

Sumpter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday January 14th 2025, 6:00 p.m.  
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111  
Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Patterson at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll call: Clerk LaPorte, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Fraizer, Honey, Oddy, and Rush. Excused: Supervisor Bowman. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney, Deputy Clerk Herman, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke & Fire Chief Brown.
3. **Agenda:** Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve agenda. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
4. **Public Comment/Open Floor:** Two (2) attendees spoke.
5. Minutes:
  - A. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. All in favor. Motion Carried.
  - B. Motion by Oddy supported by rush to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. All in favor. Motion Carried.
6. Warrants: Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve warrants \$2,691,819.81. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to receive and file the supervisor's report. Motion carried.
8. Township Manager's Report read by Burdick. Motion by Rush supported LaPorte to accept the Township manager's report as read by Burdick. Motion carried.
9. Attorney's report. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to receive and file Attorney's Report. Motion Carried.
10. Police Report by Chief Luke: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush, to approve the police report as read by Chief Luke. Motion Carried.
11. Building Report read by Rush. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to accept the report. Motion carried.

12. Fire Report by Chief Brown. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to accept the fire report as read. Motion carried.

13. Board Response: LaPorte expressed to residents that the contracted Township Rubbish service provider, Priority Waste has informed the Township on Today, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the afternoon that the following roads have been impacted with regular weekly trash collection due to snow/icy road conditions and required the roads to be treated with sand before they can come out and service. The list of roads impacted:

Haggerty – Between Judd Rd & Wear Rd.

Wear – Between Rawsonville Rd & Clark Rd.

Carleton West – Between Judd Rd & Wear Rd.

Sherwood – Between Judd Rd & Wear Rd.

Bohn – South of Judd Rd.

Dunn – Between Martinville Rd. & Sumpter Rd.

Clay between Martinsville Rd & Sumpter Rd.

The Township contacted the Wayne County Road Commission to advise sand was needed for the above mentioned roads in the Township in order for our rubbish service provider to service.

Rush expressed accolades to the Wayne County Road Commission for their quick response to putting sand on several Township dirt roads for Priority Waste to then service rubbish for residents.

Patterson advised an HVAC/RTU company that submitted a bid will be recommended at the next Board Meeting. Patterson advised that Bush & Sons put down 3 tons of gravel to construct lanes where the old fairgrounds used to be for Forgotten Harvest due to high traffic volumes blocking part of Sumpter Rd.

14. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to appoint the following members to the Board of Review per (MCL 211.28) Helen Teall, Sandi Armstrong, Maria Beaudrie & Karen Woodington (alternate) with a term to expire January 2027. All in favor. Motion Carried.

B. Motion by LaPorte supported by Fraizer to approve of regrettably accepting Township Manager Anthony Burdick's retirement effective January 31st, 2025, at the end of business day. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

- C. Motion by Fraizer Supported by Rush for approval of immediately posting to fulfill the role of Township Manager with all related employment requirements, benefits, wages and duties. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Fraizer supported by LaPorte to post to hire for full-time Clerk's Office employee union position per AFSCME contract. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to terminate the employment of probationary firefighter Andrew Sherwood-Landskroener effective immediately. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried. .
- F. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to extend the Temporary part-time status of the Clerk assistant, Gabreilla Massel ending March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to direct all employment applications, resumes and related documents to the Clerk's Office, particularly to our Deputy Clerk Samantha Herman for the unforeseeable future until the role of Human Resources Specialist is fulfilled. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- H. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to accept the Interview Committee's recommendation to hire Debbie Nogle, effective January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as Human Resource Specialist at a base salary of \$83,500 per year, with standard benefits and DC pension pending accepted completion of pre-hire background & drug screening. Township Manager and Attorney to draft standard employment Agreement & Terms. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- I. Motion by Oddy Supported by LaPorte to send Sergeant Sean Hudson to the EMU School of Police Staff & Command at a cost of \$3,500, with 75% of the cost covered by a MTPP grant and the rest by State training funds. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- J. Motion by Honey Supported by Oddy for four (4) police personnel to attend the 2025 MACP Winter Professional Development Conference from February 4-7,

2025, at a cost of \$2,160. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

K. Motion by Oddy Supported by LaPorte to approve of the 2025 Regular Meeting dates for the Parks & Recreation Committee.

15. Announcements: None.

16. **Adjournment:** Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to adjourn at 6:38 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:  
Deputy Clerk S. Herman  
Sumpter Township

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Donald La Porte, Clerk

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Date

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

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Date