

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

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:57 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: LaPorte, Morgan, Oddy, and Rush. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatas, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, water superintendent Danci and 17 attendees.

3. **Agenda:** Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Agenda with the following additions:  
Remove D under unfinished business and addition of Item O. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
4. **Public Comment:** Three (3) attendees spoke.
5. **Minutes:** Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2022; accept the ZBA meeting minutes of August 25, 2022 and accept the planning commission meeting minutes of August 11, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
6. **Warrants:** Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve warrants totaling \$337,148.02. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7-17. Reports. Motion by Bowman, supported by Rush to receive and file all reports. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

18. **Board Response:** Rush wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels.

**19. Unfinished Business:**

- A. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to name and re-appoint an HR committee to access personnel-related needs, and policies and provide recommendations to the Township Manager and Board of Trustees; members are Rush, LaPorte, and Burdick. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to add item B back to agenda due to confusion on approving agenda. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Patterson, Rush, Oddy, and LaPorte. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve Hoppe Design proposal and agreement to prepare a design and master plan for Banota Park/Sherwood Pond at a cost of \$28,000, with the Township Attorney's approval of the agreement. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Patterson, Rush, Laporte. Nay: Oddy, Morgan. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to accept an offer from Gerald Weiss in the amount of \$3,500.00 for the township-owned vacant property located at 19745 Sumpter Road, 0.202 acres, Parcel #81-038-01-0005-01 and direct the township attorney to draft a purchase agreement. Roll call vote: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Patterson, supported by Morgan to remove this item.

**20. New Business:**

- A. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to open the Treasurer's office on Tuesday, December 27th for the designated winter tax collection day as required by law. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- B. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to appoint Vincent Warren to the Planning Commission with a term to expire 09/23/2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte to appoint Joe Jackson to the ZBA with a term to expire 01/13/2024. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Sumpter Township Board meeting dates for 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the Sumpter Township Planning Commission meeting dates for 2023 with a 6:00 pm start time. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to re-appoint Board of Review members: Paul Armstrong, Helen Teall, Sandi Armstrong with Vincent Warren and Karen Woodington as alternate members beginning 01/01/2023 and expiring 12/31/2024. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Hurst, supported by Morgan to extend the part-time DPW seasonal employee an additional 90 days with union approval. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- H. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve the purchase of water/sewer materials from Core & Main for a total of \$8,342.44. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- I. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to contract with Advanced Underground Inspection to video all township gravity sewer mains at a cost of \$14,250.00. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- J. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve Resolution #2022-12, Wayne County Annual Permits(s) A-23044, A-23099, and A-23133 for 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- K. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to approve the request to outfit two new Ford police interceptor utilities through Herkimer Radio at an estimated total cost of \$18,667 (\$9,333/each), paid out of forfeiture funds. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- L. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the purchase offer for 14.62 acres on Martinsville Road, Parcel #81-136-99-0012-000 for \$95,000.00 with attorney approval. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- M. N. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to reject both offers and invite both parties to re-submit last and best offer by 12/06/2022, secured by Moving the Mitten Real Estate. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Patterson, Hurst, Morgan, Rush, and Oddy. LaPorte abstained. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- O. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve the AFSCME union contract good until 2026. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

21. Announcements: Supervisor Bowman spoke of the kids Christmas gift card giveaway, on December 14, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Kids must register and be 12 and younger.

22. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 7:30 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:  
Deputy Clerk K. Armatas  
Sumpter Township

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Esther Hurst, Clerk

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Date

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

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Date