

**RESOLUTION #26-4**

**SPARTA TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT REGARDING SPARTA TOWNSHIP LIBRARY  
MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

At a special meeting of the Township Board for the Township of Sparta, Kent County,  
Michigan, held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: B. Johnson, A. Johnson, Goodfellow, Bradford, Savage, Bergman

ABSENT: Steffens

The following preamble and resolution was offered by B. Johnson and seconded by  
Bradford.

**WHEREAS**, the Sparta Township Library Board adopted a resolution requesting  
submission to the electors of a library millage renewal proposal authorizing the levy of a tax  
in an amount **not to exceed 0.2375 mill (\$0.2375 per \$1,000 of taxable value)** for library  
purposes for a period of ten (10) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sparta Township Board thereafter adopted a resolution approving  
placement of the proposal on the August 4, 2026 election ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board has subsequently determined that the approved  
ballot language inadvertently omitted the word “not” from the phrase “not to exceed 0.2375  
mill,” resulting in the phrase “to exceed 0.2375 mill,” which was an unintentional clerical and  
typographical error; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board at all times intended to submit to the voters the  
same millage proposal approved by the Sparta Township Library Board, namely a renewal  
millage in an amount **not to exceed 0.2375 mill** for a period of ten (10) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board further stated in the resolution that to the extent  
required by law, a portion of the library millage would be captured by the Village of Sparta  
Downtown Development Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, such a capture is not permitted under Michigan law because ad valorem  
property taxes levied for public library purposes are exempt from tax increment capture and  
therefore cannot be captured by a downtown development authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board desires to clarify the intent of its prior action and  
preserve an accurate legislative record regarding the proposal submitted to the electorate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Township Board hereby acknowledges that the omission of the word “not” from the approved ballot language was an unintentional clerical and typographical error.
2. The Township Board declares that its intent was, and remains, to certify to the electors of Sparta Township a library millage renewal proposal authorizing the levy of a tax **not to exceed 0.2375 mill (\$0.2375 per \$1,000 of taxable value)** for a period of ten (10) years as approved by the Sparta Township Library Board.
3. The Township Board further declares that any statement indicating that the proposed library millage could be captured by the Village of Sparta Downtown Development Authority is not permitted because library millages are exempt from tax increment capture under Michigan law and therefore cannot be captured by the Downtown Development Authority.
4. The Township Board affirms that neither the typographical error nor the incorrect statement concerning tax increment capture alters the amount, purpose, or intended disposition of the proposed library millage approved by the Sparta Township Library Board.
5. The Township Clerk is directed to include this Resolution in the official records of the Township and to provide copies as necessary to clarify the Township’s legislative intent concerning the August 4, 2026 library millage proposal.

A vote on the above Resolution was taken and was as follows:

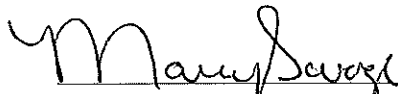
ADOPTED:

YEAS: B. Johnson, A. Johnson, Goodfellow, Bradford, Savage, Bergman

NAYS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN                    )  
                                                  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF Kent                    )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Township Clerk of Sparta Township, Kent County, Michigan, CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a regular meeting held on the 22nd day of July, 2026.

  
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Marcy Savage, Township Clerk