

**Sumpter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111  
Minutes**

The meeting called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:54 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for former Police Chief James Pierce.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: LaPorte, Oddy, and Rush. Trustee Morgan excused. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, Finance Director Holtz, Water Superintendent Danci, and 10 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/Open Floor: Three (3) attendees spoke.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the regular board meeting minutes of July 25, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve warrants totaling \$765,853.05. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Motion by Bowman, supported by Hurst to receive and file all reports. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response: Trustee Oddy stated that parks and recreation is looking for volunteers, Trustees Rush and LaPorte agreed.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to have Cari Ford conduct a water study. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve obligating and not exceed \$35,000.00 in available ARPA funds for the relocation and construction of the Township Recycling Center to the Capital Projects Fund. Roll call vote: Yes: Oddy, Hurst, Rush, and Patterson in favor. Nay: Bowman and LaPorte. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the quote from AirDoctor to replace the rooftop AC East unit for the township community center at a cost of \$37,680.25 and get an estimate for a gas line. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: Stuff-A-Truck Saturday, August 12, 2023, from noon to 4:00 pm

15. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to go into closed session at 7:18 pm to consider attorney-client privileged material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal law referencing current MAFF agreement status, MCL 15.268c. with LaPorte asking to be excused. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

16. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to come back in session at 7:50 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

18. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to adjourn at 8:51 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Deputy Clerk K. Armatis Sumpter Township

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Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date