

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:35 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Treasurer V. Warren and Trustee LaPorte excused. 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 10 attendees.

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

AMEND: New Business, Agenda Item B

Consider approval to list the attached, identified Township owned properties with Braun & Helmer Auction Service for auction evaluation, "with final list of properties to be provided and approved by the Board after evaluation subject to the contract."

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

4. **Public Comments:** Two (2) Attendees spoke.

5. Minutes:

- Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees; Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to accept the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees; Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:

Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve Warrants totaling \$231,020.67. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees; Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Supervisor's Report - Bowman:

- Trustee Rush and I attended the 34th District Court Community day last Friday. Their new building is quite impressive. We talked with a few of the judges to share our thoughts with them regarding Sumpter.
- Forgotten Harvest is continuing with their ongoing efforts to help Sumpter families. Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve the Supervisor's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees; Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Attorney's Report - Young:

- 34th District Court visit and Judge Oakley meeting reference Ordinance & Blight support.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to accept, receive and file the Attorney's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees; Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. Police/Ordinance Report - Chief Luke:

- Chief Luke addressed the errors and article representation in the recent Sumpter Township Newsletter.

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Police & Ordinance Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees; Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

10. Building Report - Bowman:

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to receive and file the Building report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees; Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

11. Fire Report - Chief Brown:

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Fire Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor

T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees; Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

*Note: DS Trustee Rush publicly recognized the Sumpter Township 1st Responders for their efforts. He further recognized the efforts and effectiveness of our DPW staff evidenced by the responsiveness to recent emergency issues. Well done!

12. DPW Report - Danci

- Repairing and/or replacing residential water meters that need to be.
- Mowing, clearing, and maintaining township buildings, the 2 parks, and fire hydrants.
- Our part time employee position has 2 applicants thus far. Position to begin employment either May 16th or May 23rd. They will be working 29 hours (Mon-Wed 8- 4pm and Thur 8-12). If you know of anyone else interested, please encourage them to apply by the end of the week.
- Locating and documenting our water gate valves to better respond to water main breaks and residential service line leaks.

Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to approve the DPW Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees; Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

13. **Board Response:** None.

14. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to outfit the new Ford Police Interceptor Utility through Herkimer Radio at a total cost of \$9,517.60. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees; Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

B. Motion by Rush, supported by Bowman to approve to list the attached, identified Township owned properties with Braun & Helmer Auction Service for auction evaluation, with final list of properties to be provided and contract to be approved by the Board prior to the start of the auction process. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees; Oddy and Rush. Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried

*Note: Subsequent, group ad-hoc activity was scheduled for May 12, 2022, prior to the scheduled Planning Commission Meeting, to address the property list.

15. **Announcements:** None

16. 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 Oddy to move into Closed Session at 7:02 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees; Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to rejoin the open meeting at 7:44 pm and return from Closed Session. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees; Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve the FOP Contract, subject to resolution of the issues discussed in Closed Session regarding Article 10. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst; Trustees; Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried

17. **Adjournment;** Motion by Bowman, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 7:47 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date