

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 25, 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 6:40 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman (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). Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer J. Clark excused. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell, Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and 13 attendees.

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

Add: 13. New Business, Item A;

"with the required, updated Certificate of Liability Insurance indicating Sumpter Township as 3rd Party and Certificate Holder"

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

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

5. Minutes:

Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer J. Clark excused. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:

Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the warrants total of \$117,640.58. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer J. Clark excused. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chambers Report - Rush:

- Trustee Rush reported that the last cleanup at Banotai Park conducted on May 15, 2021 went very well and he wanted to express his thanks to all who contributed. Signs have not yet been received/installed and this needs to occur in order to open the parks.

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

8. Water & Sewer Report - Clark:

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

9. Planning & Zoning Report - Oddy:

- Trustee Oddy noted that the Planning Commission met on May 13th to address two main issues. One was the Slaughter House on Bemis Road has filed an application for a parcel split consideration which was approved and will be presented to the Board for approval. The second issue was the continued consideration on the existing Sign Ordinance with an additional public hearing to be held in June. The main focus of the Commission is to update the ordinance and meet compliance with current regulations with results being submitted to the Board in July.

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

10. Senior Report - Hurst:

- The Senior & Community Center has reopened effective May 17, 2021.
- Many of the past programs are "ramping up". Please call for additional information.

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

11. Treasurer's Report - Clark:

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

12. Board Response:

- Trustee Rush commented that the submitted Treasurer's Report for Board consideration was unacceptable and is looking forward to improvements for future consideration. He recognizes the recent challenges in the department.
- Trustee Morgan stated she believed that current circumstances impacted the preparation of the Treasurer's Report and she was confident it would improve and she inquired about Forgotten Harvest status.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve the application for Display Fireworks submitted by Brian Messer for 10:00 pm, June 26th, 2021 at his residence located at 41005 Judd Rd, Sumpter Twp., with a rain date of June 27th, 2021, with the required, updated Certificate of Liability Insurance indicating Sumpter Township as 3rd Party and Certificate Holder. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer J. Clark excused. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to send Clerk's Office Assistant Hadyniak to attend Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Institute Conference from June 13-18, 2021, cost not to exceed \$1,350.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer J. Clark excused. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve to hire Kevin Scott as a full-time ordinance officer on the condition he passes a physical examination and drug screening. This is to be consistent with the Union Bargaining agreement for AFSCME Local 1882.14. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer J. Clark excused. Nay: None. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to hire Gino Anthony Criscenti as a full-time police officer on the condition he passes a physical, drug screening, and psychological evaluation. Also, consider approval to start at the six-month pay scale. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer J. Clark excused. Nay: None. Motion carried.

* Approved Hire(s) Kevin Scott and Gino Anthony Criscenti were invited to share a few words with the Board of Trustees and attendees.

E. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approval of a HR committee to access personnel needs now and for the future. Named committee members; Matt Oddy, Tim Rush, Don LaPorte, Anthony Burdick, and Elle O'Connell. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer J. Clark excused. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approval to accept, with appreciation and regrets, the retirement of Mr. Ken Kunka, Township Water & Sewer Superintendent, effective June 4th, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer J. Clark excused. Nay: None. Motion carried.

*Statements of recognition and appreciation for Mr. Kunka's contributions were shared and agreed by the Board of Trustees.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to extend virtual meetings and remote work until July 1st, 2021, with option to reconsider extension at that time (option to continue until 10/14/2021 per MIOSHA). Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer J. Clark excused. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approval to appoint as Designate for the COVID-19 Worksite Coordinator, Michelle Cole O'Connell and COVID-19 Policy and mask wearing provisions to remain until July 1st, 2021, as in current policy approved by the Board of Trustees. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer J. Clark excused. Nay: None. Motion carried.

14. Announcements:

A. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Bowman to approve a 2% increase in Police Officer differential pay between Corp oral and Sergeant from 8% to 10% effective April 1, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer J. Clark excused. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve Resolution # 2021-09, requesting that the MICRC keep Sumpter Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township in one district because said communities co-existent, share common interest, developments and services and would benefit from the representation of common Michigan elected officials in addressing the concerns of their locality. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer J. Clark excused. Nay: None. Motion carried.

15. Open Floor: None spoke.

16. Adjournment; Motion by Rush, supported by Bowden to adjourn at 7:18 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date