

August 8, 2023

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sparta was held August 8, 2023 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 Bill Smith to accept the minutes. All voted yes. Carried.

Assessor Holley Smalt reviewed her report.

Zoning Officer Chuck Cagle reviewed his report.

Highway Superintendent Kevin Robinson reviewed his report.

A motion was made by Deb Halpenny and seconded by Mary Ellyn Calabrese to pass the following Record Retention Resolution:

RESOLUTION RESOLVED, by the Sparta Town Board that Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Governments Records, issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein; xxiv

b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

All voted yes. Carried.

A motion was made by Deb Halpenny and seconded by Aaron Schreiner to give \$7,854.62 of the \$20,000 ARPA funds requested from Livingston County for park and recreational improvements to the Town of Springwater to complete their repairs (for the baseball field) in the Springwater Park per the documentation provided by them if approved by Livingston County. All voted yes. Carried.

All board members are agreeable to hold a public hearing on passing a Local Law providing a partial tax exemption from real property taxes to certain eligible volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers. Supervisor Schuster will get attorney recommendations regarding the possible recusal of some board members in moving forward with this Local Law.

General bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$3,482.02.

Highway bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$74,137.58.

Street light bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$163.79.

A motion was made by Aaron Schreiner and seconded by Bill Smith to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons. All voted yes. Carried.

A motion was made by Deb Halpenny and seconded by Bill Smith to move out of Executive Session. All voted yes. Carried. All voted yes. Carried.

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

Next regular meeting will be held September 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

TOWN CLERK

Sheila Duffy