

TOWN OF SPARTA TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 8, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chairman Kevin Raymer at 6:00 pm, January 8, 2019 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Attending were Supervisor Jeff Garves, Supervisor Clarence Justin, Treasurer Amy Kiefer and Clerk Lisa Brey. 5 town residents attended and 6 representatives from Village of Rockland/Rockland flooring.

Minutes of the December 11, 2018 regular monthly board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Kevin and second by Clarence. Motion passed.

Discussion by Village of Rockland/Rockland Flooring:

Representatives from Rockland Flooring and Village of Rockland were present and stated that Rockland Flooring has a problem with water back up, drainage and flooding of their site. The water is going into the shipping bays causing safety hazards. The water back up is also getting on lumber causing it to be lower quality due to getting wet. They want to open a dialog with the Town of Sparta for solutions that will involve land in the township. MSA Engineering is proposing a 24 inch storm sewer pipe on the township right of way along Iberia to the La Crosse River. (Map is attached to these minutes). This storm sewer pipe would empty out on private land. They have not discussed this plan with any adjacent land owner. MSA said maintenance of the storm sewer "would be a discussion item". Chairman Kevin Raymer said there would not be a discussion, the township would not be responsible for the maintenance of the storm sewer. Cedric Schnitzler said City of Sparta had to get DNR/Monroe county Land Conservation and NRCS to sign off on any ditching for storm sewers and it could be the same for this issue. Kevin said he would talk to Bob Michele at NRCS about this issue. After the representatives of Rockland Flooring/Village left, discussion was made that Village of Rockland annexed Rockland Flooring so they could provide them with the city's infrastructures and that this issue is Village of Rocklands problem. This issue will continue to be discussed.

Approval of Application and Borrowing Resolution for Purchase of Town truck:

A loan application was made to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands for the purpose of financing a 2018 Dodge Ram 5500 with V plow. The 2006 Ford will be traded in. The loan is for 3 years and is to be repaid in annual installments, with interest at the rate of 4.25 percent. Chairperson Kevin Raymer presented the preamble and resolution to borrow \$53,124.50 from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin. Motion was made by Chairperson Kevin Raymer and seconded by Clarence Justin to adopt the Resolution to authorize application for funds and also levy upon all taxable Town of Sparta property an annual tax for the purpose of paying interest and principal on the loan as it becomes due. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

Discussed an email from a concerned resident that the bridge over the Little LaCrosse River on Icebox Rd near Icon Rd may be experiencing additional erosion and sinking since it was repaired after the flooding last year. Kevin said he had made the patrolmen aware of the situation and the area has been patched.

During Open Session:

Dean Weibel was present and reviewed the subdivision request for Radocha. John Schmitz had met with the Planning Commission on January 2, 2019. John Radocha requested a review of a sketch map for a subdivision at Gazobo and Gardener. John Schmitz of Point Surveying was present at the PC meeting. Dean said they had requested that Mr Schmitz meet with chairman Kevin Raymer to discuss proposed driveway locations before further action is taken. As of the date of this meeting, Kevin had not heard from Mr. Schmitz or Mr. Rodocha.

During Open Session(cont):

All board members had attended a meeting about Erv's Sparta Fire Protection District – Long range Planning presentation on vehicle replacement on January 3, 2019. Discussion was made on the topic of funding options for the plan, age and condition of the current vehicles, and the current costs to maintain the older vehicles. Kevin will ask Steve True if the town needs to put the resolution for borrowing \$1,700,000 for fire department vehicle replacement on the agenda for February.

It was also noted, that the patrolmen did not present their log books to the board as was request at the employee evaluations.

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

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

Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Clarence to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey
Clerk

**TOWN OF SPARTA
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

February 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chairman Kevin Raymer at 6:00 pm, February 12, 2019 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Attending were Supervisor Jeff Garves, Supervisor Clarence Justin, Treasurer Amy Kiefer and Clerk Lisa Brey. 7 town residents attended.

Minutes of the January 8, 2019 regular monthly board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Clarence and second by Jeff. Motion passed.

Discussion for request to put sidewalk on town right of way near new school:

Kevin had met with representatives from the city of Sparta and the Sparta School district. A proposal to construct a sidewalk, on Town of Sparta land, was discussed. The sidewalk would come off from Division Street, travel in between the property of 2 town of Sparta residents, to the new school. 5 town residents voiced their concern that the area would become a drop off for children to walk to the school. The residents are concerned that since this area is a dead end, people dropping off kids would be turning around in driveways causing traffic hazard for the area. A suggestion was made to put the sidewalk on the south side of Division Street. After the board and residents discussed the issue, Kevin made a motion to deny the city and/or school permission to construct a sidewalk on town property. Clarence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Borrowing Resolution for Erv's Sparta Area Fire Protection District Vehicle Replacement:

Kevin had contacted Steve Treu to get more financial information on the issue but as of the date of this meeting he had not received any of the information that was requested. Kevin had talked with other township board members about the concern that some of the vehicles to be purchase were "top of the line" vehicles and the fire department may be able to purchase less expensive vehicles for the needs of this area. Many of the townships would like to see the fire department get several quotes, from different companies on the cost of these vehicles – high end vs medium end. Kevin made a motion to table this discussion until more information can be obtained.

Appoint member to Planning Commission:

Planning Commission chairman, Dean Weibel's term expires March 2019. Kevin motion to reappoint Dean to the Planning Commission, Clarence seconded the appointment. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

The township received a request from the Monroe Co Highway Department to approve 1.81 miles of ATV/UTV routes segment on Ebony Road. The board denied the request because Sparta Town Ordinance Chapter 7.11 (2) prohibits off highway recreation vehicles on town roads. An email will be sent to David Ohnstad informing him of this decision accompanied with a copy of the ordinance.

The Town Advocacy Council sent a letter inviting the township to join. The fee would be \$799 per year. The town board decided to not become a member of the Town Advocacy Council.

The board discussed an email from a resident concerned about junk vehicles at 15201 Cty Hwy B. The board members are now aware of the situation and will monitor it.

Clarence will attend the Monroe Co Solid Waste Educational dinner on March 10, 2019.

Clarence will attend the WTA Unit meeting in Oakdale on February 21, 2019

During Open Session:

Patrolmen log books were reviewed by the board members as was requested at employee evaluations.

Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed.

Bills were examined.

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

Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Clarence to adjourn at 7:05 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey
Clerk

TOWN OF SPARTA TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chairman Kevin Raymer at 6:00 pm, March 19, 2019 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Attending were Supervisor Jeff Garves, Supervisor Clarence Justin, Treasurer Amy Kiefer and Clerk Lisa Brey. 37 town residents/interested persons attended.

Minutes of the February 12, 2019 regular monthly board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Kevin and second by Clarence. Motion passed.

Land Divisions for Scott Jenkins at 11693 Cty Hwy B:

Scott Jenkins requested approval of 2 Certified Survey Maps for land divisions on Cty Hwy B. One CSM divided a 3.46 acre and a 3.0 acre lot, with a 66' easement, off from a 16.76 acre lot. The second CSM divided 4.17 acres off from an 18.42 acre lot. He had met with the Planning Commission on March 5, 2019 and they recommend approval. Kevin made a motion to approve the land division, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Reopen discussion for request to put sidewalk on town right of way near new school:

Representatives from the Sparta School District were present. They presented visual aids of the requested sidewalk and of the school plan in general. It was stated that all 7 school board members are in agreement that this is the best option for a sidewalk to the new school. They looked at 3 sidewalk options and were unanimous that this was the best option. There was general discussion on the location of the school and the access to the school. Discussion was brought back to the sidewalk issue and several Town of Sparta residents voiced their concerns that this sidewalk location would be used as a drop off site, because there is only one driveway to be used as an entrance, and exit, to the school. This one driveway will become very congested, and parents will be looking for a quicker route to get kids dropped off, thus, will use the sidewalk off Hart Road. Again, it was stated that Hart Road is a dead end road and the added traffic would be a traffic hazard and a hazard to the children using that sidewalk to walk to and from school. There was a question presented, if it was absolutely necessary to put a sidewalk in on that side of the school. Sparta School Superintendent said no, but there should be one for the safety of the children accessing the school from that side. After over an hour of discussion of all options, the Town of Sparta Board upheld their decision from the February meeting to deny letting the school construct a sidewalk on the Town of Sparta right of way.

Borrowing Resolution for Erv's Sparta Area Fire Protection District Vehicle Replacement:

3 representatives from the fire department were present. They reviewed the condition of all their current vehicles, the reasons that they needed to be replaced, what type of vehicles are actually needed by this district, and why they picked these certain replacement vehicles at their respective costs. Financing was discussed as to why \$1.7 million was needed, the repayment plan, cost to each municipality and future requests of the fire department. Fire department representatives, Bryan Simonson and Robert Arnold both assured the concerned board members that Ervs Sparta Area Fire Protection District will not come back to the municipalities and ask for more financing for the next 5 years. The board is requesting that the fire district remove the vehicle replacement fund from all future budgets. In the future, when more vehicles need to be replaced, the municipalities can get together and borrow the monies required. Also, the board requests that 2 members of the fire dept., along with 2 members of the fire board, review the bids and specifications for the fire apparatus with the Lacrosse Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Committee, before any further action is taken. The resolution will be put back on the agenda if those 2 requests are met. Town of Sparta board would like confirmation of eliminating the vehicle replacement fund in the minutes of their meeting.

Correspondence:**During Open Session:**

Resident asked what was going on with the Icebox bridge. Kevin said the area will be closed for the next week. The area around the bridge needs to be excavated and riprap put in before it would be safe for traffic. This bridge may need to be replaced in the near future.

A resident was concerned about the culvert of Ice Storm Road being too small. It is only 12" culvert and water backs up and goes over the road. Kevin said the town board is looking at that area and considering another culvert.

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

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

Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Jeff to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey
Clerk

TOWN OF SPARTA TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 16, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chairman Kevin Raymer at 7:00 pm, April 16, 2019 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Attending were Supervisor Jeff Garves, Supervisor Clarence Justin, Treasurer Amy Kiefer and Clerk Lisa Brey. 10 town residents attended.

Minutes of the March 19, 2019 regular monthly board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Kevin and second by Clarence. Motion passed.

Right of Way on near new school:

Kevin commented that the sidewalk request near the new school has been put on hold for now, but the school would like an easement for water lines to run through that area on the town right of way. The board did not have a problem with issuing an easement for the purpose of a waterline. Kevin will get the paperwork going on giving the easement. No further action was taken.

Conditional Use Permit for David Schwartz at 4494 Jackpot Ave:

Mr. Schwartz was present at the meeting. He had met with the Planning Commission on April 1, 2019. The Planning Commission recommend approval, with a condition that he use the sawmill driveway for the store instead of the private driveway. The proposed driveway to the store is a hidden driveway on the bottom of a hill with a curve in the road. This could be very hazardous for vehicles and buggies coming out of the proposed store driveway. The Town Board discussed the driveway issue with Mr. Schwartz and it was agreed upon that the Conditional Use Permit, for the Bulk Food Store, would be approved with the condition that the driveway to the store be moved 100 feet to the west of the existing location. Also, the current driveway entrance/exit must be closed off. Mr. Schwartz was agreeable to this condition. Kevin made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit, with the agreed conditions, Clarence seconded. Motion Carried.

Borrowing Resolution for Erv's Sparta Area Fire Protection District Vehicle Replacement:

Fire Board Representative, Gene Treu was present at the meeting and discussed the conditions of the resolution that the Sparta Town Board had requested at the March 2019 meeting. The Fire District has agreed that members of the fire dept., along with members of the fire board, will review the bids and specifications for the fire apparatus with the Lacrosse Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Committee, before purchasing. The Sparta Town board, again, recommends that the fire district remove the vehicle replacement fund from the 2020 budget and all future budgets. In the future, when more vehicles need to be replaced, the municipalities can get together and borrow the monies required. Clarence made a motion to approve the resolution, Jeff seconded. Motion Carried.

Review of Road Bids:

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

Accepted Bid: Gerke ¾ inch gravel 7.65 /ton, 1 ¼ gravel 7.60 per/ton, 2"-3" breaker at 7.60 / ton delivered to road site or town shop. Rap was bid at 13.65 per ton, 3/8" limestone chips 18.65 per ton.

Rejected Bid: Kraemer material ¾ inch and 1 1/4 inch gravel, 3 inch or less Breaker at 9.24 per ton delivered to road site or town shop. Rip Rap was bid at 21.00 per ton. Limestone chips 25.00/ton, granite chips 48.00 /ton delivered.

Accepted Bid: Scott Construction cold mix for patch purposes was bid at 88.65 per ton delivered to town shop. Sealcoat / granite material (3/8inch) for cover over oil was bid at 23.70 dollars per ton.

Accepted Bid: Scott Construction price per mile 20 feet wide single seal over hard surface 15,558.

Motion made by Kevin to approve 3 of the bids and reject one bid, seconded by Jeff. Motion passed

Correspondence:

During Open Session:

A request was made from Holiday Light to have a Bake Non-sale, (volunteer donations) during the elections at the Town Hall. The Board agreed to give it a one year trial for 2020, and then would revisit the issue for the next year.

Residents brought up a problem about the culverts being too small to handle the water run off on Icestorm Road. Kevin said the board visited that area during their road tour on April 1, 2019. The board had decided to change out the one culvert for 2 - 24" culverts in the concerned area and add another culvert up the road. The date of the converting of culverts is not known yet. The residents were very grateful the board was addressing the issue.

Bill June was concerned about a water runoff problem on Iband Ave. There is constant runoff from residents pumping at the subdivision across from his residence. He suggested the township dig a ditch along side the road for better water drainage. The board agreed to look into this further.

Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed.

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 8:40 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey
Clerk

TOWN OF SPARTA

2019 ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 16, 2019

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Town of Sparta, Monroe County, Wisconsin, was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Kevin Raymer. Present were supervisor- Clarence Justin, supervisor- Jeffrey Garves, Treasurer- Amy Kiefer, Clerk- Lisa Brey; plus 10 residents.

The minutes of April 18, 2018 Annual Meeting were read, motion made by Cedric Schnitzler and seconded by Pat Jenkins to approve. Motion passed.

Treasurer, Amy Kiefer presented the 2018 financial statement. After discussion and clarifications, motion was made to approve the 2018 financial report as given by the Treasurer. Motion made by Pat Jenkins, seconded by Rick Stark. Motion passed.

2018 Inventory was reviewed and no adjustments made to values.

Recycling stickers were discussed. A lot of vehicles are coming to the recycling center without a Town of Sparta Sticker in the window of the vehicle. It was felt that there needs to be more enforcement that the sticker is mandatory to get into the recycling center. It was decided that the town supervisors will stand at the gate of the recycling center for 3 Saturdays in a row, and make sure all vehicles are following the window sticker policy. If there is no sticker in the vehicle, the supervisors will check for proof of residence and hand out stickers.

A resident asked if there was going to be a cul de sac put in and/or the road widened at the "Brooks subdivision" – the end of Halo Road. This land division never came to the Town of Sparta for approval. The land division was approved by the City of Sparta because it is in the ET. Thus, the Town of Sparta Board could not make conditions for the seller of the lots in the subdivision to make these needed changes. This was previously a town road. Travis Brooks sold the lots and has agreed to do the work for the cul de sac and to widen the road if the Town of Sparta pays for the material. No date was given when this work would be completed.

Concerned resident asked about the lack of maintenance on the end of Gazette Road. It has no sealcoat left and is in really bad shape and is not being maintained by the township. Kevin said that road is not a town road according to the road report, but he will do some checking to see who owns that road.

Chairman asked if there were any other issues from electors for this 2019 annual meeting. No other issues were brought forward.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:00 pm by Karen Schlichenmeyer seconded by Pat Jenkins.

Lisa Brey Clerk

**TOWN OF SPARTA
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

May 14, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Clarence Justin 6:00 pm, May 14, 2019 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Attending were Supervisor Jeff Garves, Treasurer Amy Kiefer and Clerk Lisa Brey. Chairman Kevin Raymer was absent. 5 town residents attended.

Minutes of the April 16, 2019 regular monthly board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Clarence and second by Jeff. Motion passed.

Appoint Town of Sparta representative to Erv's Sparta Area Fire Protection District Board of Trustees:

Gene Treu's term will expire June 30, 2019. Kevin had talked to Gene, and Gene stated that he would accept another term if appointed. Jeff made a motion to reappoint Gene Treu to another 3 year term to Erv's Board of Trustees commencing July 1, 2019. Clarence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

During Open Session:

Bill June is still concerned about a water runoff problem on Iband Ave. There is constant runoff from residents pumping at the subdivision across from his residence. He suggested the township dig a ditch along side the road for better water drainage. Clarence will discuss this with Kevin and the patrolmen. Kevin has information from the NRCS department about the issue. No action was taken.

Rose White and Scott Haeseth were present at the meeting and voiced concern about the culverts and their locations on Icicle Road. The board will check the area.

There was a call from a person to the cemetery committee. The person was wondering who will level and seed the grave site after a burial at the Big Creek Cemetery. The Board discussed that it is the responsibility of the township. The board will inform the patrolmen that they need to level and seed any new burial sites as that is considered part of cemetery care.

Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed.

Bills were examined.

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

Motion made by Clarence and seconded by JEFF to adjourn at 7:00 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey
Clerk

**TOWN OF SPARTA
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

June 11, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chairman Kevin Raymer at 6:00 pm, June 11, 2019 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Attending were Supervisor Jeff Garves, Supervisor Clarence Justin, Treasurer Amy Kiefer and Clerk Lisa Brey. 10 town residents attended.

Minutes of the May 14, 2019 regular monthly board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Kevin and second by Jeff. Motion passed.

Conditional Use Permit for Richard Axelsen for an Upholstery Business at 18840 Idaho Road:

The Planning Commission had met and reviewed the proposal on June 1, 2019 and recommended approval. Kevin made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the upholstery business. It was second by Clarence. Motion carried.

Land Division for John Rodocha on Gazebo Road:

Jon Schmitz represented John Rodocha and requested approval of a Certified Survey Map for a land division on Gazebo Road. The CSM divided, Lot #1, 5.01 acres off a 29.46 acre lot. There are 6 more proposed lots. Mr. Schmitz had met with the Planning Commission on June 1, 2019 and they recommend approval of the division of Lot #1 only. The board discussed with Mr Schmitz that if 5 lots are sold in 5 years, there needs to be a preliminary plat of the subdivision brought before the board for approval. This preliminary plat must have plans for driveways, a cul du sac and engineering for water runoff. Kevin made a motion to approve the land division of Lot #1 only. If any other lots are sold, the board will require a platted subdivision plan. The motion was seconded by Clarence. Motion carried.

Approval of Mobile Home and Liquor License:

The license request for one year were reviewed:

Cortland Acres license for Mobile home park (see open session discussion below)

Hideout Enterprises, INC ... locally named The Zone

Eddies Convenience Store, LLC

WestSide Wine and Spirits, LLC

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

Correspondence:

During Open Session:

Appoint Alternates for the Board of Review:

According to town ordinance, 2 town residents shall be alternate members for the Board of Review, to serve in the absence of a town board member or serve if there is a request to remove a member by a property owner. Kevin nominated Cedric Schnitzler and Howard Garves to serve as members for the BOR on July 9, 2019. Jeff Garves made a motion to approve and Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

Mobile Home Park:

Kevin received a complaint from a resident at Cortland Acres Mobile Home Park (CAMHP). The resident stated that there was a trailer in the park that should be condemned. Kevin said if the resident would file an official complaint, the board would start proceedings to see if the structure should be condemned. The resident did not want to file an official complaint because he had to live next to that neighbor and did not want to start trouble. The chairman will send a letter to the owner of the park.

Open Session cont:

Resident, Scott Naeseth, was at the meeting and brought up the drainage problem on Icicle Road. This issue was also discussed at the May meeting. Mr Naeseth is concerned that some of the culverts are either collapsed, too small or there needs to be more culverts in that area to address the standing water. Clarence and the patrolmen had visited the site and said the town cannot do any more ditching in the area to help the problem. The board will look at the site again and see what can be done to help with the drainage problem.

Big Creek Cemetery Committee member, Howard Garves, presented an informational sheet on proposed cemetery cleanup. Headstones need to be repaired, repositioned, cleaned off and soil removed on the top to clear the headstones before they are completely covered up. Cleanup would be very costly to the township. Clarence is going to discuss with the Boy Scouts if they would be willing to do any volunteer work in the cemetery. This will be discussed further in the upcoming meetings.

Bill June is still concerned about the water runoff near his property, as discussed at the May meeting. Kevin had contacted Monroe Co Land Conservation and they said there is not enough drop to do more ditching. Kevin said the board would go look at the site again.

Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed.

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 7:15 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey
Clerk

**TOWN OF SPARTA
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

July 9, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chairman Kevin Raymer at 6:00 pm, July 9, 2019 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Attending were Supervisor Jeff Garves, Supervisor Clarence Justin, Treasurer Amy Kiefer and Clerk Lisa Brey. 5 town residents attended.

Minutes of the June 11, 2019 regular monthly board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Clarence and second by Jeff. Motion passed.

Request for transfer of Conditional Use Permit for a cell tower currently owned by Bug Tussel/Cloud 1, LLC (on Schauf Property) to Mobilitie

The Board discussed the request to transfer the CUP to another owner. All CUPs in the Town of Sparta are not transferable. Mobilitie will need to apply for a new CUP, pay the fee and go to the Planning Commission for review.

Correspondence:

During Open Session:

Gene Treu gave an update on Erv's Sparta Area Fire Protection District Vehicle Replacement Plan. All municipalities have agreed to the plan. The fire district is moving forward with the plan and representatives are visiting other fire districts to get input on the most cost effective and durable units.

Resident Scott Naeseth wanted to follow up with the culvert plan for Icicle Road. He wanted to know when the additional culvert would be placed. It was discussed that the township will put in the culvert and Mr Naeseth will be responsible for the dirt work. The Board did not have a date for the work, but said the patrolmen have the job scheduled.

Resident, Art Casserberg, who lives on Halo Road, voiced his concern about the construction planned for that road. He wanted to know if the road would take up part of his property and was concerned over his landscaping and the drainage with the road changes. Chairman Kevin Raymer said the location of the road has not been determined at this time.

Clarence discussed the plan to get the Big Creek Cemetery cleaned up. He is working with the Boys Scouts to help with clean up. Clarence asked if the patrolmen could help reset some of the headstones back in place. The Board discussed the liability issues, for the township, if any of these headstones would be damaged when trying to reset them. No action was taken.

Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed.

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 Jeff to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey
Clerk

**TOWN OF SPARTA
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

August 13, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chairman Kevin Raymer at 6:00 pm, August 13, 2019 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Attending were Supervisor Jeff Garves, Supervisor Clarence Justin, Treasurer Amy Kiefer and Clerk Lisa Brey. 12 town residents attended.

Minutes of the July 9, 2019 regular monthly board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Clarence and second by Jeff. Motion passed.

Land Division for Tom Path on General Ave:

Tom Path requested approval of a Certified Survey Map for a land division on General Ave. The request was to combine a small parcel purchased from a neighbor so that there could be an addition added onto the house. The lot would be increased from 6.37 acres to 6.44 acres. The Planning commission reviewed this request on August 6, 2019 and recommended approval. Kevin made a motion to approve the land division. The motion was seconded by Clarence. Motion carried

Land Division for John Rodocha on the corner of Gardener Ave and Gazebo Road:

John Rodocha requested approval of a Certified Survey Map for a land division of 3 lots at the corner of Gardener Ave and Gazebo Road. Surveyor Jon Schmitz had met with the Planning Commission on August 6, 2019 and they recommend denial of the divisions, due to lack of plans for driveways, a cul du sac and engineering for water runoff. The Town Board denied the request for the land division until these issues are addressed.

Conditional Use Permit for M3 Hilbert Towers LLC telecommunication tower:

An application for transfer of ownership of the (Schauf Farm) telecommunication tower to M3 Hilbert Towers LLC from Bug Tussel Wireless/Cloud 1 LLC was discussed. Transfers are not allowable in the Town of Sparta, so M3 Hilbert was requesting a new CUP for the change of ownership. The application was discussed at the Planning Commission meeting on August 6, 2019. A question was brought up on the bonding of the new owner. No representative was present at the meeting to address any questions, so the Planning Commission recommended denial of the CUP until someone represented M3 Hilbert. The new owners will be sent an email inviting someone to attend the PC meeting on Sept 3, 2019. No further action was taken by the Town Board.

Survey to obtain Town input on proposed non-metallic mining amendments to Ch.47-Zoning of the Monroe County code of Ordinances and a moratorium:

Discussion was made on the survey about a proposed ban on any future non-metallic sand mines. The Planning Commission discussed this issue at the August 6, 2019 meeting and documented that it would like to see the Amendment before making any decisions on the survey. The Planning Commission advised the Town Board to gather more information from County Zoning before answering the survey. The Town Board discussed the survey with representatives from Hi Crush and Smart Sand that were present at the meeting. The Board decided to vote "no" on the survey questioning whether or not the town is in favor of the County pursuing the development of an amendment that would regulate non-metallic mining. The Board answered "no" until there is a better explanation for the need for this amendment. The Town of Sparta Board would like to see the draft amendment.

Correspondence:

There will be a Monroe County Sanitation, Planning & Zoning meeting for Pat Kobernick on August 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm for a change of zoning from General Ag to Rural Residential for land located at 13540 Cty Hwy B. There will be a Monroe County Sanitation, Planning & Zoning meeting for the CUP for Richard Axelsen for an upholstery business on August 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Jeff will attend this meeting to represent the Town of Sparta.

During Open Session:

Violet Sletten was present at the meeting and provided the Board with a Certified Survey Map from 1979 that shows Gazzett Road was a town road at that time. Ms. Sletten would like the township to maintain the road again. Kevin will try to get the road added to the state road report (WHSLR) so the township can get road aid to help maintain the road. There may be a problem due to the fact that the road is only a 3 rod road.

Art Casseberg was questioning when the road work will start on Halo Ave. He would like to be notified of the start date before the patrolmen begin working on that road.

Bill June wanted the Board to know he is still concerned about the water runoff problem on Iband Ave. He would still like the ditch dug out. The Board again discussed with him that Kevin had contacted Monroe Co Land Conservation and they said there is not enough drop to do more ditching. After discussion, no solution was found for the issue.

Chairman Kevin Raymer said during the Board of Review on August 6, 2019, the assessor told the Town Board that the Town of Sparta needs to be reevaluated before 2021.

Patrolmen Log Books were reviewed.

Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed.**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 Jeff to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey
Clerk

**TOWN OF SPARTA
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

September 10, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chairman Kevin Raymer at 6:00 pm, September 10, 2019 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Attending were Supervisor Jeff Garves, Supervisor Clarence Justin, Treasurer Amy Kiefer and Clerk Lisa Brey. 29 town residents attended.

Minutes of the August 13, 2019 regular monthly board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Kevin and second by Clarence. Motion passed.

Conditional Use Permit for Diana, George and Marcus Gilbertson:

Diana, George and Marcus Gilbertson requested a conditional use permit for a campground/RV park at 17694 Icarus Road. The Gilbertsons were present. Future plans are to build a lodge/office and bathrooms, depending on if the campground is successful. The Gilbertsons had met with the Planning Commission on September 3, 2019. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Wayne Siemianowski voiced concerns about people and dogs walking on his property which is adjacent to the proposed campground. Ms. Gilbertson said there was a very wide creek between the properties so this should not be a problem with people. It was discussed that if there are dogs on Mr. Siemianowski's property, there is a county ordinance pertaining to dogs at large that he should follow. Kevin Made a motion to approve the CUP for the campground with the condition that the Gilbertsons to go to county zoning to make sure they have proper setbacks from property lines. Clarence seconded. Motion carried.

Conditional Use Permit for M3 Hilbert Towers LLC telecommunication tower:

M3 Hilbert Towers LLC requests a Conditional Use Permit for a 250' telecommunication tower at 13171 State Hwy 27 (Schauf Farm). Jay Wendt, from Mobolitie, was present and had met with the Planning Commission on September 3, 2019. The Planning Commission had no objection to the request as long as the purchase is to M3 Hilbert Towers LLC and they get a \$20,000 bond to secure the equipment. Mr. Wendt provided the town board with a copy of the \$20,000 surety bond. The Board agreed to approve the CUP with the condition that the county receives the surety bond to be filed within the next couple weeks. Kevin made a motion to approve the CUP as long as the condition it met, Jeff seconded the motion. Motion carried

Land Division for John Radocha on the corner of Gardener Ave and Gazebo Road:

John Radocha was present and requested approval of a Certified Survey Map for a land division of 2 more lots off his land at the corner of Gardener Ave and Gazebo Road. Mr. Radocha had met with the Planning Commission on September 3, 2019. The Planning Commission recommended that a cul de sac be constructed. The cul de sac would be transferred to the Town of Sparta for ownership. At that Planning Commission meeting, Mr. Radocha agreed to get bids for the cost of the construction of the cul de sac and puts funds of 120% in a secured escrow account for the cost of the project. At the town meeting tonight, Mr. Radocha stated that he was withdrawing his previous agreement. He could not get contractors to call him back for estimates and the one estimate he got was around \$10,000. Mr. Radocha stated that he was a citizen of the township and has paid all his taxes and he thinks the township fund and should put in a cul de sac at the end of Gazebo road. He stated that he should not have to forfeit land and funds into something the town should be doing. Mr Radocha stated that if the land division was not approved, he would take the Town of Sparta to court. Kevin told him that if he sells the 2 lots, he will be in violation of the land division ordinance for the Town of Sparta. Kevin made a motion to deny the CSM land division. Clarence seconded the denial. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Kevin and Jeff will attend the Monroe County Highway Local Roads Improvement meeting on September 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

During Open Session:

Town resident, Gene Treu, brought up the issue of allowing the sidewalk to the new school be constructed on the town right of way by Hart Road. He would like the Board to consider putting the issue back on the agenda. He discussed that the city of Sparta administrator agrees the sidewalk across the town right of way is the safest and most cost effective. He gave the board handouts from Market & Johnson that showed 2 sidewalk plans. The plan across the town right of way would cost \$44,726. The plan to go down W. Division street to the school would cost \$195,185. Mr. Tueu stated that the township was costing taxpayer and additional \$150,000. He understands residents are concerned about the area becoming a drop off point but that issue is being addressed. The city intends to pass an ordinance that the area cannot be used as a drop off area. The city would by place no stopping/parking signs up and have it patrolled by the city police, that will issue citations if the ordinance is not followed. The city intends to address the ordinance at the Public Safety Committee this week and then go to Public Works and then to the full Counsel. The Town Board reviewed the 2 different plans and has an issue with the specs of each. Kevin said he had checked the cost of sidewalks, with a local contractor, and his price was much lower than the proposed cost on the Market & Johnson plans. The Market & Johnson plan included a 4' retaining wall all the way down W. Division street and no one present could explain why. The plans also were inconsistent with each other in including estimated costs across school property. A resident made the case that the sidewalk down W. Division street would be on the city of Sparta's property and would be a cost to the city, not a school cost. Residents near the proposed sidewalk, again, voiced their concerns about traffic, privacy and property access. A town resident stated that if the sidewalk was put on the town right of way, due the fence, he would not be able to assess his back yard. After discussion the board feels the concerns of the Town of Sparta residents are more important than the cost of the sidewalk. Chairman Kevin Raymer said the issue will not be put back on the agenda, the board made its decision at the April 16, 2019 meeting.

Patrolmen Log Books were reviewed.

Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed.**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 Jeff to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey
Clerk

**TOWN OF SPARTA
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

October 8, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Clarence Justin at 6:00 pm, October 8, 2019 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Attending were Supervisor Jeff Garves, Supervisor Clarence Justin, Treasurer Amy Kiefer and Clerk Lisa Brey, Chairman Kevin Raymer was absent. 4 town residents attended.

Minutes of the September 10, 2019 regular monthly board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Clarence and second by Jeff. Motion passed.

2 Year Road Plan:

The following 2 year Road Plan was presented:

2020

Town plans to seal coat;

Fairway Road, Fairmont Ave, Factory Ave, Fairlane Ave, Gazebo Road.

These are all dead end roads. Also, Gaslight Ave - Hwy 27 to Garnett Ave. Total of approx. 6.5 miles. The Town also plans to reconstruct Iband Ave, approx. 1.2 miles. Part of the reconstruction will include leveling a hill on the west end and ditching to remove a continuing water hazard.

2021

Town plans to seal coat;

Falcon Road from Cty BC to Fantail Ave, east half of Iberia Ave, Idell Ave, Illiad Road, Fernwood Ave from Fedora Road to Cty B. Total of approx. 6.5 miles

After discussion, Clarence made a motion to approve the 2 year Road Plan for the Town of Sparta for 2020-2021. Jeff seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of Application and Borrowing Resolution from BCPL for reassessment and road construction:

A loan application was made to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) for \$75,000 for the purpose of financing the reassessment for 2020. After discussion, it was decided to withdraw this loan application and apply later in 2020 when the invoice is due for the reassessment.

A second loan application was made to the BCPL for \$75,000 for road construction done in 2019. The loan would be for 2 years and is to be repaid in annual installments, with interest at the rate of 3.25 percent. Supervisor Jeff Garves presented the preamble and resolution to borrow \$75,000.00 from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin. Motion was made by Supervisor Jeff Garves and seconded by Clarence Justin to adopt the Resolution to authorize application for funds and also levy upon all taxable Town of Sparta property an annual tax for the purpose of paying interest and principal on the loan as it becomes due. 2 ayes (Jeff and Clarence) – Kevin Raymer was absent. Motion carried.

Jeff Garves called for the meeting of electors on November 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm to have the 2020 Proposed Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting to adopt the 2019 Tax Levy.

Correspondence:

Clarence will represent the township and attend the Monroe Co Zoning Public Hearing on October 21, 2019 for a CUP for a Campground/RV Park Application for George/Diana and Marcus Gilbertson.

During Open Session:

Town resident, Brent Friedl, wondered why the township did not send out letters to all the surrounding neighbors informing them of the request for a Conditional Use Permit for the campground / RV Park on Icarus Road that was decided on at the September meeting. Board members informed him it has never been town policy to send letters to adjacent property owners. The Board said, the agenda is posted in the paper, on the town hall door and on the town website.

Mr Freidl was also concerned about a culvert sinking and ditch drainage at his property at 5328 Iberia Ave. In the summer of 2018, the town patrolmen dug out around the culvert and put the dirt on his property. Now all the water is draining to his property. At the time, patrolmen told Mr Friedl that the culvert would be replaced and the dirt redistributed. No action has yet been this year and Mr Friedl would like the board to look at the issue. Clarence will check this out with the patrolmen this week.

Bill June was still concerned about his drainage problem on Iband Ave. It was discussed that Iband Ave is listed on the 2 year Road Plan. Clarence will also check this out with the patrolmen this week.

Paul Huber, who resides at 9917 Impala has had water in his basement for 2 years. He would like the drainage ditch dug out so that water can run to the culvert. Clarence will bring the issue to the patrolmen's attention so they can go look at the area.

Patrolmen Log Books were reviewed.

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

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

Motion made by Clarence and seconded by Jeff to adjourn at 7:00 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey
Clerk

**TOWN OF SPARTA
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

November 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chairman Kevin Raymer at 6:10 pm, November 12, 2019 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Attending were Supervisor Jeff Garves, Supervisor Clarence Justin, Treasurer Amy Kiefer and Clerk Lisa Brey. 22 town residents attended.

Minutes of the October 8, 2019 regular monthly board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Kevin and second by Clarence. Motion passed.

Adoption of the 2020 Budget:

Kevin reviewed the 2020 Budget.

With no further discussion on the budget for 2020, motion was made by Kevin and seconded by Jeff to Adopt the 2020 Budget. Motion Carried.

Conditional Use Permit for Diana, George and Marcus Gilbertson:

Diana, George and Marcus Gilbertson requested a conditional use permit for a camp ground/RV park at 17694 Icarus Road. The Gilbertson's were present. This CUP was approved by the Town Board on September 10, 2019 and tabled by Monroe Planning and Zoning until November 18, 2019. They requested the township give more input on setbacks, if the driveway is in a flood plain and fencing issues. Setbacks will be as county zoning requires. Kevin talked with Alison at Monroe Co Planning and Zoning. She said the driveway was not in a flood plain, but was in a flood "fringe". Therefore, Gilbertsons could get a permit to have the driveway raised up to avoid flooding. Both the fire department and the ambulance service checked the access to the proposed campground and neither had any issues with getting in or out of the access proposed.

Residents with property near the proposed campground voiced concerns of noise, trash, increased traffic, traffic speed, flooding, trespassing, lower property values etc. There were strong concerns about campers walking onto other property owners land. Discussion was made on fencing, using signage etc. Kevin commented that there is an ACT 67 in the state that says, in simple terms, that townships must have a valid reason to deny Conditional Use Permits.

The Gilbertstons stated that they are open to suggestions on fencing and are willing to put up fencing around the neighboring residential property, but reluctant, due to cost, of putting up fencing all the way around the camp ground area.

Kevin talked to the chairman of Leon township, who has a campground in that township. That chairman said their township has never had any issues with the above concerns.

The Board will recommend, to Monroe Co Planning and Zoning, that they require a 6 foot fence around the residential property bordering the campground. And if problems arise in the future, with noise, trash, trespassing etc, Gilbertsons may be required to put up fencing on the south and east side of the campground.

Clarence will attend the zoning meeting on November 18, 2019 to give the township input.

Correspondence:

none

During Open Session:

Clarence said the Boy Scouts commented about the cage for the aluminum cans was getting a lot of garbage in it. The Boy Scouts will provide a sign “Aluminum Cans Only” for the cage. The treasurer will also add a reminder to the township tax newsletter that only aluminum cans go into that cage.

There were some residents concerned about the monthly town board agenda getting out to residents. The Board said the agenda will continue be posted in the paper, posted on the townhall door, posted on the recycling center door and put on the townsparta.com website. The monthly meeting are always the second Tuesday of the month and residents can look for the agenda at these places a week before that time.

Patrolmen Log Books were reviewed.

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

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

At 7:30 pm Kevin made a motion to go into closed session. Clarence seconded.
Regular board meeting resumed at 7:50 pm.

Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Jeff to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey
Clerk

**TOWN OF SPARTA
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

December 11, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Sparta Town Board was called to order by Chairman Kevin Raymer at 6:00 pm, December 11, 2019 at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta. Attending were Supervisor Jeff Garves, Supervisor Clarence Justin, Treasurer Amy Kiefer and Clerk Lisa Brey. 7 town residents attended.

Minutes of the November 12, 2019 regular town board meeting were read. Motion to approve by Clarence and seconded by Jeff. Motion passed.

Election Workers for January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2021

List of proposed election inspectors for the term 1-1-20 to 12-31-21 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Clarence seconded by Kevin. List of election workers was approved.

Correspondence:

During Open Session:

There has been a lot of calls from concerned residents about the increase in property taxes. The board discussed the reasons – 69% increase in Sparta School District and the township has a 81.89% residential assessment ratio and the debt service for the fire department, tractor and truck. Amy will type up a flyer with the breakdown, explaining the increase, and have the flyer available to residents that have questions.

Town resident, Doug Urban, would like the board to consider allowing ATV/UTVs access to town roads. Discussion was made on “trails” vs “routes” and signage. Kevin will put on the January agenda to discuss further.

Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Bills were examined.

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

Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Clarence to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Motion passed.

Lisa Brey
Clerk