

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd.,
Belleville, MI 48111 Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 7:08 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, DPW Director Danci and 8 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Bowman, supported by Morgan to approve the Agenda with the following amendments;

- ADD: New Business, Item H.
"Consider approval to begin migration from ADP to BS&A Payroll Module targeting for implementation end of month June, 2022 not to exceed \$9,500.00 to update the township BS&A platform and provide on-site training services."
New Business, Item I.
"Consider accepting the Hiring Committee's recommendation for Mr. Darwin McClary as Sumpter Township Administrator and direct Township Attorney to draft a One- year, at will employment agreement for \$90,000.00. per year with traditional benefits"
Closed Session, Item 3.A.
"Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to consider attorney-client privileged material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal law; Update on FOP".
- MODIFY: New Business, Item G.
Add "& optional coverage selections", Correct "effective 4/1/2022", Replace \$117,229 with "\$118,041".

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

3. A. Closed Session;

Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to consider attorney-client privileged material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal law; Update on FOP.

Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to move into Closed Session at 7:14 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to rejoin the open meeting at 7:31 pm and direct the Township Attorney to take actions on the discussed items during the Closed Session. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment/Open Floor: One (1) spoke.

* DPW Director Danci - Provided updates on the DPW functions. GLWA was performing routine maintenance on water mains/volves and "low pressure" resulted in a number of calls to the Township. Pressure never dropped to an alert status and all was corrected. DPW is still sourcing for a seasonal, part-time worker. Also discussed communicating a seasonal plan for the department with increased services.

5. Minutes:

- A. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve 2022-2023 Operating Budget Public Hearing Minutes of March 8, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to accept the Hiring Committee Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the warrants totaling \$838,420.20. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Receive & File;

Motion by Morgan, supported by Bowman to receive, file and accept all of the following reports;

- Parks & Recreation/Chambers Report - Rush
 - o Family Fun Day plans are being made
 - o Free Fishing coming for June. Plans on refurbishing the dock at Banotai Park
 - o The Easter Eggs event for the Kids is coming April 9, 2022 at 12:00 noon.....and Trustee Rush will be wearing the Bunny Suit!
- Water & Sewer Report - Warren
- Treasurer's Report - Warren
- Planning & Zoning Report - Oddy
- Seniors Report - Hurst

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

8. Board Response:

- Trustee LaPorte asked that John Enos, Community Planner, give an update on the Site Plan for Zino's Restaurant and what the status is for this location. A formal response is requested.
- Trustee Rush announced that the 1st SkyWarn Training Session will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at the Sumpter Township Fire Station #1 for 1st Responders and our residents.
- Trustee Oddy wanted to ensure that the Board fully approved of the proposed decentralized Accounts Payable plan before any actions were taken.

9. New Business:

- A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to REMOVE to entertain any and all offers for the Township-owned property, Parcel # 82 81 016 99 0014 715, located on Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to adopt the Sumpter Township Operating Budget 2022-2023. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve of 4th Quarter Budget adjustments. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve of Police Protection Millage language attached, identifying Renewal/Increases of 1 mill and Renewal/Increase of 2 mill, effective 2022, levied for 4 years. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to contract with Kennedy Industries to repair lift station pump for a total cost of \$7,190. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to purchase inventory order from Core & Main totaling \$15,367.67. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Oddy, supported by Bowman to approve to accept the proposal from Burnham & Flower Insurance Group for Township Liability, Insurance & optional coverage selections effective 4/1/2022 at a cost of \$118,041 annually. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- H. Motion by Hurst, supported by Bowman to approve to begin migration from ADP to BS&A Payroll Module targeting implementation end of month June, 2022 not to exceed \$9,500.00 to update the township BS&A platform and provide on-site training services. Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk Hurst; Trustees: Rush, Morgan. Nay: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees LaPorte, Oddy. Motion failed.
- I. Motion by Rush, supported by Bowman to approve and accept the Hiring Committee's recommendation for Mr. Darwin McClary as Sumpter Township Administrator and direct Township Attorney to draft a standard one-year, at-will employment agreement for \$90,000.00. per year with traditional benefits. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte. Nay: Clerk Hurst, Trustee Oddy. Trustee Morgan remained silent. Motion carried.

10. Announcements: None.

11. Adjournment; Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date

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