

Minutes of the Budget Workshop & Special Meeting of the
Sparta Township Board-160 E Division-Sparta MI 49345
February 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 P.M. by Supervisor Dale Bergman.

Members Present: Dale Bergman, Sue Bitely, Rachel Shangle, Bill Goodfellow,
Mark Anderle and Bob Maier, Rob Steffens

Members Absent: None

Additions or Corrections to the Business or Consent Agenda – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Larry Carter, Historical Commission President, presented the proposed budget for the Sparta Township Historical Commission. They are asking for \$11,500, same as the past several years. Lois Lovell, Library Director, along with Deb Poling, Assistant Director, presented Library information. They are requesting the same as last year, \$138,500. The Library also requested to renew their .25 millage for 10 years. Lois also mentioned some other areas that they feel need addressed. A portion of the roof needs to be replaced, they are interested in some surveillance cameras in the library park, and they would like the Township to put out bids for a professional gardener. She also brought up that they are going to celebrate their 100th anniversary and would like some of the landscaping and outside painting done to spruce up the place for their celebration. Shangle asked for budget numbers showing actual expenditures & projected. Lois will provide this.

BUSINESS ITEMS -The Board worked through the budget worksheet, estimating revenues and expenses for the next fiscal year. The Board proposed the following figures for the proposed budget of 2015-2016:

4 Trustees @ \$1867.50 ea.	\$ 7,500
Supervisor	\$22,755
Clerk	\$32,713
Treasurer	\$32,713
Sexton	\$ 8,000
Sexton Assist.	\$ 2,500
Building Insp.	\$20,000
Electrical Insp.	\$ 40.00 per insp.
Mechanical Insp.	\$ 40.00 per insp.
Plumbing Insp.	\$ 40.00 per insp.
Grave Digger	\$19,000

Recommendations for the Library include:

General Operations	\$138,500
Bldg. & Grounds	\$ 40,000
Recommendations for the Fire Department	\$226,000
Recommendations for the Hist. Comm.	\$ 11,500
Bldg. & Grounds	\$ 4,000

Savage asked that the board consider a \$1.00 raise for the Deputy Clerk. This would bring her hourly rate to \$14.00 per hour. The board agreed to consider the matter at the next regular board meeting.

OTHER – INFORMATIONAL – Fire Chief did not attend, but members of the Fire Board said they were looking for an additional \$17,000.00 this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Shangle, 2nd by Maier

Carried 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 P.M. Marcy Savage- Sparta Twp Clerk