

July 13, 2021

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sparta was held June 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Supervisor Mark Schuster, Council Deb Halpenny, Dan Maloney and Bill Smith.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. A motion was made by Dan Maloney and seconded by Bill Smith to accept the minutes as read. All voted yes. Carried.

Sherry Phillips who resides on State Route 256, attended the meeting to discuss issues with the neighbors dogs running on her property.

Assessor Holley Smalt reviewed her report.

Highway Superintendent Kevin Robinson reviewed his report.

A motion was made by Dan Maloney and seconded by Deb Halpenny to appoint Mary Ellyn Merle Calabrese to fill the vacancy of Councilperson from Glenn Kreiley. All voted yes. Carried.

Supervisor Mark Schuster appointed Deb Halpenny as Deputy Supervisor.

Code Enforcement Officer Chuck Cagle reviewed his report. He will forward a written copy to the Town Board members.

A motion was made by Dan Maloney and seconded by Bill Smith to support the following EPF Grant Application:

Road Ditch Remediation in the Conesus Lake Watershed, Sparta, New York.

SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION FOR ROAD DITCH REMEDIATION
IN THE CONESUS LAKE WATERSHED

WHEREAS, The State of Conesus Lake: Watershed Characterization Report and the Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan have documented the importance of eroded roadside ditches as a major contributor to the sediment and nutrient loading in Conesus Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan supports best management practices that minimize potential soil erosion to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan supports municipal highway departments in the development of plans to remediate roadside drainage areas in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, the proposed road ditch remediation program should result in a significant reduction in the amount of phosphorus in lake waters, which is the proximate cause of weed growth and algae blooms; and

WHEREAS, undertaking restoration and stabilization projects in the Conesus Lake Watershed helps to protect and improve the water quality of Conesus Lake, which is a public drinking water supply; and

WHEREAS, the category of this project is included in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Project Program (WQIP) as an eligible project to receive funding; and

WHEREAS, that Livingston County will act as the Applicant on the WQIP grant application; and

WHEREAS, that Livingston County will submit the application on behalf of the Town of Conesus, the Town of Geneseo, the Town of Sparta, and the Livingston County Highway Department; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that as a member of the Conesus Lake Watershed Council, the Town of Sparta does hereby endorse and support the application of Livingston County to the New York State

Department of Environmental Conservation WQIP grant for the Road Ditch Remediation Program in the Conesus Lake Watershed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if awarded the grant, the Town of Sparta is hereby authorized to sign any necessary Memorandum of Agreement documents with Livingston County.

All voted yes. Carried.

A motion was made by Dan Maloney and seconded by Bill Smith to hire a consultant for regulation and guidance for the American Rescue Plan Act. All voted yes. Carried.

General bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$5,462.72.

Highway bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$125,191.53.

Street light bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$139.05.

A letter of resignation was submitted by Mary Ellyn Calabrese for the Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately.

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

Next regular meeting will be held August 10, 2021.

TOWN CLERK

Sheila Duffy