

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:54 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, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Brown, DPW Director Danci and 11 attendees.

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

ADD: 13. New Business, Agenda Item G

"Consider approval of the rejection of all Bids on the Sumpter Rd parcel with the Township placing this property out for bid in the future under current guidelines, policy, procedure & resolution stating a minimum, acceptable bid of the appraised value of \$80,000."

13. New Business, Agenda Item H.

"Consider approval and accept the Property Offerings Bid Committee recommendation to rejection all Bids received on the Arkona Rd & Martinsville Rd parcels and request from all interested bidding parties a revised bid & proposal due within (7) days of notice receipt submitted to Sumpter Township."

13. New Business, Agenda Item I.

"Consider approval of the bid received for the demolition of property located at 24985 Sumpter Rd from Diversified Excavating in the amount of \$9,368."

Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments: Five (5) Attendees spoke.

*DPW Director Danci provided an update on several projects being addressed by the DPW. BioAir Project, DPW Inventory Levels are improving, Bids for Underground Services are in process, 38 total homes are set up for lead & copper testing (60 are required in the future), Watershed Meeting prior week, to remind residents if your Water Billing usage is followed by the letter "E" it's an estimated meter reading - contact the DPW to schedule a service appointment to ensure the meter is operating properly to eliminate the need to estimate usage. The All Year Tree Service clearing around hydrants is being set up.

5. Minutes:

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 22, 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 Oddy, supported by LaPorte accept the Bid Committee Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the warrants total of \$1,078,910.09. 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:

- Treasurer Warren was thanked for his Chair Leadership of the appointed Hiring Committee and asked to provide a briefing of activities. Treasurer Warren advised of the recent March 7, 2022 meeting, the Candidates consideration, 2nd Interviews & process. He confirmed the next Committee Meeting for 5:00 pm, March 14, 2022.

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:

- Attorney Young indicated that time spent typical of prior month's activities.
- Review of the draft Budget and process.
- Several Collective Bargaining Agreements currently in process. Some new issues of economics, manpower retention, etc.
- His interpretation of the Bids Offering process status is that the Township will reject all received Bids for the Sumpter Rd parcel as provided and reserved by the process procedure and resolution.
- 2Nd Reading of the Sumpter Township amendment of the Zoning Ordinances regarding location, use and operation of a Michigan Medical Marijuana Facility, MCLA 333.26421 and definition of specific Zoning Districts for CareGiver Operations. Approval of the Attorney's Report will signify acknowledgement and acceptance of the proposed Amendment.
- Attorney Young recognizes that the United States is a Republic, a Constitutionally-limited Republic.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to accept the Attorney's report and to approve the above identified 2nd Reading and Amendment of Zoning Ordinance. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

9. Police/Ordinance Report - Chief Luke:

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Police & 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.

10. Building Report - Bowman:

Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan 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 Morgan, supported by LaPorte 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 reminds that SkyWarn Training will be April 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Fire Station #1. Public and 1st Responders are invited. Excellent 1 hour Course!
- Trustee LaPorte discussed the proposed Bike/Walking Path Project and advises no new information has been received from Wayne County at this time. He further discussed some misinformation shared with the public on social media sites related to cost & funding of project, etc. Please know that there are many details not yet determined with this project and any such reports may be misleading and inaccurate. The Board and meeting attendees positively discussed the project and reasons for support. Research is still needed into affected easements, setbacks and costs.

13. New Business:

- Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve to hire Eric Joseph Powell as a paid- on-call firefighter, contingent on him passing a physical 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 Oddy, supported by Rush of acceptance for hiring Samantha Herman to the full time AFSCME Employee responsibilities of Clerk's Office Assistant, reporting to the Clerk's Office, effective March 14, 2022, at the current (90 day) AFSCME-CBA position and rate of pay. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Morgan and Rush. Nay: None. Abstained: Trustee LaPorte. Motion carried.
- Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to **REMOVE** this agenda item ~~to assign AFSCME Employee Dawn Hadymick to the full time responsibilities of Payroll Clerk / Elections Specialist, reporting to the Clerk's Office, effective immediately at the current AFSCME - CBA position and rate of pay.~~ Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

***Note:** The Board of Trustees concurred that this position, the identified duties and employee are fully & solely directed by the Clerk and her designee without need of Agenda Item(s) consideration or approval.

- Motion by Oddy, supported by Warren to approve of the at will contract for Mr. Chris Brinkmeier for Contracted Building Inspector and Consultant, effective immediately, for non-inspection related, specific incremental services, billed as incurred. 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 Rush, supported by Oddy to approve for Deputy Treasurer Erica Campbell to attend MMTA Basic Institute Training, not to exceed \$1,274 as broken down in supporting documentation. 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 LaPorte to approve of 3rd Quarter Budget adjustments. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
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14. Announcements:

- Trustee LaPorte stated that he wanted to thank the DPW for quick, effective and courteous response to his grinder pump issue.

15. Adjournment; Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to adjourn at 8:14 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes prepared by:
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date