September 8, 2026

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sparta was held September 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

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

Minutes of the August 11, 2026 meeting were read. A motion was made by Deb Halpenny and seconded by Mary Ellyn Calabrese to accept the minutes. All voted yes. Carried.

Highway Superintendent Kevin Robinson reviewed his report.

Assessor Holley Smalt reviewed her report.

Code Enforcement Officer Ron Maxwell reviewed his report.

A motion was made by Bill Smith and seconded by Deb Halpenny to move the following from the General Account:

AA3089.00, $29,630.00 into account no. AA1110.400. All voted yes. Carried.

A motion was made by Mary Ellyn Calabrese and seconded by Aaron Schreiner to authorize the Town of Sparta Court to apply for a JCAP grant for the 2026-27 grant cycle up to $30,000.00. All voted yes. Carried.

General bills were audited and approved for a total amount of $13,289.78.
Highway bills were audited and approved for a total amount of $50,880.34.
Street light bills were audited and approved for a total amount of $509.13.

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 Aaron Schreiner to move out of executive session. All voted yes. Carried. No action taken.

A motion was made by Deb Halpenny and seconded by Bill Smith to appoint Jacob Calabrese to the vacancy of the planning board. Term to expire 12/31/26. 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 8th day of September, 2026 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	

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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 13th day of October, 2026 at 7:05 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 Bill Smith and seconded by Deb Halpenny to receive bids for a BAN for the purpose of purchasing a 2025 John Deere tractor/mower, model number 6105E. Acceptance of bids will be based on the Attorney for the Town. All voted yes. Carried.

A motion was made by Deb Halpenny and seconded by Mary Ellyn Calabrese to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes. Carried.

Next regular meeting will be held October 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

TOWN CLERK
Sheila Duffy

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