

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:18 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Clerk E. Hurst and Trustee Morgan excused. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Brown, DPW Director Danci and 17 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the Agenda with the following amendments;

TABLE: 14. New Business, Agenda Item A.
ADD: 14. New Business, Agenda Item G.

"Consider approval of Joanne Gardner as an alternate member of the Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission."

14. New Business, Agenda Item H.

"Consider approval of an amendment to existing Sumpter Township Zoning Ordinance Article 4, Section 4.15.2 and Article 6, Section 6.37 to provide that outdoor sales of automobiles or vehicles in light industrial zoning districts shall be permitted land use subject to provisions of Section 33 Special Land use."

14. New Business, Agenda Item I.

"Consider approval to set a public hearing for the 2022-2023 Operating Budget at 6:00 pm on March 8, 2022 that will be conducted immediately preceding the scheduled Township Board Meeting."

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

4. Public Comment/Open Floor: Two (2) spoke

5. Minutes:

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to accept the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021.

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

6. Warrants:

Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the warrants totaling \$920,518.40. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chambers Report - Rush

- Trustee Rush thanked Donna Stewart and Sharon Pokerwinski for the cleaning of the Parks & Recreation Building.
- DPW Director Danci has committed to replacing the hot water heater and the installation of a utility sink for the Commission's use.
- Commission is working on updating the Master Plan for the Parks & Recreation.
- The appointment of Joanne Gardner as an Alternate Member of the Commission. Joanne was the primary source of the new Butterfly Garden installed at Banotai Park.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chambers Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Water & Sewer Report - Warren

- Treasurer Warren spoke of the recent BS&A Training provided for the back-up Water Billing Clerk functions and related information.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Water & Sewer Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. Treasurer's Report - Warren

- Treasurer Warren reported that the Treasurer's Office is operating efficiently, smoothly and implementing new tools to meet all of the banking issues, compliance needs and working with the Finance Director for cohesiveness.

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. Planning & Zoning Report - Oddy

- One item of consideration for Planning & Zoning is being considered this evening (New Agenda Item H.) as it references approval of a Zoning Text Amendment and Special Land Use. The Township currently has a similar operation which borders the subject property and zoning district.

Motion by Rush, supported by Bowman to approve the Planning & Zoning Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. Seniors Report - Hurst

- The Seniors wish to pass on a Special Thank you to the Board of Trustees for the Christmas cookie tins! Approx 200 were handed out or delivered to our Community's Seniors Members, Homebound Seniors, Meals on Wheels and Focus Hope recipients.
- A list is being compiled for N95 masks distribution, when the masks become available in our community.
- Working with Wayne County, Clerk Hurst has secured 149 Covid Tests that, when available, will be distributed to our Senior Ctr Members free of charge.
- Clerk Hurst and Treasurer Warren have expressed a desire to sponsor a Blood Drive in our Community. The Senior's Ctr and Clerk's Office are working on the details and availability of this program.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Seniors Report as presented by Deputy Clerk Burdick. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Ordinance Report - Chief Luke

- The Ordinance Report provided is a 2021 Recap of the Ordinance activities.

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

13. Board Response: None.

14. New Business:

- A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to TABLE until February 8, 2022 the post, publish and hiring for the responsibilities of Payroll & Personnel Clerk, reporting to the Clerk's Office, effective January 26th, 2022 at the current AFSCME-CBA position and rate of pay. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve of the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Paul Armstrong as Board of Review Member, term to expire January 1, 2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve of the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Sandi Armstrong as Board of Review Member, term to expire January 1, 2025. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to amend the current pay practice for the Sumpter Township Board of Review Members to a flat rate compensation of \$50.00 per member/per session for up to 3 hours and \$75.00 per member/per session for 3 hours or more. For mandated training or education, a reimbursement of up to \$100.00 annually will be paid per member. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to purchase water & sewer inventory items from Core & Main totaling \$22,970.75. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to purchase two (2) Ford Police Interceptor Utilities for the police department under the FY2022/23 Budget Atchinson Ford for \$81,212.80. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve Joanne Gardner as an alternate member of the Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.
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15. Announcements:

- Trustee Rush advises that Spring is right around the corner and that means SkyWarn training for the community. He will advise on dates and location.
- Trustee Oddy advised that he wanted to acknowledge the County Warming Centers and that Chief Luke advised the Sumpter Twp Center is posted information for our residents. Sumpter Twp is 1 of only 4 county-wide centers that provides 24-hour access, as needed.
- Trustee Rush advised that the Board-requested evaluations for Fire Chief R. Brown and DPW Superintendent J. Danci have been completed. He invited any Board Member who would like to review the evaluations to visit the Supervisor's Office to review. However, due to the nature of the material, copies would not be provided.
- Supervisor Bowman mentioned a recent conversation with Supervisor K. McNamara of Van Buren Twp referencing the Belleville Museum and its status. All agreed a committee of Supervisors Bowman, McNamara and Belleville Mayor K. Conley to discuss the museum and its future. Future donations by surrounding communities will be suspended until the museum is opened.

16. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:03 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:

Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date