

Minutes of the Budget Workshop & Special Meeting of the  
Sparta Township Board  
February 26, 2025 at 9:00 AM

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Supervisor Dale Bergman.

Members Present; Dale Bergman, Marcy Savage, Rachel Shangle, Jason Bradford, Rob Steffens  
and Bill Goodfellow

Members Absent: Barb Johnson

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Doug Pinckney, Historical Commission Chairman, They are requesting the Township Board give them the same as last year \$20,000.

MaryJo Tuinstra, Library Director, presented the proposed Library budget. They are requesting a \$10,000 increase, a total of \$205,000.

Dan Olney, Fire Chief, presented the proposed budget for the Fire Department. He is requesting the same as last year, \$276,665

Olney also informed the board about the Fire Department building project. They received a \$1,000,000 grant for the new fire station but they will need a letter of intent to cover the balance of the project. They are asking for a letter of intent for a loan from the Village for \$200,000 and a loan from the Township for \$400,000.

**BUSINESS ITEMS** –

The Board worked through the budget worksheet, estimating revenues and expenses for the next fiscal year. The Supervisor proposed the following figures for the proposed budget of 2025-2026:

4 Trustees	\$ 9,500
Supervisor	\$28,962.57
Clerk	\$49,311.25
Treasurer	\$42,998.38
Sexton	\$11,033.36
Sexton Assist.	\$ 500
Building Insp.	\$36,050.00
Electrical Insp.	\$ 75.00 per insp.
Mechanical Insp.	\$ 75.00 per insp.
Plumbing Insp.	\$ 75.00 per insp.
Grave Digger	\$22,000.00

Recommendations for the Library include:

General Operations	\$205,000.00
Bldg. & Grounds	\$ 30,000.00
Recommendations for the Fire Department	\$276,665.00
Recommendations for the Hist. Comm.	\$ 20,000.00

Bergman asked the Board for an increase for the deputy treasurer of 2.00 per hour.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**OTHER INFORMATIONAL**- Steffens reported that they are putting in a septic system at the house adjacent to the Sports park. This might impact the grant they are looking to get to purchase that house

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn by Steffens, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Savage **Carried 6-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36AM

Marcy Savage- Sparta Twp Clerk