

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:41 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 Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, water superintendent Danci, Township Manager Burdick and 4 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the Agenda.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment: One (1) attendee spoke; commending Attorney Young on his 34 years of service to the community.
5. Minutes: Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2022.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
6. Warrants: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve warrants totaling \$144,993.62.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- 7-11. Reports. Motion by Bowman, supported by Oddy to receive and file all reports. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
12. Board Response: Rush gave an update on the CWW meeting held on December 9, 2022, with the forestry division. LaPorte thanked Attorney Young, Oddy wanted to recognize Belleville Football Team for winning the State Championship for a second time, Oddy once again corrected the misinformation that was printed in the local paper. Should have been a 5-2 vote not a 6-1 vote as printed. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
13. New Business:
 - A. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to put a cell phone video of the CWW meeting on the township website. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
 - B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve paying all warrants through December 31, 2022, with a copy going to the board. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
 - C. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to award the township hall HVAC system cleaning to DUCTZ for a total cost of \$6,960 to be scheduled during January 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
 - D. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to renew the TownWeb website and its full support, maintenance, and hosting for 3 years at a cost of \$3,108 per year. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
 - E. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to close the township hall, on December 15, 2022, from Noon to 1:30 pm for an employee holiday luncheon. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
 - F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve a final payout of all unused, remaining benefits bank time for Roxanne Bardell in the total amount of \$6,070.50 for vacation and for PTO, regrettably due to her separation of employment as of December 1, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Patterson, Oddy, LaPorte and Rush. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.
 - G. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve Resolution 2022-13 for annual exemption from Contribution Act 152 of 211 as the Township meets the provision for exemption as provided in the Act. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
 - H. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the 3-year employment agreement amendment for Finance Director Scott Holtz effective February 1, 2023, with a 4% base salary increase for agreement year(s), 2024 and 2025; with no opt-out medical reimbursement. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
 - I. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Township Manager, Attorney, and Finance Director to research, take appropriate administrative actions, submit formal applications, and pursue appropriate grant(s) funding for any and all board-approved strategic initiatives and projects. Each grant is to receive board approval prior to township commitments to grant and terms. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
 - J. Motion by Rush, supported by Bowman to accept the final purchase offer for 9.32 acres on Sumpter Road, parcel #81-016-99-0014-715 at \$65,000.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, LaPorte, Patterson. Nay: Oddy, Morgan, Hurst. LaPorte abstained. Motion failed.
 - K. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson for bidders for parcel #81-016-99-0014- 715 to submit a sealed BID to the real estate agent to be delivered to the Township Clerk's office by 4:30 pm, Monday, December 19, 2022. SEALED BID is to be price and contingencies only. Sumpter Township will do the purchase agreement. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Patterson, Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.
 - L. Motion by Bowman, supported by Rush to call a special board meeting on December 19, 2022, at 6:00 pm to read bids on parcel #81-016-99-0014-715. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Patterson, Oddy, LaPorte and Rush. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.
14. Announcements: Supervisor Bowman stated that Forgotten Harvest will not be on-site on December 26, 2022, due to the holiday. The township hall is closed from December 23, 2022, through January 2, 2023. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Resident M. Ban stated that the senior Christmas celebration is on December 19, 2022 2:00-4:00 pm.
15. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:32 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date