

TOWN OF SPARTA

ANNUAL MEETING

April 18 2017

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Town of Sparta, Monroe County, Wisconsin, was called to order at 7:00 PM, by incoming Chair Kevin Raymer. In attendance, Clarence Justin and Jeffrey Garves (new supervisors), Amy Kiefer (treasurer), and Howard Garves (new clerk). Town residents (10) and 3 contract bidders for town board meeting to follow were also present.

Minutes of April 19 2016 meeting were read and approved ... Dick Williams and Pat Jenkins moved and seconded to approve. Unanimous. Amy presented the 2016 financial statement ... no issues with such. Moved and seconded by Dennis Janusheske and Cedric Schnitzler to approve. Unanimous.

Dennis Janusheske questioned the patch material being used. He believed it does not appear to be as cohesive as previous. Matt and Rick (road crew) presented reasoning on subject. No resolution.

Bill June expressed concern about an entrance to Jackpot Avenue ... no fire number given. His belief it is dangerous. It is across road from Barry Wehrs residence and East of Lemoine property. Kevin Raymer will review the situation.

Clarence Justin presented information dealing with a way for farmers to recycle plastics ... silage bags, bale wrap, etc. It is an enterprise known as Revolution Plastics. Information on such will be given to the recycle / dump attendant for distribution for those that need such.

Clarence Justin suggested that at least one patrolman (road crew) be present at board meetings. Idea is to be available for questions. Kevin Raymer did not share the opinion, stating that road issues should be addressed to the town board and let the board deal with it.

Clarence and Howard both expressed appreciation for 6 years of service from Sue Ellen Justin. She was the town clerk and has decided to enjoy other venues. Kevin expressed same for Howard who decided not to run for town chair.

Motion to adjourn Lowell Verkler and Dick Williams Approved. Adjourn at 7:40 PM

Howard Garves, Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF SPARTA
APRIL 18 2017

Meeting of the Sparta Town Board, Monroe County, Wisconsin, called to order at 7:49 PM. Kevin Raymer is the new town chair, and present were Clarence Justin, Jeffrey Garves, Amy Kiefer, Howard Garves plus 15 residents and 3 contractors for road bids.

The minutes of March 2017 were read Motion made by Clarence and seconded by Jeff to approve. Motion passed. Question regarding the Rural Insurance towing add-on The add-on is per occurrence.

Bids received for road materials were opened with the following summary.

Milestone Material $\frac{3}{4}$ inch gravel, 6 inch breaker at 9.61 per ton delivered to road site or town shop and sent from Endres quarry. Rip Rap was bid at 14.96 per ton.

Kraemer material $\frac{3}{4}$ inch and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch gravel, 3 inch or less Breaker at 8.23 per ton delivered to road site or town shop and sent from Romskog quarry . Rip Rap was bid at 19.00 per ton.

Scott Construction cold mix for patch purposes was bid at 80.30 per ton delivered to town shop. Sealcoat for a 20 foot single seal on existing hard surface was bid at 13,253 per mile. Sealcoat for a 20 foot single seal on existing gravel was bid at 20,325 per mile. Granite material (3/8inch) for cover over oil was bid at 22.10 dollars per ton, brought in from Nielsville and stored at town shop for subsequent application. No bid for limestone.

Mathy submitted a bid for hot mix application to Iband Ave. It is being considered for current or future redo. It was calling for a 22 foot width. Bid was 63.59 per ton at application rate of 2 inch. Bid was 60.50 per ton at application of 3 inch . The length of this section is 6831 feet. Estimate volume at 2 inch rate was 1848 ton.

Mathy also submitted a bid for wedge on Gavel Ave. (more to follow)

Fahrner submitted a sealcoat repair (more to follow) NOTE: question was asked by chair regarding preparation of roadway, and answer was that town was responsible for such. Scott const answer was that Scott did the prep work

The Town Board will conduct a road review on April 26 at 9:00 AM Meet at the town hall. **Bids will be approved at this meeting.**

Iband was discussed as to options. No resolution.

Dates of significance.

Open Book with Assesor is set for July 12, 4 – 6 PM. Board of Review is set for July 19, 6 – 8 PM, both being held at town hall.

Town workshop conducted by WTA is May 2 in Tomah. Clarence Justin and Jeffrey Garves plan on attending.

April 22 volunteer fire dept dance

May 18 County Towns mtg in Kendall

Financial status reviewed and bills in amount of 25,963.09 were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned with motion by Kevin and seconded by Clarence at 8:50 PM

Howard Garves Clerk

TOWN OF SPARTA
NOVEMBER TOWN BOARD MEETING
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May 9 2017

The **regular monthly meeting** of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chair Kevin Raymer at 7:00 PM, May 9, 2017 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Also attending were Supervisors Clarence Justin, Jeff Garves, Treasurer Amy Kiefer, Clerk Howard Garves Six Town Residents attended.

The minutes of April 18 and April 26 town board minutes were read. Motion to approve by Clarence Justin and seconded by Jeff Garves ... motion passed.

Gene Treu (district fire dept rep) was postponed to June reason is that district fire district will meet within 2 weeks to present/create the long range plan. It was determined it would be better to wait till that was done for Gene to discuss such with us.

Health insurance for full time employees was briefly discussed. All should pursue and gather info on such options, but Jeff offered to see what options, prices, etc were possible. On agenda for June.

Regarding May 18 County unit mtg, 2 persons will attend. Clarence and spouse. Clerk will notify Kendall Town clerk.

The road bids were discussed on April 26. Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Clarence to approve the decision on who to accept for road maintenance material. Motion passed. In summary, Scott Construction gets approval for sealcoat, Kraemer for rock with exception of Rip Rap, Milestone for Rip Rap, cold mix for patching from Scott Construction. If an agreement is made with involved entities, and Iband Ave improvements are done in 2017, the bid from Mathy Construction will be utilized.

Kevin had meeting with Terry Lackey from US Silica, regarding Iband Ave. No resolution.

The town clerk has been asked to review the required posting of town board meetings. June meeting issue.

We have received a new edition of WTA Officers Handbook. Clarence has it and after reviewing, will pass it to the next board member.

A question regarding a BP issued to the residence on Hamlet Ave...dog Kennel. No resolution.

Motion made by Jeff and seconded by Clarence to approve bills of 11989.62. Motion passed.

Motion made to adjourn by Jeff and seconded by Kevin. Time is 8:20 PM. Motion passed.

Town Clerk

Howard Garves

TOWN OF SPARTA
TOWN BOARD MEETING
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June 13, 2017

The **regular monthly meeting** of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chair Kevin Raymer at 7:00 PM, June 13, 2017 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Also attending were Supervisors Clarence Justin, Jeff Garves, Treasurer Amy Kiefer, Clerk Howard Garves, eighteen Town Residents attended.

The minutes of May 9, 2017 town board were read. Motion to approve by Clarence Justin and seconded by Kevin Raymer ... motion passed.

Travis and Julie Leis, 4294 Farimont Ave appeared before the planning commission .. June 6. They are requesting a CUP for woodworking/cabinet making business. No issues were presented to the town board ... Kevin moved to approve and Clarence seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Valerie Moseley, 6846 Hamlet Ave, appeared before the planning commission ... June 6. She is requesting approval for a parcel to be separated (.839 acres) from one parcel and attached to a parcel to the north Both of which are family owned. SE1/4 NE1/4 Section 21 T17N R4W. As pointed out by Dean Weibl, PC Chair, this could have been done by a 'quit claim'. Kevin moved to approve, Clarence seconded motion. Motion passed.

The license request for one year were reviewed:

- Cortland Acres license for Mobile home park
- Hideout Enterprises, INC ... locally named The Zone
- Eddies Convenience Store, LLC
- WestSide Wine and Spirits, LLC

Kevin made a motion to approve, seconded by Clarence. Motion passed

A brief discussion regarding the resignation of clerk, Howard Garves. The board accepted such and moved on.

Kevin Raymer proposed a replacement for the unexpired term of clerk, till April 2019. Lisa Brey, retired from FSA Agency in Sparta, was his suggestion. Lisa was present, and will accept the position if approved. No opposition to such was presented. Clarence moved to accept Lisa as clerk for remainder of term, Jeff seconded motion. Motion passed.

The upcoming BOR needs to have 2 alternates named. The town board suggested Sue Ellen Justin and Don Mullett. No other candidates were forthcoming. Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Jeff to approve. Motion carried.

Regarding BOR, at least one person from board needs to be 'certified' by using training material. The board requested the clerk to order material for such, and will meet on June 24, 9:00 AM, to become certified.

Gene Treu, town rep to Sparta Area Fire Dept, presented information. There is a new committee formed to analyze the future needs 40 years out. At some point, this information will be presented to all affected parties served by the fire department. There was discussion on how to inform public about need to contact Monroe County Dispatch when brush, grasses, etc were to be burned. Pinned flyers for distribution at recycle center, a sign at entrance to recycle center, big enough to draw attention, were discussed. More to follow on this, as no responsibility was assigned.

Property at 15149 County B, Andrew Coleman, owner. He currently resides in Tomah. Clarence will work with Andrew to attempt removal of at least most offensive material. Clarence will provide status at next meeting.

During Open Session:

Property at 14968 County B. Current owner unknown, and is unoccupied. Property is not being maintained, and who should do such is a major issue. Kevin will discuss with Annette Erickson(County Treasurer) to see if she has found a current contact for this property, as 2016 taxes are also unpaid. Kevin will provide status at next meeting.

A long discussion on water issues and drainage unto properties ... Jeff Funkhouser ... Gene Treu ... etc. The issue appears worse now due to large amounts of rainfall. In particular, Hanover Road, East side, was used as an example. No resolution was arrived at.

Bills in amount of 10,917.01 were reviewed. Kevin moved to submit paymentt for such, seconded by Jeff. Motion passed. For the record, the Century Telephone bill arrived a day later and is due 6/29. Amount is 129.82.

Motion made by Jeff and seconded by Kevin to adjourn at 8:40 PM Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

Howard B Garves
Clerk

TOWN OF SPARTA
TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 11, 2017

The **regular monthly meeting** of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chair Kevin Raymer at 7:00 PM, July 11, 2017 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Also attending were Supervisors Clarence Justin, Jeff Garves, Treasurer Amy Kiefer, Clerk Lisa Brey, ten Town Residents attended.

Minutes of the June 13, 2017 town board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Clarence Justin and seconded by Jeff Garves. Motion passed.

Planning Commission Recommendations

Rick Steinhoff, 9489 Festival Ave, Sparta, appeared before the Town Board. He had appeared before the planning commission on July 5, 2017. He is requesting approval for 3 parcels to be separated from a 10.07 parcel he owns at 11877 Co Hwy B. The new parcels would be 6.77, 1.54 and 1.76 acres. Dean Weibel, PC Chair, pointed out that the 3 proposed parcels are currently zoned GA -General Agriculture. The proposed 1.54 and 1.76 acre parcels must be zoned to R-3 Rural Residential thru Monroe County Zoning. Kevin made a motion to approve the division pending rezoning from Monroe County Zoning to Rural residential. Clarence seconded motion. Motion passed.

Properties on Cty B

Discussion was made about the property on 14968Cty Hwy B that was not being maintained. Kevin, contacted the financial institution that now owns the property about the lawn. Lawn has now been mowed.

Discussed property at 15149 County B, Andrew Coleman, owner. Clarence is still working with Andrew to attempt removal of at least most offensive material.

A sign will be posted at the recycling center by patrolmen about the township burning policy.

Health insurance for full time employees was discussed. Townships can contribute a set dollar amount to each employee toward health insurance and then the employee purchase their own insurance. Kevin suggested the clerk contact WRS and see if their insurance would be available for Sparta township employees since the township is a member. Will discuss at next meeting.

The use of online banking was discussed. Board reviewed an email from WTA explaining that a resolution needs to be adopted to be able to use it. This would allow direct deposit to employees and online bill paying. The clerk will work on getting a resolution together.

During Open Session:

Larry Hutson has purchased a house and wants to make it a resale shop. He already has a conditional use permit for other property and would like to just add this property to the existing permit. Board decided Larry should apply for a CUP and go to Planning Commission.

Discussion on a trailer house that was moved onto Hamlet Ave. Will find out who owns it and check to see if it will be occupied because it may need a permit.

The trailer house on the corner of Icebox and Icon is now vacant. It is in a flood plain. Once vacated, the building cannot be occupied again. Kevin will contact Randy Sullivan.

There will be training for PASLER and WISLR, which is the online road rating system, that would be in Tomah on August 7th. Was decided that Kevin Raymer will attend the training.

Correspondence:

Increase in the proportional share of of MFL land.

Treasurer's report was reviewed.**Bills were examined.**

Bills were reviewed and approved with the exception of Scott Construction. Clerk will send a payment of \$20,000. Kevin will contact Kevin Schmitz a representative from Scott Construction and let him know further payments will be coming.

Kevin moved to submit payments for bills, seconded by Clarence. Motion passed.

Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Jeff to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey

TOWN OF SPARTA
TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 8, 2017

The **regular monthly meeting** of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chair Kevin Raymer at 7:00 PM, August 8, 2017 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Also attending were Supervisor Clarence Justin, Treasurer Amy Kiefer, Clerk Lisa Brey. Ten Town Residents attended .

Minutes of the July 11, 2017 town board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Kevin Raymer and seconded by Clarence. Motion passed.

Planning Commission Recommendations

Larry Hutson had appeared before the Planning Commission on August 1, 2017. He is requesting a conditional use permit for a resale shop at 4983 Garden Ave. The town board reviewed the Planning Commission recommendation for approval. Mr. Hutson presented a letter from his neighbors , that they are agreeable to his business proposal. Chair Kevin Raymer made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Clarence Justin. Motion Passed.

The board reviewed a letter from Monroe County Planning and Zoning Department for a zoning change for the Rick Steinhoff property. A public hearing will be held on August 21, 2017 at 6:00pm. Clarence Justin will attend the zoning meeting to represent the town.

Fencing on Falcon Road

Since the publishing of the agenda, the two parties have come to an agreement. The board sees no further problem with the fencing issue.

Ordinance on mobile home/trailer houses

The last Town of Sparta update on the mobile home/trailer house ordinance was in 2015. The board will review the last ordinance to make sure it conforms with Monroe County mobile home policy and recommend updates at the next monthly board meeting.

Storm Damage

On July 19, 2017 the township received heavy rains in excess of 6-7 inches, which cause major road, culvert and shoulder damage. The patrolmen are almost caught up on fixing all the damage. Dennis and Lucy Webb from Gale Road subdivision requested the board review the need for a culvert near Gale Road. Kevin will discuss the issue with someone at the county level.

Monroe County Emergency Management was contacted about emergency funds for the storm damage on July 19, 2017. Becky Pitel from emergency management will contact the township when paperwork needs to be turned in for the FEMA report.

Resolution adoption

The resolution for adoption of electronic funds transfer was reviewed. Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Clarence to adopt the resolution. Resolution #2017-08-01 was adopted.

Health insurance for full time employees was discussed. The board will continue to work on this issue.

Workshops/conventions

Chair Kevin Raymer attended the training for PASLER and WISLR, which is the online road rating . Kevin and the supervisors will get together to review the training. Discussed the Wisconsin Towns Association Annual Convention that will be held in October 2017. The members will let the clerk know if they will attend so registration can be made.

During Open Session:

Bridge inspection was done in the town of Sparta. There are a few items that need to be addressed. The report was given to the patrolmen to correct the concerns.

Resident brought up the issue of dump trucks full of sand damaging the road on Iband. Kevin will talk to the city and county about sharing the expense to get the road fixed since the trucks are coming from the sand mine in the city limits.

There has been a complaint about the town shop shed doors needing painting. Patrolmen will address the issue.

Correspondence:

Justice Center open house was discussed. Sparta Area Fire district will have a meeting on September 5, 2017 board members plan to attend the meeting.

Treasurer's report was reviewed.**Bills were examined.**

Bills were reviewed and approved. Kevin moved to submit payments for bills, seconded by Clarence. Motion passed.

Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Clarence to adjourn at 9:05 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey

TOWN OF SPARTA
TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 12, 2017

The **regular monthly meeting** of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chair Kevin Raymer at 7:00 PM, September 12, 2017 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Also attending were Supervisor Clarence Justin, Treasurer Amy Kiefer, Clerk Lisa Brey. 15 Town Residents attended.

Minutes of the August 8, 2017 town board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Clarence and seconded by Kevin. Motion passed.

Ordinance on mobile home/trailer houses

The last Town of Sparta update on the mobile home/trailer house ordinance was in 2015. The board reviewed the last ordinance and decided it conforms with Monroe County mobile home policy. No further actions was taken.

Election Machine Purchase

The Town of Sparta was notified by the Monroe County Clerks office that the Eagle voting machine will no longer be serviced and is banned by the WI Voting Commission. Town will need to purchase a new voting machine. Ann Sprain -chief voting inspector for the Town of Sparta went to a demonstration on voting machines given by Command Central. She discussed the pros and cons of 2 machines. One was refurbished from late 1990s and one was a new Image Cast Evolution machine. Cost of a new machine would be \$8200. Kevin made a motion to purchase the new machine. Clarence seconded. Motion was passed.

Emergency Address signs on Ideal

Jeremiah Erickson, Monroe County GIS sent an email with a concern about the address signs at the beginning of Ideal Road. There was some confusion when an emergency call came in for a address number, #19340, at the end of Ideal road. Ideal is a dead end road and there are 3 townships with signs at the beginning of that road. Supervisor Clarence Justin drove to Ideal road and confirmed road address sign #19340 has Town of Leon printed on it and it is in the town of Sparta. After sending an email back to Jeremiah with this information, Jeremiah decided to let the sign stay as is for the time being. Kevin will check the sign at the end of Ideal road and see if that sign has #19340 Town of Sparta. Kevin will work with Jeremiah to resolve this issue.

Icon Road Condition

Chair Kevin Raymer called Chippewa Valley Concrete about the condition of Icon Road that was discussed at the August meeting. They stated they were not aware they fixed the wrong section of the road and said they would correct the problem and will coordinate with the patrolmen when they will have time to get it fix. Kevin will follow up with this issue.

Icecrystal Culvert

Resident emailed a concern about the culvert and drainage on Icecrystal not being sufficient for that area. Clarence had viewed the area, and the resident was at the meeting to provided pictures of the water backed up all the way to her house. Discussion was made about the problems this year with the high water table. Board discussed talking to the Planning Commission about requiring a drainage plan for all new subdivisions. Board will take a look at the Icecrystal Road issue on Monday 9/18/17.

Server-bartender background checks

Resident inquired if Town of Sparta did background checks for server-bartender license. Per our own town ordinance, township should be doing some type of background check on all applicants. As of the date of this meeting, town clerk will start checking WI Circuit Court Access on all applicants before issuing a license. Any criminal charges involving alcohol, drugs or a questionable conviction will be brought before the board for review.

During Open Session:

John Radocha brought up an issue that he will have a tax change on his property. Treasurer will contact assessor to make him aware of the change. John also had some concerns about selling land and his deeds. Board suggested he contact Land Records.

Correspondence:

The board reviewed a letter from Monroe County Planning and Zoning Department for a zoning change for the Larry Hutson property. A public hearing will be held on September 18, 2017 at 6:00pm. Clarence Justin will attend the zoning meeting to represent the town.

Treasurer's report was reviewed. Money will be transferred from the Contingency Fund to checking, for bills, until revenue is received around October 5, 2017.

Bills were examined.

Bills were reviewed and approved. Kevin moved to submit payments for bills, seconded by Clarence. Motion passed.

Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Clarence to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey

TOWN OF SPARTA
TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 10, 2017

The **regular monthly meeting** of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chair Kevin Raymer at 7:00 PM, October 10, 2017 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Also attending were Supervisor Clarence Justin, Supervisor Jeff Garves, Treasurer Amy Kiefer and Clerk Lisa Brey. 10 Town Residents attended.

Minutes of the September 12, 2017 town board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Clarence and seconded by Jeff. Motion passed.

Election Machine Purchase

The Board revisited the need for the Town to purchase a new voting machine. During the August meeting the board voted to purchase the Image Cast Evolution machine for \$8200. The purchase agreement total cost, after additional fees, came to \$9378. Due to new information on new technology coming out in 2-3 years, and discussion with other municipalities in the county, the board voted to purchase the refurbished Insight election machine instead of the ICE machine, for a total cost of \$1950. Clarence made a motion to purchase the Insight machine. Jeff seconded. Motion was passed.

Road Tour on September 18, 2017

Due to resident's complaints of the conditions of some roads at the September meeting, the supervisors and a patrolman completed a road tour of Icecrystal, Ideal, Fantail, Feather, Festival and Federal. As of the town board meeting on October 10, 2017 all issues have been addressed and fixed for all roads except Ideal. Patrolmen are waiting for the bridge project to be completed before fixing that issue.

John Radocha sale of property

John shared a copy of an old plat of his land with the board. He requested the procedure on how to get this section of land into a subdivision. The section of land was once platted but nothing was completed. Chairperson Kevin Raymer told John the current plat of his land did not meet the town requirements. Kevin said each lot needs to be at least 1.5 acres and to be able to fit in a 200' x 200' square. John's section of land would need to be replatted. The board suggested to John, that he go to Monroe County Zoning Office and talk to Allison.

During Open Session:

Howard Garves provided information for a policy for the Big Creek Cemetery. He also suggested a Cemetery Committee be appointed due to the work involved with the cemetery. The Board appointed Howard Garves, Sue Justin and Clarence Justin as the Big Creek Cemetery Committee. The committee will put together a policy with rules and regulations and fees pertaining to the cemetery. Adoption of the cemetery policy will be put on November agenda.

An Amish resident brought up the need for two School signs to be posted on Iberia Ave. Vehicles are speeding in the area and it has become a hazard for the children and buggies. Kevin asked if the Amish community would pay for the signs. Town of Sparta Patrolmen would buy the signs from the County Hwy Dept and put them in. The Amish resident will discuss this with his community. The clerk will send a letter to Rockland Flooring, about making the employees aware of the children present on Iberia Ave due to the school. The school sign issue on Iberia will be put on the November agenda.

The issue of employee health insurance was brought up. This will be put on the November agenda.

Correspondence:

Letter was received from DNR that a fire call was made due to illegal burning on Hammer Road. Board discussed town burning ordinance and fines. No action was taken.

Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Bills were examined.

Bills were reviewed and approved. Clarence moved to submit payments for bills, seconded by Jeff. Motion passed.

Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Jeff to adjourn at 9:45 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey

TOWN OF SPARTA
TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 14, 2017

The Town of Sparta Board members - Kevin Raymer, Clarence Justin and Jeff Garves met at 6:30 PM, November 14, 2017 at the Sparta Town Hall in closed session to discuss personnel issues. This meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

The **regular monthly meeting** of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chair Kevin Raymer at 7:20 PM, November 14, 2017 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Also attending were Supervisor Clarence Justin, Supervisor Jeff Garves, Treasurer Amy Kiefer and Clerk Lisa Brey. 7 Town Residents attended.

Minutes of the October 10, 2017 town board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Kevin and seconded by Clarence. Motion passed.

School Signs on Iberia Ave

The Board revisited the need for the Town to put up school signs on Iberia Ave. An Amish resident said he discussed the purchasing of the signs by the Amish community and he said that they did not feel it was their responsibility to have to purchase the signs. They feel that the Town of Sparta should purchase and place the signs for the school. The board discussed the issue and agreed to purchase the signs from the Monroe Co highway department and the town patrolmen would put in the signs. Cost would be around \$140 for 2 school signs. Clarence made a motion for the town to purchase 2 signs and Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

Cemetery Policy:

The Cemetery Committee presented an amended policy for proposed fees for cemetery burials. The new fee proposal was reviewed and a suggestion made that the amended policy should be posted on the town website. Jeff made a motion to approve the amended cemetery policy, with the adjusted fees, and Clarence seconded. Motion carried.

Property at 15149 Cty Hwy B:

There are piles of tires, unlicensed vehicles and trash on the property. The property owner has been given several verbal notices to clean up this property. Clarence noted that there had been no action taken by the land owner to address the issue since the last board meeting. The board decided to send the landowner a letter reminding him he is in violation of public nuisance ordinances on vehicles/health issues and give him 30 days to start cleanup or a citation will be issued. Chairperson and clerk will draft a letter.

Discussion was also made on the property at Icebox Road where there is a demolished mobile home and several unlicensed vehicles. This property owner will also be drafted a letter by the chairperson and clerk.

During Open Session:

No comments were made.

Correspondence:

Fire protection dues for 2018 was reviewed.
Sparta/Bangor school Levies were reviewed.
LRIP letter was discussed.

An email from concerned residents on Ideal Ave was read. They are concerned about the condition of the road. The road was checked and it was determined that the worst part of Ideal Ave is in the township of Leon. It was also discussed that there may be a need for a 45 MPH sign to be posted on Ideal for traffic going toward Hwy 27. If any more contact is made by citizens about the road they will be told to come to the next board meeting.

Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Bills were examined.

Bills were reviewed and approved. Kevin moved to submit payments for bills, seconded by Clarence. Motion passed.

Motion made by Jeff and seconded by Clarence to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey

TOWN OF SPARTA
TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 12, 2017

The **regular monthly meeting** of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chair Kevin Raymer at 7:00 PM, December 12, 2017 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Also attending were Supervisor Clarence Justin, Supervisor Jeff Garves, Treasurer Amy Kiefer and Clerk Lisa Brey. 5 Town Residents attended.

Minutes of the 2018 Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting were read. Motion to approve by Clarence and seconded by Jeff. Motion passed.

Minutes of the November 14, 2017 regular town board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Clarence and seconded by Jeff. Motion passed.

Election Workers for January 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2019

List of proposed election inspectors for the term 1-1-18 to 12-31-19 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Clarence seconded by Jeff. List of election workers was approved.

During Open Session:

Clarence noted that there has been no action taken by the land owner at the property at 15149 Cty Hwy B. A letter was sent on November 22, 2017 reminding Andrew Coleman, he was in violation of public nuisance ordinances on vehicles/health issues and gave him 30 days to start cleanup or a citation would be issued. The end of the 30 days will be December 22, 2017. Clarence will call Mr Coleman and inform him that if no action is taken by the next board meeting, January 9, 2018, the board will start proceedings to issue a citation.

Minno Schwartz brought up that he received a letter, from the township, about cleaning up the mobile home and several unlicensed vehicles on his property at Icebox Road within 90 days. He requested to leave the bottom of the mobile, as is due to weather, until spring when he could work on getting it off the property. Discussion was also made about the ownership of the vehicles on his property and where the owner could take them. The board agreed there would be no further action until spring and then they will revisit this issue.

Discussion was made about the 6400 John Deere tractor. It has major expensive repair problems. It was discuss whether the township should get everything fixed on it - versus purchasing a different tractor. Kevin will research trade value and new tractor/mower arm costs.

Correspondence:

Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Bills were examined.

Bills were reviewed and approved. Kevin moved to submit payments for bills, seconded by Clarence. Motion passed.

Motion made by Jeff and seconded by Clarence to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Motion passed.