

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Hurst at 7:39 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: LaPorte, Oddy, Morgan and Rush. Supervisor Bowman excused. 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 1 attendee.

Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy to have Trustee Rush chair the meeting. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Agenda with Items C and G tabled. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Proclamation for Chief James Pierce-read by Public Safety Director/Chief Luke

5. Public Comment: One (1) attendee spoke.

6. Minutes: Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve warrants totaling \$269,164.66. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to receive and file parks and recreation report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to accept the water/sewer report as read by Danci. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush to receive and file the treasurer's report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. Trustee Oddy stated planning commission was having a public hearing on November 9, 2023, for the adoption of a large solar farm ordinance. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson to accept the planning/zoning report. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response: Rawsonville Road is still closed, the open date is unknown due to a waterline issue. Discussion on ditch clearing, the homeowner is responsible for cleaning ditches, and the County does the roads.

13. Unfinished Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to update signage at Sherwood Pond to 3' x 3' signs that state "Swim At Your Own Risk". Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

14. New Business:

A. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Patterson to accept the resignation of firefighter Richard Landskroener, effective July 30, 2023, with regrets. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to approve KCI as the 3rd party billing service for all water, sewer & utilities billing, at an approximate quarterly billing cost of \$2,500.00 effective October 1, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: Hurst, Patterson, LaPorte, Rush and Oddy. Nay: Morgan. Motion carried.

C. TABLE. Consider approval of the previously provided draft position descriptions and the attached inventory for township management and employee direction and use.

D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson to approve the previously provided revised 2014 township employee policy manual for management and employee direction and use. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Morgan, supported by Patterson to approve D. Hadyniak to attend the MAMC fall conference from November 28, 2023, through November 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion to Oddy, supported by LaPorte to accept the planning commission's recommendation to amend the Ponds and Farm Ponds ordinance section 6.39. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

G. TABLE. Consider approval of the grinder pump purchase program and the planned in-house pump repair program.

14. Announcements: Chief Luke announced a successful Stuff-A-Truck event. All the school supplies collected were delivered to Brick, Keystone, and Savage elementary schools. Chief Luke thanked all the vendors who brought their "trucks" and Kona Ice and Red Rooster for refreshments and food. He also thanked the volunteers who helped with the event. JT Crova donated \$2,500 to the community outreach program.

Township Manager Burdick announced the parks and recreation was planning a small event for October a Chili cookoff and BBQ event for a Friday and Saturday.

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

Minutes prepared by: Deputy Clerk K. Armatis Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date