

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8TH, 2025
6:00 P.M.

1. **Invocation:** Pastor Bob Lafferty from Belleville Light House Church
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Bowman, LaPorte Fraizer, Honey, and Rush. Excused: Patterson and Oddy.
4. **Agenda:** Motion by Rush supported by Honey to approve the agenda. Yes: All in favor.
Nay: None.
5. **Discussion:**
 - Judd Rd improvements in cooperation with Wayne County to discuss funding options.
 - Discuss funding for the main water project on Martinsville Rd.
6. **Public Comment:** None.
7. **Minutes:**
 - A. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to approve A. Special Public Hearing meeting of March 25th, 2025, and B. Regular Board Meeting March 25th, 2025.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
8. Warrants: Motion by LaPorte supported by Rush to approve warrants \$ 828,096.14.
Roll Call Vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
9. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to receive and file the Supervisor Report.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
10. Motion by LaPorte supported by Rush to accept the Township Manager's Report as read by Burdick. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
11. Motion by LaPorte supported by Rush to receive and file the Attorney Report.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
12. Motion by LaPorte supported by Rush to receive and file the Police/ Ordinance Report. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
13. Motion to LaPorte supported by Rush to receive and file the Building Report.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

14. Motion by LaPorte supported by Rush to receive and file the Fire Report.

Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

15. Board Response: Rush expresses thanks to Chief Luke, DPW Personnel, Residents, Trustee Frazier and Honey for attending the Skywarn Training on April 5th, 2025.

16. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to approve the Planning Commission Minutes from November 14th, 2024. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to sell both former Ordinance Vehicles through Insurance Auto Auction: 2017 Ford Interceptor 1FM5K8AR4HGA36073 (Odometer: 145,869) 2017 Ford Interceptor 1FM5K8AR4HGA36074 (Odometer: 152, 867) Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

C. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to approve to accept the interview committee's recommendation to hire Julie Campbell, effective April 14th, 2025, as Finance Director at a base salary of \$92,000 per year with standard staff benefits and DC pension upon successful completion of the background & drug screening, with compensation & performance review after 60 days. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

D. Motion by Frazier supported by Rush to approve the employment agreement for the Township Finance Director. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

E. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to approve to have the MAFF Pancake Breakfast on May 3rd, 2025, from 9 am – 12 pm/noon at the Fire Hall (20550 Sumpter Rd.) Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

F. Motion by Frazier supported by LaPorte to approve to trade in five ICP 1 Tabulators and purchase five ICP 2 Tabulators for Elections with a trade-credit of \$5,000 for a total of \$28,165.00. As broken down in the supporting quote from our County contracted vendor Dominion Voting Systems. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

- G. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to have Karen Armatis and Scott Holtz install the VA headstones at Martinsville Cemetery, weather permitting before Memorial Day at no cost to the Township other than gravel and Quikrete supplies. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- H. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to approve to have MotorCity Land Development perform a 2nd phase park cleanup of small trees and shrubs at Banotai Park in specified areas at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.
- I. Motion by Frazier supported by Rush to approve the personal request submitted by Rachel Scott, DPW Worker, for unpaid leave beginning May 19th, 2025, and returning June 2nd, 2025.

17. Announcements:

- LaPorte made an announcement regarding the Vendor Market occurring on April 12 & 13, 2025.
- LaPorte made an announcement regarding the Easter Celebration occurring on April 19th, 2025.
- LaPorte made an announcement expressing thanks regarding food donations from Suburban Human Services Network and Trustee Oddy and his wife Elizabeth Oddy.

18. Closed session: Under OMA Act 267 of 1976 15.268(h), Attorney's opinion pertaining to Carleton Farms Landfill/Republic Services pending audit.

- Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to move into Closed session at 6:38 pm. Roll Call: Yes: Honey, Rush, LaPorte, Bowman, Frazier. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to rejoin the open meeting at 7:20 pm return from closed session and approve and direct the Township Attorney to address and take recommended actions on the issues discussed in the Closed Session. Roll Call: Yes: Honey, Rush, LaPorte, Bowman, Frazier. Nay: None. Motion carried.

19. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Frazier to adjourn at 7:22pm. All in favor. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

Donald LaPorte, Clerk

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk S. Herman
Sumpter Township

Donald La Porte, Clerk Date

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date