

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:32 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Brown and 16 attendees.

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

ADD; 13. New Business, Agenda Item F

"Consider approval to hire Scott Holtz as the Finance Director at \$80,000.00 per year and benefits (excluding Medical BuyOut) effective January 12, 2022, with a one-year contract expiring on January 31, 2023."

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 Morgan to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2021. 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 accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of November 4, 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 Rush to approve the warrants total of \$2,078,899.93. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Supervisor's Report - Bowman:

- I'm pleased to report that the Supervisor's Office gave out approximately 50 stockings to Sumpter children for Christmas. I want to again thank all our Sponsors for contributing so that we were able to provide this.
- The Township Hall will be closed next Monday, January 17th, in observation of Martin Luther King's day.
- I'm proud to report that Sumpter Township has been recognized for receiving a perfect score on our 2021 Audit of Minimum Assessing requirements. This has been acknowledged at the State Tax Commission. This is largely due in part to WCA Assessing Services.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst 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 7%	Insurance matters 4%
Township Board meetings 4%	Meeting with Twp Officials 5%
Water & Sewer 9%	Police, Fire 12%
Prosecutions 14%	Ordinance & Blight 12%
Labor Contract/LOU 4%	Employee Contract Issues 9%
Republic 2%	Planning 6%
Library 1%	Parks & Recreation 3%
Storm Water Management & MDEQ 0%	Board Direction/Sale of Property 4%
Audit/Finance 1%	Misc. 2%

- Attorney Young requested a New Business, Agenda Item G, *"Consider approval for annual exemption from Contribution Act 152 in 2011 as the Township meets provisions for exemption as provided in the Act."*
- Pleased with the Ordinance & Blight progress supported by Officers Gregory & Scott. This is evidenced by the increased number of court consideration items and completed necessary actions.
- Recent Dangerous Buildings meetings have produced positive results and property owners are, initially, getting necessary permits from the Building Department to correct the issues with the properties. John Hennessey of Hennessey Engineers proved to be a valuable support as the Township Court Officer.

Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte 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:

- A YTD report for the Ordinance efforts will be shared at the Board Meeting scheduled for January 25, 2022.
- The Evoli Stats Graphs were shared with the Board and all were pleased with the information and positive impact the units were having on traffic behaviors.

Motion by Rush, supported by Warren 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:

- Supervisor Bowman thanked Acheenia Hall, Building Department Clerk, for her efforts and the positive results in the Department.
- Supervisor Bowman is working with Chris Brinkmeier, Inspector that the Township needs to develop a Commercial Building Project Application that is separate from the Residential, as each are very different in scope and consideration.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve 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 expressed thanks to all Departments and Employees for their contributions over the past several months.
- Trustee LaPorte thanked the Sumpter Township Fire Department for its professional response to the Auto Auction Fire on Sunday, January 9, 2022.
- Trustee LaPorte requested a motion to direct the Supervisor's Office to conduct a 6-Month performance review of DPW Director John Danci and that Chief Luke, Sumpter Township Police Department conduct a 6-Month performance review of Sumpter Township Fire Department Chief, Richard Brown.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to direct the Supervisor's Office to conduct a 6-Month performance review of DPW Director John Danci and that Chief Luke, Sumpter Township Police Department conduct a 6-Month performance review of Sumpter Township Fire Department Chief, Richard Brown and present the reviews at the Board Meeting scheduled for January 25, 2022. 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 Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to terminate the employment of probationary firefighter Jacob Kosikowski. 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 Rush to approve to promote fire lieutenant Jamie Goode to Captain. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve PSLZ, LLP to conduct the 2021/2022 Financial Audit at a cost of \$15,400 and, if required, the Single Audit (A133 Federal Funds Compliance) at a cost of \$10,000. 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 Rush to approve of the benefits proposals from Burnham and Flower for the Blue Care Network Medical/RX at an annual cost of \$414,775, VSP Vision at an annual cost of \$2,148 and Delta Dental at an annual cost premium increase of 0.88% per enrolled employee, effective 2/1/2022. 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 training of a union employee to serve as back up to the Water Billing Clerk. BS&A training quoted at \$1,125 for the day as shown on attached proposal. 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 Rush, supported by Warren to approve to hire Scott Holtz as the Finance Director at \$80,000.00 per year with benefits (excluding Medical Buy-Out) effective January 12, 2022, with a one-year contract expiring on January 31, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees: Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.
- * G. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve annual exemption from Contribution Act 152 in 2011 as the Township meets provisions for exemption as provided in the Act. 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 Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve immediately posting and publishing an employment opportunity notice for the position of Township Administrator with a compensation package dependent upon qualifications and experience. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees: Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

14. Announcements:

- Trustee LaPorte advised residents that a limited supply of smoke detectors are available. Please see the Clerk's Office or the Fire Department for details.

15. Adjournment; Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:18 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date