

**Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 Minutes**

NOTICE:

This Sumpter Township Board Meeting will be held IN-PERSON, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:10 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Trustee LaPorte excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Brown and 17 attendees.

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

Proposed by Supervisor Bowman;

Move the OPEN FLOOR portion of the Meeting Agenda for this and future Regular Board Meetings and COMBINE with AGENDA ITEM #4, PUBLIC COMMENTS. Allowable PUBLIC COMMENT TIME will be 2 minutes. This time offered is for our residents to express their needs to the Board. It is not time provided to debate the Board and challenge or defame others.

Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy and Rush. Nay: Trustee Morgan. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items and Open Floor:

- No Agenda Item comments were received.
- Six (6) Attendee spoke.

5. Minutes:

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to accept the HR Committee Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve warrants totaling: \$237,825.75. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

7. Supervisor's Report – Bowman:

- In an effort to protect and ensure the safety of our Sumpter citizens to the best of our ability, we have put on our website a link that will enable anyone to report a dangerous intersection with tall weeds.
- Along those same lines, I'd like to call upon my Deputy to provide some information pertaining to the Township's DPW in regards to assisting with the intersections that impend the view of traffic. Deputy Supervisor O'Connell explained the new link on the Township Website to report these issues and the actions to be taken.
- I would like to request a motion and support to approve the advertising and sourcing for the vacancy of: Department of Public Works Superintendent/Director, as outlined to the Board for consideration.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the posting and recruiting of the Township Superintendent/Director of Water, Sewer & Public Works position currently vacant. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

- I wanted to give an update on Forgotten Harvest. They shall be in Sumpter on the following Mondays: July 26th, August 9th and August 23rd from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm (or until food has all been distributed). Location of this is across the street at 23501 Sumpter. Volunteers can sign up on Forgotten Harvest website under the Sumpter location. We are close to meeting our goal for volunteers.

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

8. Attorney's Report - Young:

Twp Lawsuits & Adversarial Proceeding 10%

Township Board meetings 6%

Water & Sewer 7%,

Prosecutions 9%

Labor Contract/LOU 7%

Republic 2%

Library 1%

Storm Water Management & MDEQ 1%

Audit/Finance 1%

Insurance matters 3%,

Meeting with Twp Officials 12%

Police, Fire 11%

Ordinance & Blight 8%

Employee Contract Issues 4%,

Planning 5%

Parks & Recreation 2%

Board Direction 5%

Misc. 5%

- Discussion on current ELAN Services and Comcast Government Channel 12 and requested that the Board, by Attorney's Report roll call approval, that efforts be made towards researching current contracted services and potential sourcing for replacement service options.

- Discussion on current Wayne County Right of First Refusal property list and (due to time of response required, no later than 7/23/2021) requested that the Board, by Attorney's Report roll call approval, approve the list of properties be finalized and submitted directly to Wayne County with a follow up notification to the Board at a subsequent Board Meeting.

- Developing a new fire hydrant rental policy and rates on the "saddle device" for resident & agricultural use.

- Review and approval of an Ordinance drafted to add credit card payments to the current ordinance identifying delinquent payments of cash or certified check instruments of payment only and it is requested that the Board, by Attorney's Report roll call approval, approve the Ordinance modification.

- Discussion with Trustee Morgan on current activities relevant to MMFLA.

Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve the Attorney's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor

T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused.

Motion carried.

9. Police Report – Chief Luke:

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

Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

10. Building/Ordinance Report – Bowman:

Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to receive and file the Building/Ordinance report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

11. Fire Report – Chief Brown:

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

12. Board Response:

- Trustee Morgan advised that she spoke with Cari Ford, Post & Smythe, and Ms. Ford stated that the audit she was currently working on was the normally yearly audit that is performed by her.

13. New Business:

- A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve to advertise for and hire a parttime employee to work up to 20 hours weekly at the Sumpter Senior/Community Center (CDL-Chauffeur's License required) to support activities, transportation and services to the residents. This is a replacement position; head count neutral and currently in the budget. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy and Rush. Nay: None. Trustee Morgan abstained. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

- B. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to, as the Interim Deputy Treasurer, pay Ms. Erica Campbell at the temporary hourly compensation of \$25.08 per wage hour without additional benefits or medical reimbursement. This will be effective June 28th, 2021 and this will not exceed over 29 hours per pay week for more than 5 consecutive work weeks. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

- C. No motion or support to approve to opt-in to MMFLA Medical Marijuana Facilities Act Industry. Motion failed.

- D. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to purchase the Provident 24-Hour accidental death & dismemberment three (3) year prepaid present policy for the fire department from Burnham & Flower effective July 1, 2021, at a prepaid premium cost of \$754.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

- E. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to purchase the Provident accident & health (policy #PRCO-92102-MI10257) three (3) year prepaid present installment policy for the fire department from Burnham & Flower, a total cost of \$14,324.00, (3) equal, yearly installments of \$4,950.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

- F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve to accept the termination of employment, with regrets, for Daniel Frost as a firefighter for Sumpter Township. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

- G. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to pay Ms. Erica Campbell as the Deputy Treasurer on a full-time basis at the hourly compensation of \$25.08 per wage hour with available Township benefits, without medical reimbursement. This will be effective July 12th, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

- H. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to post, advertise and hire a part-time Treasurer's Office Clerk to fill the current vacancy, subject to the AFSCME collective agreement, not to exceed 29 hours weekly, at a pay rate of \$20.74 with identified AFSCME benefits 21 to 29 hours of weekly work. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Trustee LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: None.

15. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date

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