

Sumpter Township
Virtual Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 9, 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 6:31 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 7 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Morgan to approve the Agenda with the following edits;

REMOVE; 13. New Business, Agenda Item C.

ADD; 13. New Business, Agenda Item I.

"Consider approval to appoint of Mr. Joseph Flis as a temporary, emergency backup township electrical inspector, effective immediately until November 9, 2022."

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 Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 26, 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 Bowman to approve the warrants total of \$296,533.82. 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:

- I'd like to commend our Township Administrator, Michelle Cole for discovering a \$31,000 FEEMA grant. She partnered with Chief Luke and obtained in securing this grant for COVID related expenses. Thank you Elle and Chief Luke!!
- The Township Hall will be closed this Thursday and Friday in observance of Veterans Day. I'd like to thank all our veterans for their service!
- Wayne County Health department will be at the Sumpter Senior Center on Monday, November 22nd between 1 and 4. This is the Pfizer vaccine and first shots, second shots and Booster shots will be available.
- Yesterday, we had another great turn out for Forgotten Harvest. Please remember that they are always looking for volunteers. You can go on line to ForgottenHarvest.org and go to the volunteer section.

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 9% Insurance matters 1%,

Township Board meetings 5% Meeting with Twp Officials 9%

Water & Sewer 8% Police, Fire 7%

Prosecutions 14% Ordinance & Blight 9%

Labor Contract/LOU 3% Employee Contract Issues 7%, Republic 4% Planning 9%

Library 1% Parks & Recreation 2%

Storm Water Management & MDEQ 1% Board Direction/Sale of Property 8%

Audit/Finance 1% Misc. 2%

- Attorney Young advised that MERS requested a resolution establishing the authorized signatures for Sumpter Township daily administration needs, if necessary. Upon approval of the Attorney's Report, the established township authorized agents will be the Township Administrator and the Deputy Clerk.

Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush 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:

- Chief Luke advised that he will begin submitting the Vacant Buildings Report next month.

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 Rush, supported by Oddy to receive and file the Building 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 Rush, 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 Rush discussed the continuing issues with newspaper reporting integrity, his concerns with the Belleville Independent "reckless" publication, a recent resident letter and the numerous errors in the letter.
- Trustee Oddy spoke to the inaccuracy of the letter as it referenced the Carleton Farms Landfill Deepwell and clarified the points of approval (County, State & Federal) for the project and dispelled several of the inaccuracies, as well as inaccuracies in the Property Bids information.
- Trustee LaPorte requested response on the Township Properties currently offered for bid and if they had been surveyed. Township Administrator Cole advised that (1) property had been completed and the other (2) were in process.

13. New Business:

- A. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve to purchase two (2) Evolis Radar Speed Signs at a cost of \$5,779.00. Total cost to be paid from the police department forfeiture fund. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to purchase three (3) BolaWrap restraint units at a cost of \$4,068.65. Total cost to be paid from the police department forfeiture fund. 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 Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve of Fleet Management software and devices from Verizon, the cost is \$20 per truck per month, annualized at approximately \$1,440 per year. 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 Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve of the Municipal & Community Credit Contract (SMART) 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.
- F. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to reappoint Tyrone Borden to the Sumpter Township Planning Commission effective 10/15/2021, term expiring 10/14/2024. 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 Rush, supported by Hurst to approve to reappoint Daniel Watson to the Sumpter Township Planning Commission effective 11/14/2021, term expiring 11/13/2024. 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 to reappoint Jane Stalmack to the Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission effective 11/14/2021, term expiring 11/13/2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- I. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve appointment of Mr. Joseph Flis as a temporary, emergency backup township electrical inspector, effective immediately until November 9, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
*Supervisor Bowman and the Board of Trustees, with heavy hearts, offered their sympathies and deepest condolences to Jeff and the Dommer family for their loss.

14. Announcements:

- Trustee Oddy offered his thanks to all those Veterans who live in our Township, but throughout the United States, as well, on the special day of remembrance on Thursday, November 11th, 2021.
- Trustee Rush requested 30 seconds of silence to thank and honor this nation's veterans, all who have served or are serving now.

"God Bless all Veterans & Active Service Members"
- Clerk Hurst made the following announcements;
 - o The November 2, 2021 Election went very well and I'd like to thank my staff and election workers for their efforts. Job well done, as always. I'd also like to thank those voters who exercised their right to vote!
 - o The Clerk's Office has experienced a number of walk-in residents who've indicated they were directed there by the Township to receive information. Please remember.....in most cases, a FOIA is required for the Clerk's Office to release information.
 - o The Belleville Area Council for the Arts will be hosting their Art Show Friday, 11/12 to Sunday, 11/14 at the Belleville Yacht Club.

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

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date

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