

**Sumpter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 11, 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 6:16 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Clerk E. Hurst (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Trustees: Oddy (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Rush (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), LaPorte (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI) and Morgan (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI). Treasurer J. Clark excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell, Deputy Treasurer Clark, Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and 10 attendees.

**3. Agenda:** Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the agenda with the following edit;

**Add;** 13. New Business, Item B;  
Consider approval to purchase replacement park signs for Banotai and Graham Parks at the cost of \$3,150.00, 50% to be paid by Sumpter Township with the remaining 50% paid by Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

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

**5. Minutes:**

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2021.

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

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Treasurer J. Clark excused. Motion carried.

**6. Warrants:**

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve warrants totaling: \$171,214.85. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Treasurer J. Clark excused. Motion carried.

**7. Supervisor's Report – Bowman:**

- The Futernick case has been settled. Holiday Woods has changed ownership and to date the Township has received over 100 permits. The Township is looking forward to a great relationship with the new owners, Cambio Communities.
- All the tires have been removed from our recycling center. This took 3 days of hard work by our DPW under the instruction of Superintendent Ken Kunka.
- Due to certain comments and accusations made concerning Forgotten Harvest not wanting to participate in helping the needy in Sumpter Township, the Supervisors Office conducted an investigation. I am pleased to announce that my Deputy has confirmed that Forgotten Harvest will be looking to establish something in Sumpter to benefit those in need.
- A profound thank you to my Deputy Elle O'Connell. She has worked diligently on obtaining grants for Sumpter Township and has been successful in securing \$30,000 in grant funds. This was utilized for COVID-19 expenses.

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Supervisor's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Treasurer J. Clark excused. Motion carried.

**8. Attorney's Report - Young:**

Twp Lawsuits & Adversarial Proceeding 28%, Insurance matters 2%, Township Board meetings 5%, Meeting with Twp Officials 7%, Water & Sewer 5%, Police, Fire 13%, Prosecutions 9%, Ordinance & Blight 3%, Labor Contract/LOU 5%, Employee Contract Issues 3%, Republic 2%, Planning 3%, Library 1%, Parks & Recreation 1%, Storm Water Management & MDEQ 2%, Board Direction 4%, Audit/Finance 2% and Misc. 4%.

- The Futernick vs. Sumpter Township has formally settled.
- The Resolution # 2021-08 – Final Employee Payout Board Review
- Final Contract Payout Review – Chief Joseph Januszyk
- COVID-19 Response and Preparedness Plan
- Moose Lodge status and Moose National Review of Land Contract

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Attorney's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Treasurer J. Clark excused. Motion carried.

**9. Police Report – Chief Luke:**

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

**10. Building/Ordinance Report – Bowman:**

• The Hiring Committee conducted interviews for the additional Ordinance Officer Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Building/Ordinance report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Treasurer J. Clark excused. Motion carried.

**11. Fire Report – Chief Luke:**

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

**12. Board Response:**

- Trustee Morgan acknowledged the letter from the Sumpter employee referencing Forgotten Harvest and inquired on the status.
- Trustee Oddy acknowledged the excellent news referencing Forgotten Harvest services to Sumpter residents.

**13. New Business:**

- A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Sumpter Township COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, revised May 2021 with the recommended changes of the Supervisor role as the point person who may designate a designee to conduct the work at hand of the policy. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Treasurer J. Clark excused. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve to purchase replacement park signs for Banotai and Graham Parks at the cost of \$3,150.00, 50% to be paid by Sumpter Township with the remaining 50% paid by Parks and Recreation Commission. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Treasurer J. Clark excused. Motion carried.

**14. Announcements:**

- Trustee Rush advises of the final cleanup day on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at Banotai Park. Volunteers are needed!
- Trustee Rush reminds individuals and/or employees that if you are not feeling well, notify others and stay home. Let's be safe.
- Trustee LaPorte advised on the running totals of activities for the Fire Department being posted on their Facebook Page by Chief Luke.
- Trustee LaPorte advised of concerns about the Recycling Center and instructions for residents to utilize the center.

**15. Open Floor:** One (1) Attendee spoke.

Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to virtually conduct the scheduled Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Treasurer J. Clark excused. Motion carried.

**16. Adjournment:** Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to adjourn at 7:07 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,  
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk  
Sumpter Township

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Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date