



SPARTA TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

AGENDA

March 14, 2023

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

TIME:

The meeting is called to order at 6:30 p.m. 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

RESOLUTION

Open Public Meetings Act-Executive Session Motion _S_

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PROCLAMATIONS

Women's History Month

First Female Mayor – Nancy Starnes

First Female Officer – Sue Parkes



2. MINUTES

Executive Meeting Minutes held on October 25, 2022 be approved as presented.

Regular Meeting Minutes held on January 24, 2023 be approved as presented.

Regular Meeting Minutes held on February 14, 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

None

8. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Resolutions

9. RESOLUTIONS



- 9-1 – Resolution for Tax Overpayments due to NJ Court Stipulation
- 9-2 Resolution for Participant’s LEAP Implementation Grant
- 9-3 One-Day ABC Social Affairs Permit – Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
- 9-4 Resolution Authorizing Contract Payment No. 3 for White Lake Fields with Tomco Construction, Inc.
- 9-5 Resolution Authorizing the Township Council to Continue to Use the Sourcewell Cooperative
- 9-6 Resolution of the Township of Sparta Authorizing the Live Broadcasting of Audio and Video of Township Council Meetings

10. COUNCIL LIAISON’ UPDATES

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Agenda items

- 1. Economic Development Committee
- 2. Zoning Board

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

14. ADJOURNMENT



9-1 – Resolution for Tax Overpayments due to NJ Court Stipulation

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Township Council of the Township of Sparta that the Tax Collector refunds the following tax over payment due to NJ State Court Stipulation

BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS	AMOUNT	YEAR
10001	23	15 Fox Run	\$5,868.40	2020
10001	23	15 Fox Run	\$5,778.65	2021
10001	23	15 Fox Run	\$5,871.85	2022

9-2 Resolution for Participant’s LEAP Implementation Grant

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$10 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hopatcong, Borough of Stanhope, Borough of Netcong, Borough of Mount Arlington, Borough of Wharton, Township of Byram, Township of Sparta, and Township of Andover propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and



WHEREAS, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to implement shared services for Animal Control and Shelter, which will benefit the residents of all participating local units; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hopatcong has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Sparta, that the Township of Sparta does hereby join with Borough of Hopatcong in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 to support implementation of this shared service.

9-3 One-Day ABC Social Affairs Permit – Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta that permission be granted to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 246 Woodport Road, Sparta, NJ for a social affairs permit to be held on March 26, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 246 Woodport Road, Sparta, NJ.

9-4 Resolution Authorizing Contract Payment No. 3 for White Lake Fields with Tomco Construction, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta approved a contract with Tomco Construction, Inc. to construct the White Lake Fields project (the "Contract"; and

WHEREAS, Tomco Construction, Inc. has submitted a request for Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$12,596.16 and the Township Engineer has reviewed and approved the payment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Payment No. 3 be made in the



amount of \$12,596.16 to Tomco Construction, Inc., 22 Howard Blvd., Ste. 204, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856 upon the Chief Financial Officer certifying that sufficient funds are available.

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.

9-5 Resolution Authorizing the Township Council to Continue to Use the Sourcewell Cooperative

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta is a member of Sourcewell Cooperative under Member ID#28192 and desires to continue its membership for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta has been approved as a member of Sourcewell Cooperative and has been issued Member ID#28192; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta that the Township shall continue to participate in the Sourcewell Cooperative and the Mayor is authorized to execute the cooperative purchasing through Sourcewell Cooperative, upon the review and approval of such documents to the Township Mayor and Township Attorney.



9-6 Resolution of the Township of Sparta Authorizing the Live Broadcasting of Audio and Video of Township Council Meetings

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township Council has received interest from the public in having the Township Council meeting broadcast live; and

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township desires to provide greater public access to its meetings, including the use of audio and video technology to broadcast and/or stream the public portions of its meetings; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, effective upon adoption of this Resolution, the Township shall provide one-directional live audio and/or video broadcasting of the public portions of their meetings using the Township's video streaming equipment.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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.



**RESOLUTION – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT – EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

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

The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters:

The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

- a. Litigation
- b. Personnel
- c. Contract Negotiations
- d. Miscellaneous Legal Advice

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when deemed appropriate.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.