

Sumpter Township
Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to open the public hearing for public input regarding the Sumpter Township 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Chris Nordstrom from CWA went over the Master Plan. This is his second time doing Sumpter plan. This is a guideline for park and recreation development. Adopting a plan makes the township eligible for grants. A survey was available on the township website and only a few responses were received. Some of the interests were: continued maintenance, appealable for young and old, trail development, and preserving natural resources.

Two residents spoke with concerns about non-residents using the park. One resident thought the plan was bad and not complete enough.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to close the public hearing for the Sumpter Township 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Agenda: Motion by Patterson, supported by Morgan to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment: Three (3) attendees spoke. Attorney Young spoke to set the record straight on a resident's wrong comments.

5. Minutes: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve warrants totaling \$1,876,043.06. 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, unless someone needed to speak. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response: None.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to direct Trustee Rush and Public Safety Director Luke to re-certify Sumpter Township as a Storm Ready community with the National Weather Service. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to name the Township Manager and the Finance Director as authorized signatories for MERS contracts and service credit purchase approvals. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to assign the water billing clerk to the DPW Director effective January 25, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Hurst, Patterson, Oddy, and Rush. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the 3rd quarter budget amendments. Update provided by S. Holtz. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to set a public hearing on February 28, 2023, at 6:00 pm to review the 2023/2024 budget. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the FTA Drug and Alcohol Testing Protocol and Policy as recommended by the HR committee. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson to adopt the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2023-2027. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: None.

15. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 7:12 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date