

Minutes of the Budget Workshop & Special Meeting of the
Sparta Township Board
February 26, 2026 at 5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM. by Supervisor Dale Bergman.

Members Present; Dale Bergman, Marcy Savage, Ashley Johnson, Jason Bradford, Rob Steffens, Barb Johnson and Bill Goodfellow

Members Absent: None

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda – None

PUBLIC COMMENT –

MaryJo Tuinstra, Library Director, presented the proposed Library budget. They are requesting a \$10,000 increase, a total of \$215,000.

Dan Olney, Fire Chief, presented the proposed budget for the Fire Department. He is requesting the same as last year, \$276,665. He informed the board that the addition to the Fire Department has been sent out for bid and they will have some proposals later in March.

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

BUSINESS ITEMS –

Bergman presented the board with a quote from Kone to repair the elevator for \$5,128.42. It was motioned by B. Johnson to approve the quote to fix the elevator and was seconded by Bradford. **Carried 7-0**

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 2026-2027:

4 Trustees	\$ 9,500
Supervisor	\$28,962.57
Clerk	\$49,311.25
Treasurer	\$42,998.38
Sexton	\$11,033.36
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	\$210,000.00
Bldg. & Grounds	\$ 25,000.00
Recommendations for the Fire Department	\$276,665.00
Recommendations for the Hist. Comm.	\$ 20,000.00

Ashley asked for an increase in the Deputy treasurer's pay to \$21.00.

Bergman would like to put \$50,000 in the budget for the purchase of property behind Greenwood cemetery and \$45,000 to repair the Township roof.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

OTHER INFORMATIONAL- Steffens reported that the SRA park needed 6 inches of gravel on the overflow parking. He is checking with the Kent County Drain Commissioner to see if they could help. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 motioned by Savage, Seconded by B. Johnson. **Carried 7-0**