

**Sumpter Township
Virtual Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

PUBLIC 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 will be conducted virtually in compliance with the emergency declaration of the Wayne County Executive Order and Wayne County Department of Health regarding remote public meetings.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:43 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman (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). Clerk E. Hurst excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Brown and 5 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to approve the Agenda. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments: No Attendees spoke.

5. Minutes:

Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
Motion by Rush supported by Morgan to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:

Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to approve the warrants total of \$292,500.80. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Supervisor's Report – Bowman:

- I wanted to advise everyone that we had another good turnout for Forgotten Harvest. There were approximately 80 to 90 families that picked up food. If you know of anyone in need of this, please get the word out. The next Forgotten Harvest is Monday, August 23rd from 2:30 to 4:30 at the Sumpter Community Center.
- Our DPW Department has been actively involved in helping the Township with dangerous intersections. Please remember that a problem with overgrown intersections can be reported on our web site. Although, residents can still contact Wayne County with this issue, I feel confident stating that when logged on our website, the time frame on getting this done is speedier.
- Although the Township was closed last Thursday and Friday, our employees were still checking their phone messages and emails on a regular basis, in an effort to still provide service to our residents.
- Township protocol and COVID procedures are back in place. Please wear face masks when entering Township Hall. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve the Supervisor's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Attorney's Report - Young:

Twp Lawsuits & Adversarial Proceeding 12%
Township Board meetings 5%
Water & Sewer 10%,
Prosecutions 7%
Labor Contract/LOU 9%
Republic 2%
Library 1%
Storm Water Management & MDEQ 1%
Audit/Finance 0%

Insurance matters 1%,
Meeting with Twp Officials 8%
Police, Fire 12%
Ordinance & Blight 10%
Employee Contract Issues 4%,
Planning 6%
Parks & Recreation 1%
Board Direction 5%
Misc. 4%

- Ordinance Officers have been very active, enforcement activities and court considerations have increased.
- 2nd Reading of amendment to Ordinance #73, adding credit card payments to the current ordinance identifying delinquent payments of cash or certified check instruments of payment only. It is requested that the Board, by Attorney's Report roll call approval, approve the Ordinance modification.

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

9. Police Report - Chief Luke:

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

10. Building/Ordinance Report - Bowman:

- Supervisor Bowman reported a lot of activities and accomplishments in the Township. One being the barn across Sumpter Rd from the Township Hall is finally gone!
- Ordinance Officers are making a difference in the Township and you're beginning to see the results. Things are getting done.

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

11. Fire Report - Chief Brown:

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

12. Board Response:

- Trustee Morgan requested an update on the Moose Lodge property and Attorney Young advised that the property forfeiture has been filed and in process. Moose National has reached out inquiring the amount of the property payoff for the Township land contract. The Moose Lodge will not reopen.
- Trustee Morgan requested an update on a resident's request reference to Comcast services and availability. All agreed that a service area map from Comcast would be a starting point for infrastructure considerations by Comcast.
- Trustee LaPorte advised of his request for a detailed Preferred Vendor's List for Department Heads, Fire Department, Police Department and the Board of Trustee's use.
- Trustee Morgan inquired on the newsletter progress and asked that we continue efforts to produce it. It was determined that this was addressed during a previous Board Meeting and that the Clerk's Office would share this information as a follow up to continue the project.

13. New Business:

- A. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve Treasurer Warren and Deputy Campbell to attend the MMTA Fall Conference in Kalamazoo, MI September 19th-22nd. Cost not to exceed \$2,262 combined, which includes the conference, hotel, parking, gas and food expenses. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to approve to change and start the process to modify the Ordinance for Parks & Recreation Chapter 16, Article 2, Sec 16-30 to allow kayaks and canoes at Banotai/Sherwood Pond. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to approve to permanently establish the 30-day authority granted by the Board of Trustees at the July 27,2021 board meeting to reduce active members to seven (7) giving a four (4) member minimum for quorum and allowing the liaison to vote to establish quorum if needed for Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation meetings. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and LaPorte Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to approve of new building fee structure to streamline the process and ensure the township is not in a negative position on deposits for grade changes. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve to promote fire Captain Michael McHenry to Battalion Chief. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to promote fire Battalion Chief John Krushlin to Deputy Chief. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve to promote fire Captain Walt Thompson to Battalion Chief. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- H. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve contract naming Michelle Cole as the Sumpter Township Administrator, as of August 1, 2021, at no additional salary increase. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and LaPorte Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

14. Announcements:

- Clerk's Office announced the Community Yard Sale scheduled for August 27-29, 2021.
- Clerk's Office announced the scheduled election, Huron Public Schools millage renewal for November 2, 2021.

15. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:12 pm.

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

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date