

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

The meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:31 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Morgan, Oddy, and Rush. Trustee LaPorte excused. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, Finance Director Holtz, and 9 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Agenda with the following addition:
Add Item H. Consider approval to assign the part-time treasury department employee, Ashley Harris to the full-time combined position of treasury department clerk's office assistant at 29 hours or less per week and finance department accounts payable clerk, at the balance of weekly hours available, totaling all hours worked of 40 hours per week, with appropriate AFSCME benefits and wage of \$25.43 effective January 9, 2023.

Roll Call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

5. Minutes:

- A Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson to approve the regular board meeting minutes of December 13, 2022. Trustee Oddy questioned a unanimous vote on Holtz contract extension, Trustee Morgan verified her vote. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the special board meeting minutes of December 19, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve warrants totaling \$847,140.62. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

- 7,8,9,10,11,12. Motion by Bowman, supported by Rush to receive and file all reports. Public Safety Director Luke informed the board of applying for a grant through WAMAA of \$202,000 with the township paying a 10% match. This would be used for turnout gear for the fire department. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

13. Board Response: None.

14. New Business:

- A. Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy to approve a six-month medical leave for firefighter Don LaPorte beginning January 5, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the annual MedMutual Life/ AD&D policy renewal package, effective January 1, 2023, proposed by Burnham & Flower with the following changes: remove class 3, change class 1 to \$60,000 and include AFSCME in class 5. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the annual Delta Dental renewal benefits package, effective February 1, 2023, proposed by Burnham & Flower. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve the annual small group renewal benefits package effective February 1, 2023, proposed by Burnham & Flower at a total premium cost of \$468,611.88. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve the Township Manager Burdick to attend the MTA conference April 17th-20th, 2023 at a total cost not to exceed \$1,850.00. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson to approve a modification to the MERS 457 plan agreements allowing the Township to elect to participate in contributions to employee accounts, as approved by the Board of Trustees. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to set a public hearing for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan on January 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- H. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve assigning the part-time treasury department employee, Ashley Harris to the full-time combined position of treasury department clerk's office assistant, at 29 hours or less per week and finance department accounts payable clerk, at the balance of weekly hours available, totaling all hours worked of 40 hours per week, with the appropriate AFSCME benefits and wage of \$25.43 effective January 9, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

15. Announcements: None.

16. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date