

SPARTA CARNEGIE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

MILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 7, 2026

This is the first meeting of the Millage Committee. Meeting was held at Ballards Church at 10:00am. Attending were Larry Carter, Sue Johnson, Jane Ohanesian, Mary-Ann Meyer, Skip Meyer, Merri Jo Tuinstra, Dave Nelson, Connie Howe, Jane Schmuker, Lori Sanders and Janet Hayes.

Larry made a motion to create the Sparta Carnegie Township Library Millage Campaign Committee. Jane S. seconded it. Motion passed.

First item of business was to elect officers. Janet made a motion to nominate Larry as treasurer, Jane O. seconded it. Motion passed and Larry was elected as treasurer. Jane O. made a motion to nominate Janet Hayes as secretary, Mary-Ann seconded it. Motion passed and Janet was elected as secretary. Lori Sanders will be alternate secretary. Connie made a motion to nominate Jane S. as President, Larry seconded it. Motion passed and Jane S. is elected as president.

The election will be August 4, 2026. If it fails to go through it will be on the November ballot.

Merri Jo discussed her conversations with Ann, a lawyer from Frost/Swift law firm who is handling this for the library. Ann will be in charge of crafting the millage resolution. As soon as she gets it to Merri Jo, the Library board members will sign it and it will be sent to the Township who will send it to the state by May 10.

Merri Jo also talked about all the library programs that will go away if the millage fails because of staff and hours will decrease.

➤ Ideas discussed:

- Yard signs, probably about 100 to have through the village and township. Print Metro was mentioned as a company to make them. Jane S. also knows someone that could do them.
- Being present and handing out information at Sparta events such as Town and Country Days, Concerts in the Park, Beer and Brat Festival.
- Having a library card sign up possibly at Concerts in the Park.

There were a few suggestions for a name for our committee. "Your Library, Your Vote, More than just Books" was a top contender. The vote for the name is going to be tabled until our next meeting.

We will be meeting once a month for now and our next meeting will be March 28, 2026 at 10:00am at Ballards Church.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:40am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Hayes, Secretary