

May 15, 2024

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sparta was held May 15, 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 April 4, 2024 meeting were read. A motion was made by Deb Halpenny and seconded by Aaron Schreiner to accept the minutes as read. All voted yes. Carried.

Minutes of the April 20, 2024 meeting were read. A motion was made by Bill Smith and seconded by Mary Ellyn Calabrese to accept the minutes as read. All voted yes. Carried.

Assessor Holley Smalt reviewed her report.

Code Enforcement Officer Ron Maxwell reviewed his report.

Highway Superintendent Kevin Robinson reviewed his report.

Supervisor Schuster has postponed the public hearing on the Solar and Wind Turbine Moratoriums until June 11, 2024 at 7:05 PM.

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 14th day of May, 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 11th day of June 2024, at 7:05 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

**RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Sparta will hold a public hearing on the proposed local law on the 11th day of June 2024, at 7:05 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 Mary Ellyn Calabrese and seconded by Bill Smith to amend the motion dated March 12, 2024 made by Bill Smith and seconded Deb Halpenny to approve the spending of \$46,426.00 of highway fund balance to pay off the BAN on the 2021 Navistar truck. Additionally, the Town Board authorizes using the remaining \$149,922.82 of ARPA funding to make a down payment on the previously ordered M316 Caterpillar excavator. All voted yes. Carried.

General bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$8,278.15.

Highway bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$273,480.52.

Street lights bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$228.31.

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

Next regular meeting will be held June 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

TOWN CLERK

Sheila Duffy