

March 12, 2024

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sparta was held March 12, 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 February 13, 2024 meeting were read. A motion was made by Aaron Schreiner and seconded by Bill Smith to accept the minutes as read. All voted yes. Carried.

Larry Merle attended the meeting to discuss the problems with people accessing the tracks. He also stated his concern regarding the process of Special Use Permits/Building Permits. The board has agreed to allow Mr. Merle to put gates and locks on the section of the tracks adjoining his property.

Assessor Holley Smalt reviewed her report.

Code Enforcement Officer David Avery reviewed his report.

Highway Superintendent Kevin Robinson reviewed his report.

A motion was made by Deb Halpenny and seconded by Aaron Schreiner to approve the 2024 Agreement to Spend Highway Funds. All voted yes. Carried.

A motion was made by Bill Smith and seconded by Deb Halpenny to approve the spending of \$46,426.00 of ARPA funding to pay off the BAN on the 2021 Navistar truck. Additionally, the Town Board authorizes using the remaining \$103,496.82 of ARPA funding to make a down payment on the previously ordered M316 Caterpillar excavator. All voted yes. Carried

The agreement with CEO Mark Mullikin has been approved by the Attorney for the Town and Supervisor.

Supervisor Schuster received a letter from DEC regarding the Water Quality Improvement Project (Scottsburg Sanitary Sewer) stating that the proposal for this was not selected for funding.

The 2023 books for the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Justice were audited by the Town Board. There were no findings.

General bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$8,004.20.

Highway bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$27,352.76.

Street light bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$265.68.

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

Next regular meeting will be held April 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

TOWN CLERK

Sheila Duffy