

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: LaPorte, Oddy, Morgan and Rush. 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 17 attendees.

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

4. Public Comment: Three (3) attendees spoke.

5. Minutes: Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve warrants totaling \$223,222.61. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Rush gave the Parks and Recreation report during the workshop, and stated Family Fun Day was great. Thanked the volunteers, Willow Party Store, Ace Hardware, Austin bounce house, Oddy family, Patterson, Burdick, Campbell, Engle, Scott, Greg, Sharon, and Richard. Burdick gave out ribbons and gift cards to kids from the fishing derby. K. Sandors, L. Sandors, T. Orr, M. Ayer, C. Phillips, C. Campbell. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to accept the report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8, 9, 11 Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson receive and file the water/sewer report treasurer's report, and senior's reports. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. Trustee Oddy stated planning commission was having a public hearing on August 10, 2023 for adoption of a pond ordinance and large solar farms would be held in November. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to accept the planning/zoning report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response: Morgan asked when Comcast channel will be running board meetings if it was the same time. Morgan asked about location of the handicap swings at the parks. The answer is the placement had to be accessible by automobile, and they could be moved in the future if need be.

13. New Business:

- A. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte for approval of Martinsville Cemetery committee members of Anthony Burdick, Scott Holtz, Karen Armatis, and Jared Bellingham. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to adopt quarter 1 fiscal year 2023-2035 budget amendments. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by LaPorte supported by Bowman to table until 2nd meeting in August and continue with Swim at own Risk signs. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Bowman to discuss, in open session, the grievances provided by AFSCME to Sumpter Township on behalf of employee Acheenia Hall. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Morgan, supported by Hurst to pay Hall for 30-day suspension and take disciplinary action out of personnel file. Roll call vote: Yes: Morgan. Nay: Bowman, Hurst, Patterson, LaPorte, Oddy, and Rush. Motion failed.
- F. Motion by Bowman, supported by Patterson to deny AFSCME grievance process step 2, thereby letting disciplinary action stand. Roll call vote: Yes: Bowman, Patterson, Hurst, Oddy, LaPorte, and Rush. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: Blood drive being held on July 26, 2023, noon to 6:00 pm at the community center

15. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to adjourn at 8:25 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Deputy Clerk K. Armatis Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date