

March 28, 2023
Sparta Council Meeting Agenda
and
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SPARTA TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

AGENDA

March 28, 2023

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that action will be taken on the following items at the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 in the Council Chambers, Sparta Township Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, New Jersey.

TIME:

The meeting is called to order at 6:00 pm. 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

Paige Weiss Sparta High School Wrestling Champion

Women's History Month



RECOGNITION

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

23-05 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA CODE SECTIONS 19-14.s and 20-3.6 REGARDING WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL CONNECTION FEES



- 23-06 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE XI, “TAXATION AND REVENUE” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA, ADDING A NEW SECTION 2-62, 100% DISABLED VETERAN TAX REFUNDS”
- 23-07 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A PERMANENT, NON-EXCLUSIVE BRIDGE EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF BLOCK 27004, LOT 2 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA TO THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX
- 23-08 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A PERMANENT, NON-EXCLUSIVE WATERMAIN EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF BLOCK 27004, LOT 2 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA TO THE TOWN OF NEWTON
- 23-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VI, DEPARTMENTS CREATED, SECTION 2-18.4.H CLASSIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS AND ORDER OF APPOINTMENT THEREOF, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA

7. HEARING OF ORDINANCE

- 23-04 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SALT SHED IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,200,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,090,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

8. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Resolutions



9. RESOLUTIONS

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- 9-9 Resolution for Participant’s LEAP Implementation Grant
- 9-10 Resolution to Appoint Sparta Township Municipal Clerk
- 9-11 Resolution to Appoint Municipal Registrar
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- 9-13 Resolution to Appoint Alternate Deputy Registrar
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- 9-15 Appointment of Health Insurance Fund Commissioner and Alternate (HIF)



9-16 Resolution Authorizing Continuation of The Township's Efforts to Obtain New Jersey State Plan Endorsement and Extension of The Township's Town Center Designation

9-17 Resolution of The Township Council of the Township of Sparta, County of Sussex, Ratifying and Executing an Acknowledgement and Release Agreement

10. COUNCIL LIAISON' UPDATES

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Agenda items

1. Zoning Board- 2 Alternate vacancies
2. Economic Development Committee

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 Authorizing Cancellation of Tax for Disabled Veteran

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.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs has assigned an updated effective date as of April 3, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta that the Tax Collector refund additional taxes in the amount of \$9,306.85 for the remainder of 2023.

9-3 Resolution Authorizing Refund for Tax Overpayment

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Township Council of the Township of Sparta that the Tax Collector refunds the following tax over payment

BLOCK	LOT	AMOUNT
36002	2	\$4,027.97



9-4 Resolution by the Township of Sparta to Cancel Outstanding Check Balances

WHEREAS, certain accounts within the Township of Sparta, with outstanding check balances from checks not returned or unclaimed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpected balances may be returned to each respective account balance or credited to surplus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Sparta, that the following outstanding check balances within the following checking accounts be canceled:

Check #	Date	Name	Amount
124562	9/28/2022	Griffin Training Services, LLC	\$ 600.00
124340	8/24/2022	Lakeland Auto Parts	\$ 259.80
124300	8/24/2022	Christopher Schanstra	\$1,265.19
124186	8/10/2022	Garden State Laboratories, Inc.	\$ 300.00
124159	8/10/2022	Chris Amelar	\$ 210.00
124048	7/27/2022	Brittany Goldberg	\$ 42.99
123902	6/28/2022	Treasurer, State of NJ	\$ 100.00
123815	6/28/2022	DGMB Casino, LLC	\$ 119.00
123496	5/11/2022	Thomas Herd	\$ 18.64
123094	4/13/2022	Reilly Radio Communications	\$1,500.00
123065	4/13/2022	Meaghan Darling	\$ 170.00
122659	2/22/2022	Blue Ridge Lumber	\$ 99.64
122553	2/09/2022	Full Circle Pilates	\$ 50.00
122417	1/25/2022	Christopher Schanstra	\$1,211.76
122342	1/11/2022	Maria Sutter	\$ 20.00
122327	1/11/2022	Jonathan Poon	\$ 530.00
121767	10/28/2021	Ronald Lefferts & N. Kastova	\$ 191.00

9-5 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.

9-6 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.

9-7 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.

9-8 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.



9-9 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.



9-10 Resolution to Appoint Sparta Township Municipal Clerk

WHEREAS, there is currently a vacancy due to retirement in the Office of the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Roxanne Landy has served as the Deputy Clerk of Sparta Township and is qualified to serve as Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Roxanne Landy is a Registered Municipal Clerk and is licensed by the Department of Community Affairs in the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, in accordance with the recommendation and action of the Township that they hereby appoint Roxanne Landy to the position of Sparta Township Municipal Clerk for a three-year term, effective April 1, 2023, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133.

9-11 Resolution to Appoint Municipal Registrar

WHEREAS, Roxanne Landy is a Certified Municipal Registrar and is qualified for the position of Municipal Registrar, having received her certification from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, in accordance with the recommendation and action of the Township that they hereby appoint Roxanne Landy to the position of Sparta Township Municipal Registrar for a three-year term, effective April 1, 2023.

9-12 Resolution to Appoint Deputy Registrar

WHEREAS, Tyann Acevedo is a Certified Municipal Registrar and is qualified for the position of Deputy Registrar, having received her certification from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services; and



BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta that Tyann Acevedo is hereby appointed as the Deputy Registrar for the Township of Sparta for a three-year term, effective April 1, 2023.

9-13 Resolution to Appoint Alternate Deputy Registrar

WHEREAS, Beatrice Pippa is a Certified Municipal Registrar and is qualified for the position of Deputy Registrar, having received her certification from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta that Beatrice Pippa is hereby appointed as the Alternate Deputy Registrar for the Township of Sparta for a three-year term, effective April 1, 2023.

9-14 Resolution to Appoint Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner and Alternate (JIF)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta that Interim Township Manager, Grant Rome, is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Township of Sparta.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, Michele Landtau is designated as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Township of Sparta.

9-15 Resolution to Appoint Health Insurance Fund Commissioner and Alternate (HIF)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta that Interim Township Manager, Grant Rome, is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Township of Sparta.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, Michele Landtau is designated as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Township of Sparta.



9-16 Resolution Authorizing Continuation of The Township’s Efforts to Obtain New Jersey State Plan Endorsement and Extension of The Township’s Town Center Designation

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township Council previously adopted Resolution 21-122 Authorizing the Creation of the Plan Endorsement Citizens Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) in order for the Township to obtain Plan Endorsement from the New Jersey State Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Committee in conjunction with the Township’s Planning Board have worked diligently to take the many steps necessary for the Township to obtain Plan Endorsement, and to obtain re-approval of the Sparta Town Center Designation as part of the Plan Endorsement Process; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board recommended that the Township Council send a letter to the Executive Director of the New Jersey Business Action Center at the Office of Planning Advocacy, informing the State of the Township’s desire to continue its work to obtain Plan Endorsement, and for the State to grant all appropriate extensions of the Sparta Township Center designation.

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 Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the attached letter to the Executive Director of the New Jersey Business Action Center at the Office of Planning Advocacy expressing the Township’s continued commitment to obtaining Plan Endorsement status, and granting extension(s) of the Sparta Township Center designation.



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.

9-17 Resolution of The Township Council of the Township of Sparta, County of Sussex, Ratifying and Executing an Acknowledgement and Release Agreement

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta has entered into a certain Acknowledgement and Release Agreement which has been negotiated between the parties in a personnel matter; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Counsel have been afforded an opportunity to review the Acknowledgement and Release Agreement and the employee has executed the Acknowledgement and Release Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to ratify and execute the Acknowledgement and Release Agreement; and

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

1. The Acknowledgement and Release Agreement between the Township of Sparta and its employee is hereby approved.



2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to sign the Acknowledgement and Release Agreement on behalf of the Township of Sparta, as well as any other documentation necessary to effectuate this settlement.

3. The 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.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA RESPECTING
THE DISPLAY OF FLAGS ON TOWNSHIP FLAGPOLES**

WHEREAS, the Government Speech Doctrine establishes that a government organization, such as the Township of Sparta, may advance its own expression without requiring viewpoint neutrality when the government itself is the speaker, so long as its expression does not show religious preference (See, *Matal v. Tam*, 137 S. Ct. 1744, 1757 (2017)); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council maintains flagpoles on various public building and within public parks and playgrounds within the Township of Sparta; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to permit the display of commemorative flags upon Township owned flagpoles as a form of government expression; and

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

SECTION 1. The Code of the Township of Sparta is hereby amended to read in full as follows:

Display of flags.

- (a) In addition to the Flag of the United States, the Township of Sparta may display such additional flags on Township owned flagpoles on public buildings and in public parks and playgrounds as the Township Council may authorize by resolution as a form of government speech, provided the display conforms to the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 below.
- (b) The Flag of the United States shall be displayed highest and any such additional flags shall be flown below the Flag of the United States. The Flag of the United States shall be displayed in accordance with and in the manner prescribed in Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code (4 U.S.C.S. §§ 1-10).
- (c) The Township's flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public. Rather, the Township's flagpoles are to be used exclusively by the Township, where the Council may display a commemorative flag as an expression of the Township Council's official sentiments which shall constitute government speech. See *Matal v. Tam*, 137 S. Ct. 1744, 1757 (2017)). The Township will not display a commemorative flag based on a request from a third party, nor will the Township use its flagpoles to sponsor the expression of a third party.
- (d) No person shall display or place upon any flagpole owned by the Township of Sparta any flag or other object not otherwise authorized as an expression of government speech by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta and without the express written permission of the Township of Sparta.
- (e) Commemorative flags shall be displayed for a period of time that is reasonable and customary for the subject this is to be commemorated.
- (f) Owing to their very nature as expressive locations meant for contemplation and reflection, monuments and memorials and other similar structures donated as a remembrance, shall not be deemed locations for flying expressive flags via resolution.
- (g) In addition to the Flag of the United States and such other flags as may be authorized by resolution of the Township Council, the following flags are hereby permitted to be displayed upon flagpoles owned by the Township of Sparta as a form of expression of government speech, in the manner set forth above:
 - 1) Flag of the State of New Jersey

2) P.O.W./M.I.A (Prisoner of War/Missing in Action)) flag as provided in Title 36, Chapter 9, §902 of the United State Code (36 U.S.C.S. §902)

- (h) Nothing contained herein is intended to abridge the right of the citizens of the Township of Sparta to petition or request the Township Council to authorize an expression of government speech.

SECTION 2. The following flags are considered commemorative flags for purposes of this ordinance and may be displayed pursuant to the policies and procedures identified herein as an expression of Sparta Township's official sentiments:

- (a) Flags of Governments Recognized by the United States. Flags of the governments recognized by the United States.
- (b) Flags of Sister Cities: The flags of official Sister Cities of Sparta may be displayed in conjunction with an event involving the Sister City.
- (c) Flags Displayed in Conjunction With Official Ceremonial Items: Other flags may be displayed in conjunction with official actions, ceremonial items, or proclamations of Sparta Town Council.
- (d) Flags of Sports Teams: The flag of a Sparta Township sports team may be displayed in commemoration of a significant achievement.
- (e) Flags Consistent with Sparta Township's Mission and Priorities: Flags may be displayed that identify with a specific historical event, cause, nation or group of people that Town Council choses to honor or commemorate consistent with Sparta Township's mission and priorities.

SECTION 3. The following are not allowed as commemorative flags and will not be considered by Town Council:

- (a) Flags of a particular religious movement or creed to avoid the appearance of Sparta Township government endorsing religion or a particular religious movement or creed;
- (b) Flags of a political party to avoid the appearance of City government endorsing a political party; and
- (c) Flags advocating a certain outcome in an election.

SECTION 4. Flag Policy

A. Purpose

1. In addition to the procedures contained within other sections of the Ordinance, the Township of Sparta hereby establishes the following guidelines regarding the display of commemorative flags on Township-owned or Township-maintained facilities.
2. The Township Council shall only consider a request to display a commemorative flag if a majority of the Township Council members agree to place the issue on the agenda for a regular or special Township Council meeting. Further procedural requirements are outlined in Subsection B.
3. At a noticed and agendized Township Council meeting, a majority of Council members would need to adopt a Resolution in order to authorize the flying of the commemorative flag.
4. Commemorative flags must be temporarily donated for the Township's use and be clean, without holes and tears, and be made of an all-weather fabric. The Township will not be responsible for the condition of the commemorative flag once flown and may dispose of any such flag not picked up within thirty (30) days after it has been flown. Flags cannot be larger than 4 ft. x 6 ft. The Township will not purchase the commemorative flags.
5. All commemorative flags must be smaller in size than the American Flag and the New Jersey State flag that is displayed at the Municipal Building. A commemorative flag shall not be flown on the same flag pole as the flag of the

United States or the P.O.W./M.I.A. flag. A commemorative flag may be flown underneath the New Jersey State flag on the same flag pole.

When the flag of the United States is at half-mast, the commemorative flag will also be flown at half-mast.

B. Procedure

1. An individual or group who would like to request a commemorative flag to be approved by the Township Council should make the request to the Township Manager. The Township Manager shall distribute requests made by the public to all members of the Township Council. All requests will then be placed on an agenda for a regular or special Township Council meeting and the request will be considered by the Township Council pursuant to Section A, and this Ordinance.
2. The Township Council will only display commemorative flags that it approves as its own government speech.
3. Flags will be flown according to the U.S. Flag Code.

SECTION 5. Inconsistency - All ordinances or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 6. Severability - If any clause, sentence, section or other portion of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or repeal the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. Effective Date - This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days following passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, New Jersey on March 28, 2023 at 7:30 pm and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta to be held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, New Jersey on April 11, 2023 7:30 p.m. at which time and place all persons interested therein or affected thereby will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance.

ROXANNE LANDY, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SALT SHED IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,200,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,090,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by The Township of Sparta, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,200,000, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and including the sum of \$110,000 as the down payment for said improvement or purpose required by law and now available therefor by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Township for down payment or for capital improvement purposes..

Section 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose (including, for purposes of applicable United States Treasury regulations, reimbursing expenditures hereafter made for said improvement or purpose) and to meet the part of said \$2,200,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,090,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$2,090,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the construction of a salt shed at the Department of Public Works facility in and by the Township, including all structures, equipment, landscaping, studies, designs, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose is \$2,090,000.

(c) The estimated cost of said purpose is \$2,200,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of the said \$110,000 down payment for said purpose.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is a property or improvement which the Township may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is fifteen (15) years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$2,090,000, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$200,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations and other items of expense listed in and permitted under section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the cost of said improvement and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

Section 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer, acting chief financial officer or treasurer of the Township (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all

matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes at not less than par from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 6. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 7. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

23-04

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Township of Sparta, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, on February 28, 2023. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building in said Township on March 28, 2023 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office in said Municipal Building for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title:	Bond ordinance providing for the construction of a salt shed in and by the Township of Sparta, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, appropriating \$2,200,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$2,090,000 bonds or notes of the Township for financing such appropriation
Purpose(s):	Construction of a salt shed at the Department of Public Works facility in and by the Township.
Appropriation:	\$2,200,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized:	\$2,090,000
Grants (if any) Appropriated:	\$0
Section 20 Costs:	\$200,000
Useful Life:	15 years

/s/ Kathleen Chambers
Township Clerk

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.

23-04

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENTS AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Township of Sparta, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, on March 28, 2023 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office in the Municipal Building in said Township for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title:	Bond ordinance providing for the construction of a salt shed in and by the Township of Sparta, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, appropriating \$2,200,000 therefor
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and authorizing the issuance of \$2,090,000 bonds or notes of the Township for financing such appropriation

Purpose(s):	Construction of a salt shed at the Department of Public Works facility in and by the Township.
Appropriation:	\$2,200,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized:	\$2,090,000
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Useful Life:	15 years

/s/ Kathleen Chambers
Township Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA
CODE SECTIONS 19-14.s and 20-3.6 REGARDING
WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL
CONNECTION FEES**

WHEREAS, Township of Sparta Code Section 19-14.s addresses the Township’s water connection fee, and Section 20-3.6, addresses sewer connection fees. The Sparta Township Council desires to amend Township Code Sections 19-14.s and 20-3.6 to include the Township’s current water and sewer capital connection fee amounts as determined by the Township’s auditor, to remove the White Deer Plaza Treatment Municipal Utility Connection Fee since this system was merged into the Town Center system, and to update the equivalent dwelling unit (“EDU”) calculation table contained in Section 20-3.6.e.2 Table I.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Sparta Code, Sections 19-14.s and 20-3.6, regarding water and sewer capital connection fees are amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection 19-14.s.4 of the Code of the Township of Sparta is hereby amended to change the Water Utility Capital Connection fee as follows:

The Sparta Township Water Utility Capital Connection Fee is \$7,436.00 per EDU.

SECTION 2. Subsection 20-3.6.e.2 Table I of the Code of the Township of Sparta is hereby replaced with the following:

TABLE 1

NUMBER OF EDU’S FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING CONNECTION FEES

SCHOOLS	Unit of Measurement	Gallons Per Day	No. of EDU’s
Elementary (No Showers/Cafeteria)	Per Person	10	0.04
w/Cafeteria	Per Person	15	0.06
w/Cafeteria and Showers	Per Person	20	0.08
w/Cafeteria, Showers & Laboratories	Per Person	25	0.10
Boarding	Per Person	75	0.30
AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATIONS	Unit of Measurement	Gallons Per Day	No. of EDU’s
(Additive)	Per Filling Position	125	0.50
Service Bays	Per Bay	50	0.20
Minimarket	Per Square Foot	0.100	*
MISCELLANEOUS			
Stores, Shopping Centers & Office Buildings (Gross Area)	Per Square Foot	0.100	*
Factories (Sanitary, Per 8 Hr. Shift)	Per Person	25	0.10
Factories (Sanitary, Per 8 Hr. Shift) w>Showers	Per Person	40	0.16
Car Washing (Without Recycling)	Standard	1500	6.00
Car Washing (With Recycling)	Standard	750	3.00
Laundries	Per Washer	580	2.32
Bowling Alley	Per Alley	200	0.80
Picnic Parks (Restrooms only)	Per Person	10	0.04
Picnic Parks (w>Showers)	Per Person	15	0.06
Fairgrounds (Based on Average Attendance)	Per Person	5	0.02
Assembly Halls	Per Seat	3	0.01

Airports	Per Passenger	3	0.01
Churches	Per Seat	3	0.01
Theatre	Per Seat	3	0.01
Dinner Theatre	Per Seat	20	0.08
Catering/Banquet Hall	Per Person	20	0.08
Sports Stadium	Per Seat	3	0.01
Visitor Center	Per Visitor	5	0.02

The Township reserves the right to modify the number of gallons and EDU's per unit of measurement assigned to any user based upon the projected design flow for each application, or best engineering judgment when allowing for multiple uses.

***NOTE:** 250 Gallons Per Day = 1 EDU; the number of EDU's shall be determined by multiplying the area of the building (in square feet) by 0.100 gpd/sq. ft., and dividing the resulting product by 250 gpd/EDU.

The minimum connection fee charged other than for "Residential" and "Deed Restricted Adult Communities" shall be 1 EDU. The connection fee shall be based on Table 1 and rounded up to the next 0.25 EDU – Examples: Calculated = 1.37 shall be rounded up to 1.50 EDU for calculating the connection fee; 2.90 shall be rounded up to 3.0 EDUs.

**TABLE 1
NUMBER OF EDU'S FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING CONNECTION FEES**

RESIDENTIAL	Unit of Measurement	Gallons Per Day	No. of EDU's
Single Family Private Dwelling	Per Dwelling	250	1.00
Multiple Dwellings (Condo's, Townhouses, etc.)			
1 Bedroom per Dwelling	Per Dwelling	140	0.60
2 Bedroom per Dwelling	Per Dwelling	200	0.80
3 Bedroom per Dwelling	Per Dwelling	250	1.00
DEED RESTRICTED ADULT COMMUNITIES			
1 Bedroom per Dwelling	Per Dwelling	110	0.44
2 Bedroom per Dwelling	Per Dwelling	170	0.68
3 Bedroom per Dwelling	Per Dwelling	225	0.90
TRANSIT DWELLING UNIT			
Hotels	Per Bedroom	75	0.30
Lodging Houses & Tourist Homes	Per Bedroom	60	0.24
Motel & Tourist Cabins	Per Bedroom	60	0.24
Boarding Houses (Resident)	Per Boarder	50	0.20
Hotel/Condo Units *	Per Bedroom	*	*
CAMPS			
Campground/mobile vehicle/tent/cabin (Private Bath)	Per Site	200	0.80
Campground/mobile vehicle/tent/cabin (Central Bath, etc.)	Per Site	100	0.40
Children's Camps (Central Bath, etc.)	Per Person	50	0.20
Labor Camps	Per Person	40	0.16
Day Camps (No Meals)	Per Person	15	0.06
RESTAURANTS (incl. Washrooms)			
Average Type	Per Seat	35	0.14
Bar/Cocktail Lounges	Per Seat	20	0.08

Fast Food Restaurant (no table service)	Per Seat	15	0.06
24-Hr Service Restaurant	Per Seat	50	0.20
Curb Service/Drive-In Restaurant	Per Car Space	50	0.20
CLUBHOUSES			
Residential Type	Per Member	75	0.30
Non-Residential	Per Member	35	0.14
Golf Course (incl. Related Facilities)	Per Person	35	0.14
Racquet Club	Per Court/Hour	80	0.32
CLUBHOUSES	Unit of Measurement	Gallons Per Day	No. of EDU's
Pool/Beach Bathhouse w/Shower	Per Person	25	0.10
Pool/Beach Bathhouse w/o Shower	Per Person	10	0.04
INSTITUTIONAL			
Hospitals	Each Bed	175	0.70
Assisted Living	Each Bed	100	0.40
Other	Each Bed	125	0.50

***Hotel/Condo units shall be evaluated upon information submitted by the Developer/Municipality with emphasis on zoning and deed restrictions imposed on the facilities. The Township's decision in its sole discretion shall be final. In no event shall the connection fee be less than the "hotel rate".**

SECTION 3. Subsection 20-3.6 of the Code of the Township of Sparta "UTILITY CAPITAL CONNECTION FEES" is hereby amended:

- a. To change the Town Center Sanitary Sewer Collection System Sparta Local Connection Fee as follows:

Town Center Sanitary Sewer Collection System Sparta Local Connection Fee is \$11,802.00 per EDU.

- b. To delete the "White Deer Plaza Treatment Municipal Utility Connection Fee \$13,394" in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect after its final passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, New Jersey on March 28, 2023 at 7:30 pm and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta to be held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, New Jersey on April 11, 2023 7:30 p.m. at which time and place all persons interested therein or affected thereby will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA.

ROXANNE LANDY, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE XI, “TAXATION AND REVENUE” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA, ADDING A NEW SECTION 2-62, “100% DISABLED VETERAN TAX REFUNDS”

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, the dwelling house and the lot whereon the same is erected, of any citizen and resident of this State, honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances, from active service, in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, who has been or shall be declared by the United States Veterans Administration or its successor to have a service-connected disability declared by the United States Veterans Administration or its successor to be a total or 100 percent permanent disability, and not so evaluated solely because of hospitalization or surgery and recuperation, sustained through enemy action, or accident, or resulting from disease contracted while in such active service, shall be exempt from taxation on proper claim made therefor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.31, upon review and approval of the required documentation by the municipal tax assessor, the assessor shall allow said exemption from taxation for the tax year in which the claim was filed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32, the governing body of each municipality, by appropriate resolution, may return all taxes collected on property from prior years which would have been exempt had proper claim been timely made in writing; and

WHEREAS, the statutory intent to grant discretion to the governing body of every municipality has been affirmed by court decisions that have held that a municipality has discretion to grant or deny a taxpayer a retroactive refund of property taxes that has been paid from the effective date of the disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32; and

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township Council desires to establish a formal policy providing that a retroactive refund of property taxes as set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32 shall be limited to the current year of the submission of a proper claim to the tax assessor as required by N.J.S.A. 54:4-30.

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

Section 1. Chapter 2, “Administration”, Article XI, “Taxation and Revenue,” of the Code of the Township of Sparta is hereby amended and supplemented to establish §2-62, “100% Disabled Veteran Tax Refunds,” which shall read in its entirety as follows:

§2-62, “100% Disabled Veteran Tax Refunds”

A refund of property taxes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32 shall be granted provided that the applicant submits a complete application to the tax assessor as required by N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30. A retroactive refund of property taxes as set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32 shall be limited to the property taxes previously paid for the period of time commencing on the date that the fully completed proper claim form with all required documentation is submitted to the Tax Assessor as required by N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, but not to extend beyond the taxes paid for the current year and immediate prior year and not to exceed twenty-four (24) months from the date that the Township Tax Assessor’s received the fully completed application.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, New Jersey on March 28, 2023 at 7:30 pm and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta to be held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, New Jersey on April 11, 2023 7:30 p.m. at which time and place all persons interested therein or affected thereby will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance.

ROXANNE LANDY, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VI, DEPARTMENTS CREATED, SECTION 2-18.4.H CLASSIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS AND ORDER OF APPOINTMENT THEREOF, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township Council desires to amend Chapter 2, Administration, Article VI, Departments Created, Section 2-18.4.h of the Township of Sparta Municipal Code based on the recommendation of the Township's Police Chief, based on a change in the civil service statutes involving the hiring of entry-level law enforcement officers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sparta Township Council, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the Municipal Code of the Township of Sparta, Chapter 2, Administration, Article VI, Departments Created, Section 2-18.4.h is amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 2-18.4.h is repealed and replaced as follows:

Appointments to the Police Department shall be in accordance with the requirements of applicable law. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3, the Civil Service Commission provides an exemption from the requirement of taking an examination for an entry-level law enforcement officer position, a person who successfully completes a full Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training commission within nine (9) months from the date of hire as a temporary entry-level officer under the provisions of the statute.

- (1) Any person employed under the provisions of this section shall enroll in a training course approved by the New Jersey Police Training Commission, and such person shall be entitled to a leave of absence with pay during the period of the training course;
- (2) Upon successful completion of the training course, any person employed under the provisions of this section shall be appointed from a temporary to a permanent entry-level law enforcement police officer.

The Township may hire a person exempt from the requirements to take an examination for an entry-level law enforcement officer position pursuant to the above, upon adoption of this Ordinance, and the Township having in place conflict of interest and nepotism polices, as same may be amended from time to time.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take affect after final passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA.

ROXANNE LANDY, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A PERMANENT, NON-EXCLUSIVE BRIDGE EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF BLOCK 27004, LOT 2 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA TO THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta ("Township ") is the owner in fee simple of certain real property located in the Township of Sparta, County of Sussex, New Jersey, designated as Block 27004, Lot 2 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Sparta (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Sussex ("County") is working on a project to relocate Sussex County Bridge Q-06 ("Bridge Replacement Project") and the bridge supports for the relocated bridge will be installed on the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to grant a Permanent, Non-Exclusive Bridge Easement to the County over a portion of the Property to allow for the construction, installation, maintenance, repair, rebuild, and reconstruction of County Bridge Q-06 as necessitated by the Bridge Replacement Project, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

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

SECTION 1. The terms and conditions of the grant of the Permanent, Non-Exclusive Bridge Easement over a portion of Block 27004, Lot 2 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Sparta from the Township of Sparta to the County of Sussex are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Permanent, Non-Exclusive Bridge Easement and, together with all other appropriate officers and employees, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. All ordinances of the Township of Sparta which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA.

ROXANNE LANDY, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A PERMANENT, NON-EXCLUSIVE WATERMAIN EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF BLOCK 27004, LOT 2 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA TO THE TOWN OF NEWTON

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta ("Township ") is the owner in fee simple of certain real property located in the Township of Sparta, County of Sussex, New Jersey, designated as Block 27004, Lot 2 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Sparta (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Sussex is working on a project to relocate Sussex County Bridge Q-06 ("Bridge Replacement Project") and the bridge supports for the relocated bridge will be installed on the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton ("Newton") currently owns and operates watermains that need to be relocated as the result of the Bridge Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to grant a Permanent, Non-Exclusive Watermain Easement to Newton over a portion of the Property to allow the relocation of the watermains necessitated by the Bridge Replacement Project a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

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

SECTION 1. The terms and conditions of the grant of the Permanent, Non-Exclusive Watermain Easement over a portion of Block 27004, Lot 2 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Sparta from the Township of Sparta to the Town of Newton are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Permanent, Non-Exclusive Watermain Easement and, together with all other appropriate officers and employees, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. All ordinances of the Township of Sparta which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA.

ROXANNE LANDY, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK