



SPARTA TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

AGENDA

February 14, 2023

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that action will be taken on the following items at the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 in the Council Chambers, Sparta Township Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, New Jersey.

TIME: The regular meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

STATEMENT:

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the public and the press on January 6, 2023 by delivering to the press and posting on the Township website a copy of the notice.

1. ROLL CALL

Councilman Dean Blumetti, Mayor Dan Chiariello, Deputy Mayor Neill Clark, Councilman Josh Hertzberg, Councilwoman Christine Quinn, Township Manager, Attorney, Municipal Clerk

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PROCLAMATIONS

Black History Month

PRESENTATION

William Kroth, President -Sterling Hill Mining Museum - Franklinite Mineral

2. MINUTES



Reorganization Meeting Minutes held on January 5, 2023 be approved as presented.

Regular Meeting Minutes held on January 10, 2023 be approved as presented.

3. MANAGER'S REPORT

APPROVAL OF MANAGER'S REPORT

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Items not on the Agenda

5. EXPENDITURES

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

23-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA RESPECTING THE DISPLAY OF
FLAGS ON TOWNSHIP FLAGPOLES

7. HEARING OF ORDINANCE

23-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III,
MEETINGS OF TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, SECTION 2-
3.2, REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE MUNICIPAL
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA

23-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII, "TRAFFIC," OF THE
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
SPARTA, AMENDING SECTION 7-17, "VEHICLE OVER
DESIGNATED WEIGHT EXCLUDED FROM CERTAIN STREETS"



8. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Resolutions

9. RESOLUTIONS

- 9-1 Resolution Supporting the Designation of “Franklinite” as the Official Mineral of the State of New Jersey
- 9-2 Resolution - Disabled Veteran Cancellation of Tax
- 9-3 One-Day ABC Social Affairs Permit – Karen Ann Quinlan Memorial Foundation
- 9-4 Resolution Appointing Grant (Sam) Rome as the Interim Township Manager
- 9-5 Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the 2023 Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program Funded by the PSEG Foundation.
- 9-6 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta Authorizing the Award of Contract for Professional Services of Municipal Prosecutor
- 9-7 Resolution to Abolish A Salute 07871 Committee
- 9-8 Resolution Requesting Authorization to Hire Certain Police Officers
- 9-9 Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 22-178 of the Township of Sparta

10. COUNCIL LIAISON' UPDATES

11. OLD BUSINESS



Agenda items

1. Zoning Board- 2 Alternate vacancies
2. Appoint 2 Council Liaisons' to Sparta Historical Society
3. Economic Development Committee
4. Modify Salute 07871 resolution

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

14. ADJOURNMENT



9-1 Resolution Supporting the Designation of “Franklinite” as the Official Mineral of the State of New Jersey

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a long history of mineral mining, including two world-famous zinc mines in Sussex County, at Franklin and at Ogdensburg; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, the New Jersey Legislature passed a Resolution declaring our neighbor, the Borough of Franklin, the “Fluorescent Mineral Capital of the World”; and

WHEREAS, in order to pay recognition to the scientific, economic, and historic importance of Franklinite, it is fitting and appropriate to designate Franklinite as the official mineral of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, we strongly support “Franklinite for New Jersey State Mineral.” This Bill, S1727, unanimously passed the NJ Senate on October 17, 2022 and the identical Bill is in the Assembly, Bill A3393. This Bill designates franklinite as official mineral of the State of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the mineral has unique properties that are found almost exclusively here in Sussex County, in the Franklin area; the mineral has made the area world-famous; through a NJ DEP poll Franklinite has been recognized as the best representative of NJ minerals; has a main element of zinc which has strengthened America’s economy along with iron, that has helped us in the Revolutionary War and the 1800s; and has brought immigrants and livelihood to the State over the last 150 years.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Sparta, Sussex County, New Jersey, Sparta Township hereby supports Bill No. S-1727 and identical Bill A3393 in the Assembly designating “Franklinite” as the official



mineral of the State of New Jersey and urges our State Legislators and our Governor to support this legislation for the reason expressed herein.

A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Township.

Copies of this Resolution shall be sent to Sparta Township's representatives in the New Jersey Legislature, and a copy shall be sent to the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

9-2 Disabled Veteran Cancellation of Tax

WHEREAS, the property owner of Block 4002, Lot 179, is a 100% permanently disabled veteran in accordance with N.J.S.A 54:4-30.30;

WHEREAS, the Assessor approved the exemption on February 7, 2023 and the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs assigned the effective date as of August 24, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta that the Tax Collector refund taxes in the amount of \$3,168.28 for the 4th quarter of 2022 and \$3,118.79 for the 1st quarter of 2023.

In addition, Tax Collector will cancel the 2023 second half taxes.

9-3 One-Day ABC Social Affairs Permit – Karen Ann Quinlan Memorial Foundation

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta that permission be granted to Karen Ann Quinlan Memorial Foundation for a Social Affairs permit , to be held on March 30, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Andres Lakeside Dining, 112 Tomahawk Trail, Sparta, NJ.



9-4 Resolution Appointing Grant (Sam) Rome as the Interim Township Manager

WHEREAS, the previous Interim Township Manager, Neil Spidaletto, resigned from the position of Interim Township Manager effective December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Sparta Township requires the services of an Interim Township Manager to assume the responsibilities previously held by Mr. Spidaletto and as set forth in the Statutes of the State of New Jersey and the Code of the Township of Sparta.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, Sussex County, New Jersey, that:

1. The Sparta Township Council hereby appoints Grant (Sam) Rome as the Interim Township Manager.
2. Mr. Rome shall serve as the Interim Appointing Authority of the Township of Sparta.
3. Mr. Rome will be assigned a Civil Service title of Municipal Manager Job 2, part-time.
4. Mr. Rome shall be paid a stipend of \$ 200.00 per day (\$73,000 annually) for his services as the part-time Interim Township Manager.

This resolution shall take effect immediately; however, it shall be void and of no effect in the event that Grant (Sam) Rome fails to qualify for or refuses the position of Interim Township Manager.

9-5 Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the 2023 Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program funded by the PSEG Foundation.



WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program;

THEREFORE, the Township Council of the Township of Sparta has determined that the Township of Sparta should apply for the aforementioned Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Township Council of the Township of Sparta, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant.

**9-6 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta
Authorizing the Award of Contract for Professional Services of
Municipal Prosecutor**

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta has need for the professional services of a Municipal Prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and



WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et seq.*, the "Local Public Contracts Law" permits governing bodies to contract for certain professional services without competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 requires the award of contract for Professional Services be publicly advertised and the contract itself be available for public inspection:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta as follows:

1. The Township of Sparta hereby appoints Timothy J. Profeta, Esq., and the law firm of Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP, 60 Blue Heron Road, Suite 300, Sparta, NJ 07871, as Municipal Prosecutor for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in accordance with the attached Contract.

2. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law as this is a professional service within the meaning of the law.

3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract with Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP on behalf of the Township.

4. A Notice in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law shall be published in the New Jersey Herald as required by law.

5. A copy of this Resolution as well as the Contract shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Township.

6. This resolution shall take effect immediately. However, it shall be void and of no effect in the event that Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP does not sign the Agreement.

7. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase in this resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the



remaining portions of this resolution.

9-7 Resolution to Abolish A Salute 07871 Committee

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Sparta wishes to continue to support past, present and future service members of Sparta who served in and across all branches of the military; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Sparta believes that this support can best be expressed and realized through a non-governmental committee established by a community and/or veterans organization with community backing, outreach support and recognition of our service members; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution adopted on March 26, 2019, the Township Council of the Township of Sparta established a “Salute 07871 Committee” whose goals and objectives, while still shared by the Township, shall be served through a community Salute 07871 Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sparta Township Council, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, that the Salute 07871 Committee previously established by the Township is hereby abolished in consideration of the work that shall be done through community organizations.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase in this resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining parts of this resolution.



9-8 Resolution Requesting Authorization to Hire Certain Police Officers

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Sparta Township to hire a police officer, and

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township Police Department staff have conducted background checks and interviewed Police Officer candidates in accordance with Civil Service guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township Police Department staff recommend the hiring of the following Police Officer Candidate:

Kyle J. Stoll, as a Temporary Appointment, at \$50,000/year,
in accordance with N.J.S.A 11A:4-1.3.

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief of Police recommends hiring this officer; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, approve the hiring of said Police Officer effective March 2nd, 2023.

A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Township.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase in this resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution.



9-9 Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 22-178 of the Township of Sparta

WHEREAS, while Sparta Township Ordinance § 4-3 “Deer Hunting on Township-owned Properties” as amended by Sparta Township Council Ordinance § 15-01, prohibits all hunting on Township-owned properties, except in the event that the Township Council determines that deer hunting is necessary to control the deer population; and

WHEREAS, in such event a determination is made by the Council and the Council adopts a resolution setting forth the applicable permit fee, the process for obtaining permits and the rules and regulations for such; and

WHEREAS, a Resolution No. 22-178, was adopted by the Sparta Township Council authorizing hunting of white-tailed deer on Township-owned property due to a necessity to control the deer population in Sparta Township; and

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township Council has subsequently made a determination that further investigation is required to determine if there is such a need for the allowance of hunting on Township-owned property, as well as a need to investigate other measures of deer control that the Township should explore; and

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township Council desires to rescind Resolution No. 22-178 and direct the Township Manager to study the issue of deer population control in Sparta Township, as well as the benefits, drawbacks and means to control hunting on Township-owned property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sparta Township Council, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, as follows;



1. Resolution No. 22-178 is hereby rescinded and repealed.

2. The Interim Sparta Township Manager is directed to engage a review of the current deer population conditions and implement a deer control program, seeking engagement with and input from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife (DEP), from the Sparta Environmental Commission, Sparta Recreation Department and Sparta Township Risk Manager.

3. The Interim Township Manager is to identify eligible Township-owned properties upon which deer hunting may be permitted, identifying said properties on a map. The Interim Township Manager is to interface with the NJ DEP's Program on Community Based Deer Management (CBDM), in an effort to explore alternative methods of controlling deer populations, which includes, but is not limited to, controlled hunting, capture and removal and fertility control. This engagement shall include interfacing with the NJ DEP and setting up a meeting with the CBDM biologist to discuss Sparta-specific issues and best practices regarding hunts and land management as it pertains to deer.

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