the minutes. All voted yes. Carried.

Public hearing on Local Law No 3-2026 was opened at 7:05pm.

Highway Superintendent Kevin Robinson reviewed his report.

Assessor Holley Smalt reviewed her report.

Town Engineer Eric Weis was present to discussed the EPG award letter received for up to $50,000 for the new sewage treatment and collection system in the Hamlet of Scottsburg.

A motion was made by Aaron Schreiner and seconded by Mary Ellyn Calabrese to approve and sign the Acknowledgement by the Awardee agreement form. All voted yes. Carried.

Code Enforcement Officer Ron Maxwell reviewed his report.

A motion was made by Bill Smith and seconded by Aaron Schreiner to approve the following BAN:

TOWN OF SPARTA

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE AWARD FOR BAN NO. 2 OF 2026 OF $145,793.26 FOR THE 2025 JOHN DEERE 6105E CAB TRACTOR (VIN: 1P06105ECS6301067)

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sparta met at a regularly scheduled meeting located at 8374 Sparta Center Road, Sparta, New York on October 13, 2026, commencing at 7:00 p.m., at which time and place the following members were:

Present:	Supervisor	Mark Schuster
	Councilperson	Aaron Schreiner
	Councilperson	Mary Ellyn Calabrese
	Councilperson	Bill Smith
Absent:	Deb Halpenny	

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

WHEREAS, by resolution dated September 8, 2026, the Town Board of the Town of Sparta authorized the request for bids for a Bond Anticipation Note for the refinancing of a 2025 John Deere 6105E Cab Tractor (VIN: 1P06105ECS6301067) through a Bond Anticipation Note No. 2 of 2026 (BAN No. 2 of 2026) for $145,193.26 and retained the services of Town Attorneys, DiMatteo Roach and Kelly to request bid proposals for

BAN No. 2 of 2026 from Five Star Bank, Tompkins Community Bank, Community Bank, N.A., M&T Bank, and the Bank of Greene County; and

WHEREAS, the first Notice of Sale was faxed and emailed to the Banks, with a request to submit bids by October 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the following are the bid results:

- Five Star Bank with a bid of **5.05%**
- Tompkins Community Bank declined to bid.
- Community Bank N.A. did not bid.
- M & T Bank did not bid.
- The Bank of Greene County with a bid of **4.32%**; and

WHEREAS, the bid was awarded to The Bank of Greene County as the lowest bidder;

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the Town Board has the necessary funds to make payment upon BAN No. 2 of 2026, the Town Board shall hereby award the bid for BAN No. 2 of 2026 to the lowest bidder, and shall authorize the Town Supervisor to execute any and all necessary documents to secure BAN No. 2 of 2026; and

NOW ON MOTION OF Bill Smith which has been duly seconded by Aaron Schreiner, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sparta hereby acknowledges that The Bank of Greene County located at 302 Main Street, Catskill, New York 12414 was awarded the issuance of a Bond Anticipation Note as the lowest bidder at 4.32% for the finance of a 2025 John Deere 6105E Cab Tractor (VIN: 1P06105ECS6301067), known as Bond Anticipation Note No.2 of 2026 for $145,793.26 dated the 23rd day of October, 2026.

All voted yes. Carried.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UPON PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Sparta for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk at 8824 Route 256, Sparta, New York, where it is available for inspection by any person.

Further notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Sparta will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and hold a public hearing thereof at the Sparta Town Hall at 7:05 PM on the 10th day of November, 2026 and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against any item or items therein contained.

Pursuant to Section 113 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby as follows:

Supervisor: $10,603.00
Town Justice: $3,500.00
Councilpersons: $11,068.00 (4@ $2,767.00)
Town Clerk: $14,500.00
Tax Collector: $3,200.00
Supt. of Highways: $80,579.00

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A motion was made by Bill Smith and seconded by Mary Ellyn Calabfrese to accept the Preliminary Budget as presented and publish it in the Town's official newspaper to advertise a public hearing on the matter for November 5th, 2026 at 7:05 PM. All voted yes. Carried.

A motion was made by Mary Ellyn Calabrese and seconded by Aaron Schreiner to move the Regular Town Board meeting for the month of November to November 5, 2026 at 7:00 pm. All voted yes. Carried.

After hearing no comments for or against said Local Law, Supervisor Schuster closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Aaron Schreiner and seconded by Bill Smith to adopt Local Law No. 3-2026 as follows:

TOWN OF SPARTA
LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2026 ENTITLED
"OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN
GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C."

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Sparta as follows:

SECTION I. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Sparta, County of Livingston pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-C. and to allow the Town of Sparta, County of Livingston to adopt a town budget for (a) town purposes; (b) fire protection districts; and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-C.

SECTION II. AUTHORITY

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-C. which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

SECTION III. TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE

The Town Board of the Town of Sparta, County of Livingston is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2027 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law §3-C.

SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

All voted yes. Carried.

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A motion was made by Bill Smith and seconded by Mary Ellyn Calabrese to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing proposed, pending or current litigation. All voted yes. Carried.

A motion was made by Bill Smith and seconded by Mary Ellyn Calabrese to move out of executive session. All voted yes. Carried. No action taken.

A motion was made by Aaron Schreiner and seconded by Bill Smith to withdraw the subdivision application for the railroad property.

Present:
Supervisor Mark Schuster - Aye
Bill Smith - Aye
Aaron Schreiner - Aye
Councilmember Mary Ellyn Calabrese - Abstained due to conflict

Absent: Deb Halpenny

General bills were audited and approved for a total amount of $7,297.18
Highway bills were audited and approved for a total amount of $194,399.80.
Street light bills were audited and approved for a total amount of $533.02.

A motion was made by Bill Smith and seconded by Aaron Schreiner to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Carried.

Next regular meeting will be held November 5, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

TOWN CLERK
Sheila Duffy

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