

November 14, 2023

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sparta was held November 14, 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 Bill Smith and seconded by Mary Ellyn Calabrese to accept the minutes. All voted yes. Carried.

Highway Superintendent Kevin Robinson reviewed his report.

A letter from New York State DOT was received stated that they had completed the review of Stagecoach Rd, between Swartz Road and Route 256. They have determined that the reduction of this speed was being denied.

A motion was made by Bill Smith and seconded by Deb Halpenny to post Story Road from Liberty Pole Road to Swartz Road "Seasonal Use Only" from November 1, 2023 through April 1, 2024. The road will be plowed by the Highway Department until December 24, 2023. All voted yes. Carried.

A motion was made by Deb Halpenny and seconded by Bill Smith to approve the following Agreement subject to the approval of the Town Attorney:

FORESTRY SERVICES AGREEMENT

It is agreed that the landowner, Town of Sparta will compensate Woodland Investment Services Inc. of 1916 Jones Road, Andover, NY 14806, 14% of the final timber sale, for services rendered in marking, preparing, selling, and inspecting a timber sale on property owned by them in the Town of Sparta, Livingston County, NY.

For this compensation Woodland Investment Services Inc. will highlight existing boundary lines, mark and tally timber to be sold and cut, offer timber for sale to potential buyers, provide a timber contract with the landowner's approval to the accepted buyer, lay out main skid roads and landings, hold a performance bond to ensure contract compliance, and inspect the harvesting for contract compliance.

Payment for these services is due upon closing of a timber sale agreement between the landowner and the accepted buyer, and receipt of full payment for the timber. If after the timber has been marked the landowner decides not to sell the timber Woodland Investment Services Inc. shall be owed \$35 per 1000 bdft of marked timber to compensate for work already performed. This amount shall be due within 14 days.

Aaron Schreiner-Yes
Deb Halpenny-Yes
Mary Ellyn Calabrese-No
Bill Smith-Yes
Mark Schuster-Yes

Upon majority vote, motion carried.

General bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$7,331.56.
Highway bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$63,596.32.
Street light bills were audited and approved for a total amount of \$239.09.

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

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 December 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

TOWN CLERK
Sheila Duffy