

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 22, 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 7:22 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Clerk E. Hurst (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Treasurer V. Warren (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). Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell, Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and 10 attendees.

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

Remove in entirety: New Business, Item B.

Strike: New Business, Item F.

"and to tentatively award a construction contract to Hennessey Engineers for drinking water system improvements and"

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

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

5. Minutes:

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the following Meeting & Commission Minutes;

- Special Board Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2021.
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2021.
- HR Committee Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2021.
- Planning Commission Minutes of May 13, 2021.
- Planning Commission Minutes of March 11, 2021.
- Planning Commission Minutes of February 11, 2021.

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

6. Warrants:

Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the warrants total of \$126,634.93. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

7. Parks & Recreation/Chambers Report - Rush:

- Trustee Rush reported that unfortunately, due to the virus effects over the past year, there has been minor activity, at best, to report. There's been difficulty in conducting meeting for the lack of quorum, which is 9.
- The balance of the parks' signs were received and an email will be forthcoming, once again, soliciting volunteers to support the effort. Thanks to Supervisor Bowman and his "excavator" for his support!

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

8. Receive & File:

Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to receive and file the following Reports;

- Water & Sewer Report
- Planning & Zoning Report
- Senior Report
- Treasurer's Report

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

Trustee Oddy requested to allow those reporters to address the residents, if they chose. Supervisor Bowman agreed.

Treasurer Warren addressed the Meeting Attendees, advised of his department's current transition, staff cohesiveness, Deputy Treasurer recruiting efforts and moving his department forward. He further stated that he expected to have a full Treasurer's Report at the next meeting.

12. Board Response:

- Trustee Rush advises that the Township is currently in peak storm season and asks that residents review the Siren Protocol and StormReady information.
- Clerk Hurst advised that, due to the recent elimination of virus restrictions & accommodations, the Board needs to address approval to remove all signage, suspend the COVID Response & Preparedness Plan, end all remote work assignments and return to pre-COVID conditions.

Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to begin in-person public Township Meetings, suspend and remove all COVID operating conditions & restrictions. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

13. New Business:

- A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the of the recommendation by the Sumpter Township Planning Commission for the PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S) to; Section 2.2: Definitions of the Township Zoning Ordinance; Section 5.8. - Home Businesses and Article 9: Signs. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried. Trustee LaPorte abstained.
- C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve of the resignation with regrets of police officer Joseph Hogan, effective 6/25/2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried
- D. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to hire Curtis Lundsford as a paid, on-call firefighter, contingent on him passing a physical and drug test. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried
- E. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to hire Ronald Jeffries as a paid, on-call firefighter, contingent on him passing a physical and drug test. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried
- F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve of Resolution # 2021-10 and to tentatively award a construction contract to Hennessey Engineers for drinking water system improvements and DWRF Water Main Replacement Program. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried
- G. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve to hire PATRICK DERVISHI as a full-time police officer on the condition he passes a physical, drug screening and psychological evaluation and approval to start at the six-month pay scale. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried
- H. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve of the HR Committee recommendation, and preparation of an employment contract, to appoint a fulltime Fire Department Chief, **Rick Brown**, at a base salary of \$58,240.00 plus township benefits without medical reimbursement. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

14. Announcements:

- Trustee Morgan advised that she received an email from Forgotten Harvest referencing the program for Sumpter Township and advised of the initial dates for the activities and that she was happy to have this for the residents. Deputy Supervisor O'Connell advise further of the program details.

15. Open Floor: Two (2) Attendees spoke.

16. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date