

**Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**  
**23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111**  
**Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:25 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, LaPorte and Morgan. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Brown and 11 attendees.

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

AMEND: **13.** New Business, Agenda Item A

To add: *"of dissolving the HR Hiring Committee and of"*

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

**4. Public Comment/Open Floor:** Three (3) Attendees spoke.

\* Note: Supervisor Bowman addressed an incident that occurred after the Regular Board Meeting held on June 14, 2022. He addressed Board Members on behaviors and felt that accusations implied of him and other Members were inappropriate and should not be tolerated. The Board of Trustees discussed the issues.

**5. Minutes:**

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to accept the Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.

**6. Warrants:**

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the warrants totaling \$170,410.58. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**7. Parks & Recreation/Chambers Report - Rush:**

- An emotional moment accepting the resignation of Chairman Kim Toms and his spouse, Parks & Recreation Member Cheryl. The best of luck to Kim and his family.
- Trustee Rush discussed a recent, disturbing occurrence with the illegal use of ATV vehicles at Banotai Park, damage to park grounds and facilities, as well as the unacceptable behaviors of the operators. Thank you to the Sumpter Township Police Department for assistance in addressing this issue.
- Thank you to Sumpter Township Supervisor, Tim Bowman, for addressing the unsafe dock/pier at Sherwood Pond.

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

**8 & 9. Water, Sewer & Treasurer's Reports - Warren:**

- Certificate of Deposit, recently approved by the Board for disposition, has been addressed and completed.
- Trustee Oddy congratulated Treasurer Warren and his staff on the measurable improvements to outstanding collections of payments and reductions in uncollectable funds.

Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to accept the Water, Sewer & Treasurer's Reports. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.

**10. Planning & Zoning Report - Oddy**

- Two items were considered by the Planning Commission at a meeting recently held on June 23, 2022;
  - o Solar Farm Project of special use
  - o Approximate 5-acre pond that requires Zoning Board of Appeals "soils" consideration, as well.

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

**11. Seniors Report - Hurst**

- Senior Center's June Jingle, tomorrow, June 29th at 11:30 am!
- Election Workers are always needed and this year is no exception! Please see the Clerk's Office for further information.
- The State Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.
- Due to the State Redistricting and the loss of the Precinct 2 Moose Lodge Polling location, the Clerk's Office will be mailing new Voter ID Cards to ALL Voters over the next 2 weeks advising of their new Polling Location.

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

**12. Board Response:**

- Trustee LaPorte stated that there is an obvious need for a coordinated plan to address and improve our Township Parks & Facilities. He requested that John Danci, DPW Director, to identify our needs and reach out to neighboring communities for ideas on how to handle trash, maintenance, facilities and report findings to the Board. He further discussed signage at the Township fairgrounds from vendors and businesses that also need attention.
- Trustee Oddy stated that it may require an additional part time, seasonal employee and stepping up the cleaning frequencies of the Banotai Park Restroom facilities.

**13. New Business:**

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve of dissolving the HR Hiring Committee and of hiring Anthony Burdick as of 07/01/2022 for the position of Township Manager at an annual salary of \$90,000 and benefit package equal to the current Deputy Clerk position. Contract to be drafted by the Township Attorney consistent with the standard Sumpter Township contract terms and will include language specifying that on a temporary basis Mr. Burdick will continue to act as the Deputy Clerk until a new Deputy is appointed being compensated during this period at the Township Managers Salary and benefits. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy and LaPorte Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve to recognize Juneteenth as a Township Hall holiday and to grant Township Hall employees a day off "in lieu" of the Federal holiday for the 2022 year identified as July 5th for all Township employees, due to union contract not being finalized in time and maintaining the total recognized Holidays at 15 per year. Please see attached for the Legislative history. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve to name the Investment Committee members. Committee was approved last meeting. Members appointed by the Treasurer - Treasurer Warren, Trustee Oddy, Captain Gannon, Finance Director Holtz & Trustee LaPorte. Deputy Campbell will be an alternate member. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.

\* Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve to add Agenda Item E., "Consider approval to increase cleaning & janitorial services frequency for the Banotai Park restrooms from 2 times per week to 3 times per week". Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried

D. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve to increase cleaning & janitorial services frequency for the Banotai Park restrooms from 2 times per week to 3 times per week". Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried

**14. Announcements:**

- Trustee Oddy thanked Treasurer Warren for presenting Agenda Item B for consideration and how fortunate Sumpter Township is to have him in office.

**15. Adjournment;** Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:31 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:  
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk Sumpter Township

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Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date