

October 14, 2025

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sparta was held October 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

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

Minutes of the September 9, 2025 meeting were read. A motion was made by Deb Halpenny and seconded by Aaron Schreiner to accept the minutes. All voted yes. Carried.

Highway Superintendent Kevin Robinson reviewed his report.

Assessor Holley Smalt reviewed her monthly report.

Code Enforcement Officer Ron Maxwell reviewed his report.

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, 2026 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 12th day of November, 2025 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: \$10,195.00

Town Justice: \$3,380.00

Councilpersons: \$10,743.00 ([4@ \\$2,685.75](#))

Town Clerk: \$14,500.00

Tax Collector: \$3,200.00

Supt. of Highways: \$77,471.00

Assessor: \$13,100.00

A motion was made by Mary Ellyn Calabrese and seconded by Bill Smith 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 11th, 2025 at 7:05 PM. All voted yes. Carried.

TOWN OF SPARTA RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 2% TAX CAP

The Town Board of the Town of Sparta met at a regular board meeting at the Town Hall of the Town of Sparta located at 8374 Sparta Center Road, Dansville, New York, on the 14th day of October, 2025, commencing at 7:00 P.M. and the following members were:

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, Section 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, Section 3-C of General Municipal Law, also known as the "Property Tax Cap," provides that the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by or on behalf of any local government shall not exceed two percent (2%); and

WHEREAS, to adopt a budget that requires a tax levy greater than two percent (2%) for the coming fiscal year, the Town Board must first enact, by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the total voting power, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only; and

WHEREAS, the funds necessary to operate and maintain the Town of Sparta shall require a tax levy greater than two percent (2%); and

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

NOW ON MOTION OF Deb Halpenny 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 adoption of said local law at a special meeting to be held on the 28th day of October, 2025 at 7:00 P.M., at which time all interested parties and citizens for or against the proposed law will be heard; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall make notice of the above public hearing in the Town’s official newspaper, and shall obtain an Affidavit of Publication for such notice.

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall post the Notice of Public Hearing on the Town notice board, along with a copy of the proposed local law.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mary Ellyn Calabrese and seconded by Bill Smith to post Story Road from Liberty Pole Road to Swartz Road “Seasonal Use Only” from November 1, 2025 through April 1, 2026. The road will be plowed by the Highway Department until December 24, 2025. All voted yes. Carried.

With direction of the Town Attorney, the town is working on posting weight limits on roads with steeply graded terrain.

A motion was made by Deb Halpenny and seconded by Aaron Schreiner to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed, pending or current litigation. All voted yes. Carried.

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

General bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$24,237.68.

Highway bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$72,537.74.

Street light bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$464.43.

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

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK
Sheila Duffy