

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 7:19 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Trustees: LaPorte, Morgan, Oddy, and Rush. Treasurer Patterson excused. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, Township Manager Burdick, Water Director Danci and 7 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Agenda with the following addition:
Add item G. Consider approval for Ashley Harris to be interim deputy treasurer from 12:00 pm through 5:00 pm, February 28, 2023; and to be compensated at the deputy pay for 5 hours.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment: Three (1) attendee spoke.

5. Minutes: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2023 and accept the planning commission minutes of November 10, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Morgan to approve warrants totaling \$2,732,937.02. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7-11. Reports. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to receive and file all reports.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response: Trustee LaPorte thanked the fire and police departments for their efforts during the recent ice storm.

14. New Business:

A. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission for re-zoning parcel #81-013-99-0026-000 (45476 Harris Road) from R-2 to C-1.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve Deputy Treasurer Campbell to attend the MMTA basic institute program from April 23rd-April 28th, with a cost not to exceed \$1,332.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to offer all eligible employees the MedMutual Voluntary & Dependent Life program effective March 2023 at no cost to Sumpter Township.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the fire department grant writing fee of \$5,165 to JW2 Fire Consultants for the 2022/ 2023 FEMA AFG cycle. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to assign the Township Manager, Township Attorney, and Public Safety Director to the blight remediation committee and direct them to address extreme, last-resort blight issues.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to direct Township Manager Burdick to obtain the highest bid and proposed use that is being offered for Parcel #81-102- 99-0006-000 Martinsville Road (69.36 acres). And re-instate the listing agreement with Moving The Mitten. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve Ashley Harris to be interim deputy treasurer from 12:00 PM THROUGH 5:00 PM, February 28, 2023; and to be compensated at the deputy pay for 5 hours.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

15. Announcements: None.

Closed Session: Pursuant to MCL 15.268 to consider attorney-client privileged material; regarding pending litigation.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to go into closed session at 7:41 pm.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte to reconvene the meeting at 7:54 pm.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to have the attorney proceed as directed.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

16. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:55 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Deputy Clerk K. Arruatis
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date