

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

NOTICE:

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Sumpter Township residents; this Board of Trustees' meeting was conducted virtually in compliance with State of Michigan Governor's Executive Order(s) and MDHHS directive(s) regarding remote public meetings.

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to appoint Clerk E. Hurst as Acting Chairperson for this Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting called to order by Clerk E. Hurst at 6:51 pm. Roll call: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor Bedmark, Deputy Treasurer Clark, Finance Director Cole, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, HR Bellingham and 11 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush supported by Morgan to approve the agenda, as amended;

- TABLE:** New Business Items: D, H, I, P, T & U
- REMOVE:** New Business Items: F & S
- ADD:** New Business Item L.;
"with verification to the Board of Trustees upon completion."
New Business Item O.;
"and the Sumpter Township Work from Home Policy."

Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.

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

5. Minutes:

Motion by LaPorte supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of;

- A.** Approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2020.
- B.** Approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2020.
- C.** Approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2020

Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Trustee Morgan abstained on Item A. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Rush supported by Laporte to approve;

- Check run dates 12/18/2020 and 12/21/2020 totaling: \$257,077.15
- Warrants totaling: \$2,468,991.20

Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.

7. Receive and File Reports:

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve, receive and file the following reports.

- Attorney's Report
- Police Report
- Building/Ordinance Report
- Fire Report
- Treasurer's Report

Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.

10. Board Response:

- Trustee Morgan questioned the payroll practices that were being applied to Deputy Bedmark and requested a review of the circumstances.
- A.** Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to have the Township Attorney review the payroll issues, determine if Deputy Bedmark has been legally paid and advise the Board of Trustees. Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.
- Trustee Oddy requested better communications between the Board Members.
- Trustee LaPorte extended much appreciation for the Augusta Township Fire Department's mutual aid during the fire event at Rawsonville Woods recently. Trustee Oddy inquired about support for the families affected by the fire.

11. New Business:

- A.** Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to approve of updated Virtual Meetings policies and procedures. Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.
- B.** Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to approve of Resolution # 2021-02, Wayne County Permit(s) A-21044. Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.
- C.** Motion by Morgan supported by Oddy to approve to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Western Wayne County Mobile Field Force. Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.
- D. TABLED** Consider approval of termination request for the employment of Daniel Frost as a firefighter with Sumpter Township.
- E.** Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve request to outfit two new Ford Police Interceptor Utilities through Herkimer Radio at a total cost of \$13,576.84. Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: Morgan. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.
- G.** Motion by Morgan supported by Rush to approve of attached 2021 Planning Commission Meeting Dates. Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.
- H. TABLED** Consider approval to appoint Eric Partridge to the Planning Commission with an effective term expiration of 01/11/2024.
- I. TABLED** Consider approval to appoint Sherry Olds to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate with an effective term expiration of 01/13/2024.
- J.** Motion by Morgan supported by Rush to approve of the Blue Cross Network and Delta Dental renewals through Burnham and Flower at a total annual cost of \$393,010.44. Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.
- K.** Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve of the annual exemption from Contribution Act 152 in 2011 has the Township meets provisions for exemption as provided in the Act. Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.
- * **L.** Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to approve of resolution to remove prior Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer from Public Services Credit Union and rename account administrators in Treasurer James Clark and Deputy Toni Clark's names **with verification to the Board of Trustees upon completion.** Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.
- M.** Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve extending virtual meetings through March 30, 2021 pursuant the Governor's extension to the Open Meetings Act under the MDDHS Order for "Gatherings and Face Masks". Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.
- N.** Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve of the extension of agreement with Constellation Energy Services for 36 months at \$2.93/dth. The contract resulted in approximately \$8,500 of savings in 2020. Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: Morgan. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.
- O.** Motion by LaPorte supported by Oddy to approve and acknowledgement of MIOSHA's Remote Work Policies that requires any workers that can work from home must work remotely, as determined by each person's direct supervisor and the Sumpter Township Work from Home Policy. (*Note: As restated and approved under Item 3. Agenda.) Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.
- P. TABLED** Consider approval of the reappointment of Karen Woodington as an alternate to the Board of Review with a term starting January 1, 2021 and set to expire January 1, 2024.
- Q.** Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve going out for R.F.Q. to replace current township bulletin board at the community center to provide update information electronically. Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.
- R.** Motion by Morgan, supported by Clark to approve the title change from Anna Winters from Water Billing Clerk, to Utility Billing Specialist. Roll call vote: Yes: Treasurer J. Clark; Trustee: Morgan. Nay: Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion failed.
- T. TABLED** Consider approval to re-appoint Katrina Guisgand to Board of Review term to expire 01/01/2024.
- U. TABLED** Consider approval to re-appoint Kathie Steigerwald to ZBA term to expire 12/17/2023.

12. Announcements:

- Trustee Morgan reported that Bud Morgan is doing better and improving!

13. Open Floor: One (1) person spoke.

14. Adjournment: Motion by Morgan supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date