

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:11 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 9 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Agenda;
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: Two (2) Attendees spoke.

5. Minutes:

- A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Warren to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 12, 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 LaPorte to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 12, 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 Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the warrants totaling \$145,897.76. 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:

- Nice job on the improvements to the Parks & Recreation Building
- Trustee Rush discussed the planned August 27, 2022 Back to School joint event by Community Outreach & Holiday West/Woods Home communities
- Food Fair & Folley, Saturday, 10am to 6pm, October 15th, 2022

Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy 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. Water & Sewer Report - Warren:

- Thanks to the residents who've worked with the Treasurer's Office to reduce outstanding water billing debt
- Working with Sumpter Seniors & Veterans to assist with paying their water bills

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

9. Treasurer's Report - Warren

- Tax Statements mailed to residents July 1st, 2022.
- Continue to work with residents on convenient, easy solutions to paying tax bills
- Treasurer Warren discussed the progress of the Investment Committee and on how to maximize returns and fiscally responsible handling of the resident's business

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Treasurer's Report. 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

Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to receive & file 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

- Wayne County Senior services Nutrition program serves hot lunch on Mondays and Tuesdays, lunch is served at 11:15am. Please call 734-461-1186 or 734-461- 9373 to RSVP for lunch.
- Come ride with us to a Detroit Tiger game at the end of August. For details, please call the Senior Center @ (734) 461-9373
- The Commodities Program distribution is on the third Thursday, from 9:00am to 11:00am Available to anyone participating in WIC, SNAP, FDPIR, CSFP, or a child receives free/reduced lunch meals at school.
- Check out the little house in the front of community center. Plenty of books, puzzles and plenty of food to share.

Motion by Rush, supported by Bowman to approve the Senior 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 suggested that the past few meetings went somewhat astray of properly addresses resident needs. He reminds that the Board and Township Employees are here for the people's business. An excellent example is the improvements and professional management of the Township Treasurer's Office and his staff.
- Trustee Oddy wanted to ensure that effort was made towards following up on the items and information that Mr. Haidous requested which would support infrastructure improvements and ARPA funds utilization.
- Trustee Oddy formally requests truth in reporting! Trustee Rush agreed.

13.New Business:

- A. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve to accept, with regrets, the resignation of probationary firefighter Ronald Jeffries effective July 7, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy and LaPorte Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Warren, supported by Rush to appointing Scott Holtz as the Officer Delegate to represent Sumpter Township at the 2022 MERS Annual Business Meeting. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the compensation of Karen Armatis as Deputy Clerk to be paid \$26.41 per hour, effective August 3, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy and LaPorte Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Rush, supported by Warren to approve to accept second highest bid and proposal of Mr. Roberto Sanchez for the property identified as Parcel # 82 81 108 99 0006 001 Martinsville Rd for the reconfirmed bid of \$55,000.00. The original highest bidder withdrew from purchase consideration. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy and LaPorte Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried
- E. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve for the newsletter committee to begin the process of gathering articles from all departments of Sumpter Township for the purpose of publishing the Fall/Winter 2022 Sumpter Township Newsletter to be published near the end of August, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Warren; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Morgan and LaPorte Nay: None. Motion carried.

14.Announcements:

- 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.
- Township-wide Garage Sale is scheduled for Friday, August 26 through Sunday, August 28, 2022.

15.Adjournment; Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date