

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Swinson. Treasurer Bednark excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and approximately 2 residents.

*Supervisor Morgan asked for a moment of silence for recently deceased Sumpter Township Police Det. John Ashby.

3. Agenda: Motion by Swinson, supported by Rush to approve the agenda. Motion carried

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No comments.

5. Minutes:

- A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2020. Motion carried
- B. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2020.

6. Warrants: Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve warrants processed through March 11, 2020 - Totaling \$1,386,586.36. Roll call vote: Ayes: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Swinson. Nays: None. Treasurer Bednark excused. Motion carried.

7. Receive and File all Reports: Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to receive and file the following reports;

- Water & Sewer Report-Morgan:
- Police Report-Luke:
- Building/Ordinance Report-Rush:
- Fire Report-Januszyk:
- Treasurer's Report-K. Bednark:
- Supervisor Report-J. Morgan:
- Attorney's Report:

Attorney Young spoke about the memory of John Ashby. He was special. A wonderful example of a dedicated Sumpter Twp Police Officer, his charitable contributions, a community supporter, a devoted family man and a special human being. Chief Luke agreed and supported the Attorney's comments. John Ashby was special.

Chief Luke made a citizen's statement and referenced the current COVID-19 lockdown and wanted to assure all residents that emergency services provided by the Township are ready to respond should they need the support. Each department has put procedures in place to support our residents, enforce safety for our responders and will respond in our normal manner to emergency needs. Routine calls have been modified to minimize exposure for residents and our responders. Chief Luke does request that all residents comply with the current guidelines provided during this pandemic.

Attorney Young advised that the Moose Lodge is currently closed due to current events. The Township has a Land Contract agreement with the Lodge and they are requesting consideration for interest only payments for a short time. Nothing will be forgiven under the current contract, but it will provide the Lodge an opportunity to recover during these trying times. With motion approval, Attorney Young will work out specifics directly with the Lodge and advise the Board appropriately of option details.

Motion carried.

8. Board Response:

- Trustee Swinson advised that the Parks & Recreation Commission has cancelled the events Easter Egg Hunt and The Sumpter Country Festival 2020. He stated that the Commission's actions were taken to protect all the volunteers and service providers who support the functions and the residents who enjoy them.
- Trustee Oddy stated his appreciation for our Emergency Response Teams, their community support and to all Township employees coming in to work that are doing their best to keep services being provided to our residents.

9. Unfinished Business:

- A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve professional services by WCA Assessing in the amount of \$114,540 tabled from the Regular Board Meeting of February 25, 2020. Motion unsupported. Motion failed due to lack of support.

10. New Business:

- A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve to amend the 2019-2020 budget and adopt the 2020-2021 budget. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve payment of essential bills & warrants with Finance Director review and approval (as directed by post audit policy), until May 12, 2020. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve cancelling April 14, 2020 and April 28, 2020 Board Meetings.. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve cancelling all Township Board, Commissions and Committee Meetings until May 12, 2020. Motion carried.

11. Announcements: None.

12. Open Floor: No attendees spoke.

13. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick
Deputy Clerk, Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

date

John W. Morgan, Supervisor

date