

**Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 26, 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.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:36 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Clerk E. Hurst (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Treasurer J. Clark (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Trustees: Oddy (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Rush (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI) and Morgan (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI). LaPorte excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor Bednark, Deputy Treasurer Clark, Finance Director Cole, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, HR Bellingham and 10 attendees.

**3. Agenda:** Motion by Oddy supported by Hurst to approve the Agenda as amended;

**Remove:** 12. Unfinished Business, Item A.  
**Table:** 12. Unfinished Business, Item B.

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

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

**5. Minutes:**

A. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

**6. Warrants:**

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to approve the warrant total of \$513,807.36 with an explanation to the Board of Trustees relative to Benefits expenditures for past Deputy Supervisor Armatris beyond her separation date of 11/20/2020. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.  
B. Motion by Hurst supported by Rush to accept the Revenue & Expenditure Report period ending 12/31/2020. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

**7. Parks and Recreation/Chambers Report:**

A. Trustee Rush reported that the recent Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting indicated that, due to virus restrictions, most 2021 activities have been suspended with possible planning for the Turkey Shoot Weekends in October and an additional fall event. This to be determined by Executive Order(s) or MDHHS further restrictions.

**8. Water Report:**

Motion by Hurst, supported by Morgan to receive and file the Water Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

**9. Planning & Zoning:**

A. Trustee Oddy requested that the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals be set up for virtual meeting activities to continue services to the residents. Several items for consideration are on hold due to the restrictions.

Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Planning and Zoning Report and to direct the Financial Director to determine the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals members' individual capabilities to participate in a virtual Zoom Meeting environment and determine accommodations needed to participate, if required. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

**10. Senior Report:** No report.

**11. Board Response:**

- Trustee Morgan discussed the recent issue with transference from old Account Administrators to new assignments for all Township Financial Accounts and emphasized the necessity for immediate action on these types of issues and accountabilities.
- Trustee Morgan requested immediate Board action to resolve the outstanding Deputy Supervisor pay issues in question.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to, for clarification, recognize that the duties of the Deputy Supervisor are limited to the statutory duties of the Supervisor. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

\*\* Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to pay Deputy Supervisor Bednark, as full compensation from November 20th, 2020 to December 15th, 2020, the hourly rate paid to the preceding Deputy Supervisor plus an additional one-time consideration of \$500.00 without additional benefits consideration **and Mr. Bednark agrees to accept in full satisfaction of all claims through December 15th, 2020.** Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

- Trustee Rush reminds the Board that if there are technical difficulties experienced, by protocol, the meeting must be halted for 15 minutes until all members rejoin and if not remedied, the meeting be suspended for (24) hours.

**12. Unfinished Business:**

A. ~~Consider approval of termination request for the employment of Daniel Frost as a firefighter with Sumpter Township.~~  
B. **TABLED** until Regular Board Meeting, February 9, 2021 to consider approval to appoint Eric Partridge to the Planning Commission with an effective term expiration of 01/11/2024.  
C. Motion by Morgan, supported by Bowman to approve to appoint Sherry Olds to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate with an effective term expiration of 01/13/2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy and Rush. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.  
D. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve 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. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.  
E. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to re-appoint Katrina Guisgand to Board of Review term to expire 01/01/2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.  
F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to re-appoint Kathie Steigerwald to ZBA term to expire 12/17/2023. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

**13. New Business:**

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve of updated virtual meeting protocol as of 1-21-2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.  
B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve of the Treasurer's Office establishing an escrow account supporting Sumpter Township's 2009 participation in the DIFS Fire Insurance Withholding Program and Resolution # 2021-05. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.  
C. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve of the cooperative agreement for the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.  
D. Motion by Morgan, unsupported to approve of immediate change from part time to full position for the Treasurer's Clerk Erica Campbell in the Treasurer's Office. This is to be consistent with the Union Bargaining agreement for AFSCME Local 1882.14. Motion failed.  
E. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve of Attorney drafting (but not approving) the existing public safety directors new work contract with the old one to expire in March 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.  
F. Motion by Hurst, supported by Morgan to approve tentatively reopening the Township Recycling Center on February 6th, 2021, dependent on Governor's Executive Orders and/or MDHHS Directives. Initial scheduling to be determined by the Clerk's Office. **Further, begin planning and activities to fully reopen the Township Hall, Community & Senior Centers as permitted by Governor's Executive Order(s), MDHHS Directives and review and approval by the Board of Trustees at the Regular Board Meeting, February 9, 2021.** Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

**14. Announcements:**

- Supervisor Bowman thanked all the Sumpter Township residences and employees for their kindness and well wishes due to his family's recent loss. It is deeply appreciated.

**15. Open Floor:** No Attendees spoke.

**16. Adjournment:** Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:  
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk  
Sumpter Township

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Esther Hurst, Clerk

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Date

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

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Date

\*Amended during Regular Board Meeting

\*\*Added during Regular Board Meeting