

Sumpter Township
Virtual Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 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 6:57 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, Township Administrator Cole, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Brown and 13 attendees.

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

ADD; 13. New Business, Agenda Item E.

"Consider approval to seek formal bids for demolition of the Sumpter Township Fairgrounds structures."

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: None.

5. Minutes:

Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 28, 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 LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the warrants total of \$237,247.21. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Supervisor's Report – Bowman:

- The Township is making a concentrated effort towards progress in the blight process. I am appointing John Hennessey of Hennessey Engineers as the Hearing Officer as required per our Ordinance (Section 6-203, item D).

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Supervisor'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.

8. Attorney's Report - Young:

Twp Lawsuits & Adversarial Proceeding 14% Insurance matters 2%,
Township Board meetings 4% Meeting with Twp Officials 5%
Water & Sewer 14% Police, Fire 7%
Prosecutions 11% Ordinance & Blight 7%
Labor Contract/LOU 6% Employee Contract Issues 6%, Republic 5% Planning 5%
Library 1% Parks & Recreation 2%
Storm Water Management & MDEQ 2% Board Direction/Sale of Property 5%
Audit/Finance 1% Misc. 2%

- Attorney Young advised that he and the Ordinance Officers are taking a hard stand on ordinance/blight issues and that the courts have been very supportive in these efforts.
- Progress is being made in the Dangerous Buildings issues within the Township. As all are aware, these move slowly but are being resolved. The next steps will be 34th District Court to seek adjunctive relief.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Attorney'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.

9. Police/Ordinance 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, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. Building Report – Bowman:

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

11. Fire Report – Chief Brown:

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

12. Board Response:

- Trustee LaPorte inquired on plans to begin in person Open Meetings.
- Trustee LaPorte reminded all of the Open House for Fire Prevention Month at Fire Station #1 for the Community (open to the public) on Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 12Noon until 4:00 pm.

13. New Business:

- Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve to modify the deadline for New Agenda Items Request(s) & Reports to 4:00 pm, Tuesday prior to the Board Meeting Date. The Clerk's Office will adjust this timeline, as dictated, by Holidays and other scheduling conflicts. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve of Resolution # 2021-15, Establishing A Property Offering Policy & Procedure. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.
- Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve of Resolution # 2021-16, Wayne County Annual Permit(s) A-22044, A-22099 and A-22133 for 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve to hire Carl Piasecki as a fulltime police officer contingent on him passing a physical, psychological examination 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.
- Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy for approval to seek formal bids for demolition of the Sumpter Township Fairgrounds structures. 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: None.

15. Adjournment; Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 7:34 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date