

TOWN OF SPARTA  
TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 13, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chair Kevin Raymer at 6:30 PM, February 13, 2018 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Attending were Chairperson Kevin Raymer, Supervisor Clarence Justin and Supervisor Jeff Garves. The board went into closed session at 6:31 pm to discuss personnel issues. This meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. At 7:00 PM chairperson, Kevin Raymer called to order the regular town board meeting. Attending was Supervisor Clarence Justin, Supervisor Jeff Garves, Treasurer Amy Kiefer and Clerk Lisa Brey. 11 Town Residents attended.

**Minutes of the January 9, 2018** regular monthly board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Clarence and second by Jeff. Motion passed.

**Conditional Use Permit for Greg Schauf:**

Greg Schauf was in attendance and he presented his proposal for his Event Barn. The Planning Commission had met and reviewed the proposal on February 6, 2018 and recommended approval. The board cautioned Greg on his liability responsibilities. Kevin made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Event Barn for Greg Schauf. It was second by Clarence. Motion carried.

**Planning Commission expiring terms and recommendations to fill:**

The 6 year terms will expire for Planning Commission members, Dean Wegner, Cedric Schnitzler and Robert Wood in April 2018. The Board appreciates their service to the community. Kevin recommended Jack Buswell, Mike Wegner and Matthew Jenkins to fill the 3 vacant positions on the planning commission. All candidates have agreed to be on the committee. The board approved the 3 candidates to start April 2018.

**Treasurer Tax Collection Ordinance:**

Discussion was made about the required Tax Collector Bond vs Tax Collector Ordinance. At this time, the board agreed the Tax Collector Ordinance was the best fit for the Town of Sparta, but the Tax Collector Bond may be needed in the future. The board decided to adopt the Tax Collector Ordinance and still look into the Tax Collector Bond issue. Motion made by Kevin to adopt the Tax Collector Ordinance. Second by Clarence. Motion Carried.

**Raising Town Fees:**

Suggestions were made to raise the bartender fee, rural address sign fee, CUP/Land Division fee and farm building permit fee. After discussion of raising town fees, it was decided to hold off on raising any fees until the board can meet with the Planning Commission to discuss CUP and Land Division fees. All fees will be amended at the same time. This issue will be put on the agenda at a later date.

**Appointed vs Elected Clerk, treasurer:**

Discussion was made of the pros and cons of an appointed clerk, treasurer versus an elected clerk, treasurer. This issue will be brought up at the Annual Town Meeting in April.

**During Open Session:**

Kevin brought up the issue of Phil Mlsna wanting to haul sand from US Silica to his dairy operation. Kevin had talked to someone at US Silica and they came to an agreement for Mlsna to haul 3000 yards

of sand, with trucks, ONLY on town road Iband Ave. This must be done before the road bans go on. If the town allows trucks to haul this sand for Mlsna, US Silica agrees to provide the township with free sand as long as they mine sand out of this quarry. Kevin sent a letter to the City of Sparta Planning Commission to get approval of this proposal at their next meeting February 19, 2018.

Due to many costly repairs needed on the John Deere tractor owned by the township, The Town of Sparta will purchase a 2013 JD 6105R, 2 WD, tractor from Tractor Central. It will have a new Diamond arm mower. The current JD tractor and arm mower will be traded to Tractor Central.

**Correspondence:**

The board discussed a letter received about the changes in bridge weight limits in the township. The letter was for informational purpose only. The changes were already made and new signs were put up.

Also discussed was the request Kevin had made to put up a “No Engine Break” sign on Hwy 27. The request was approved and the patrolmen will put up the sign in the spring.

Discussed WTA meeting coming up in March. Board of Review is the main agenda item. Chairperson and supervisors decided not to attend the District meeting in March.

**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 Jeff and seconded by Clarence to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey