

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