**SPARTA TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD MINUTESOCTOBER 8, 2024**

President Mary-Ann Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:07pm. Also present were Janet Hayes, Dick Beauchamp, Joy Leussenkamp, Jane Ohanesian, Tom Lampen, Library Director Merri Jo Tuinstra, and Associate Director Debbie Poling. Joy made a motion to accept the September 17, 2024 meeting minutes, Jane seconded it. Motion passed.

* Treasurers Report: Tom
* Sept 2024 Financial Report: Income from deposits during the month: $223.75. Total expenses during the month: $22,645.79 ($1,150 spent on plants and supplies). Revenue less expenses (MTD): $(22,422.04). Revenue less expenses (YTD): $30,721.78). Beginning cash balance (month): $99,434.09. Ending cash balance: $75,662.28. Dick made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Janet made a second. Motion passed.
* Library Directors Report: Merri Jo
* New lighting in Youth Library: This makes it so all new lights in the library were installed the same year. We will also have installed 2 external electrical plugs so we can put Christmas lights on the trees by the entrance.
* Children’s area gate: ongoing
* Library landscaping: Gardener Ben Brothers is done planting the bushes in front and did a great job.
* Scare in the Square: Need volunteers to pass out candy outside by bike rack on Saturday, Oct 26 9am-12pm. Also need donated candy.
* Hay bale contest: Library came in 10th out of 42 entries.
* Circulation report: none
* Old Business: none
* New Business:
* Dick is driving a truck taking donations down to Asheville, NC to help out the people affected by the hurricane. Any donations are welcome. Cheryl will put it on our Facebook page.

Public Comment: none

 Jane made a motion to adjourn Tom seconded it. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

 Respectfully Submitted, Janet Hayes, Secretary