

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 14TH, 2026
6:00 P.M.

1. Invocation: Pastor Jim McKinnies with Willis Baptist Church
2. Pledge of Allegiance
ADDED* Motion by Bowman supported by Frazier to not hold the workshop.
Yay: Bowman, Rush, Honey, Frazier. Nay: LaPorte and Oddy. Motion Carried.
3. Presentation: 25 Years of Volunteer Service for Christine Wenderski
 - Trustee Oddy recommends reviewing volunteer program and have either a resolution or program that recognizes our volunteers' years of contributions to the Township.
4. Roll Call: Bowman, LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Frazier, & Honey. Excused: Patterson.
5. Public Comment: Two (2) attendees spoke.
6. Approve Agenda: Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to approve the agenda with the addition a closed session with the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees pursuant to MCL 15.268(c)(e)(h) items:
 1. Exemption 15.268 (c), updates and discussions regarding negotiations with the COAM and AFSCME and reviewing strategy and related matters.
 2. Exemption 15.268 (e), to discuss strategy and update as to pending litigation, Sumpter Township vs. Republic.
 3. Exemptions 15.268 (h), to discuss matters that are privileged as attorney client communications.)As well as to remove Unfinished Business item A. and amend the New Business item F. to Consider approval to replace the Township Hall Women's ***& Men's** restroom stalls with the awarded \$8,600.00 from the former Township Cleaners.
Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

7. Minutes: Motion by Frazier, supported by LaPorte, to approve June 23rd, 2026, minutes.
Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
8. Warrants: Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to approve the warrants \$571,648.72.
Roll Call: Yay: None. Nay: LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Frazier, Honey and Bowman.
Motion Carried.
ADDED* Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve only the utilities and medical portions of the warrants. Yay: All. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
9. Finance Report: Motion by Frazier supported by Oddy to approve the Finance Report.
Yay: All. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
10. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte, to receive & file Supervisor's report as the Supervisor does not have any updates.
Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
11. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to accept the Township Attorney's report. Yay:
All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
12. Motion by Frazier, supported by Rush, to receive and file the Police/Ordinance report.
Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
13. Motion by Frazier, supported by Patterson, to receive & file Building report.
Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
14. Motion by Rush, supported by Frazier, to accept the Fire report as read by Chief Goode. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
15. Board Response:
 - Trustee Rush expressed thanks to the fire and police departments, Department of Public Works and all of the volunteers for all the contributions for the Summer Jam event!
 - Clerk LaPorte expressed a purchasing order policy training will be occurring for all department heads. Clerk LaPorte asked for a moratorium on all spending until department heads receive the training. Also, Clerk LaPorte is conducting an account review for all of the Township open accounts with various

businesses and putting a hold on them until training is received with the exception of police and fire departments.

- Trustee Rush expressed thanks to the various donations from sponsors that parks and recreation received.
- Motion by Bowman supported by Rush to approve Trustee/Liaison Tim Rush to be issued a township credit card for Parks and Recreation use.

Roll Call: Bowman, LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Frazier, and Honey.

16. Unfinished Business:

- A. **REMOVED*** Consider motion to withdraw board approved (1/27/26) of sale of township owned properties: 81-122-99-0007-701 (Rawsonville Rd) for \$300,000; 81-102-99-0006-000 (Martinsville Rd) for \$200,000.
- B. Motion by Oddy supported by Oddy to **REMOVE** the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Sumpter Township Command Officers Association of Michigan from 4/1/2026 through 9/30/2030.

17. New Business:

- A. **AMENDED*** Motion by Frazier supported by Bowman to approve to appoint TJ Bowman as the Deputy Supervisor ***PLUS** effective July 14th, 2026 at the same pay rate of \$8,200 per year.
Yay: Bowman, Frazier, and Rush. Nay: LaPorte, Oddy, and Honey. Motion failed.
Supervisor Bowman abruptly excused himself from the meeting and appointed Trustee Rush to Chair the remainder of the meeting.
ADDED* Trustee Rush mad a motion for himself to chair the remainder of the meeting supported by Frazier. Yay: All. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- B. Motion by supported by approval to accept the non-duty disability retirement of Elizabeth Egerer, effective immediately.
- C. Consider approval to adopt the Zoning Compliance Form and the fee schedule reflecting the Zoning Compliance fee.
- D. Consider approval of Ken Martens Final Separation PTO/Vacation Payout of \$5,679.78
- E. Consider approval to accept the CLEMIS Authority resolution and agreement.

- F. Consider approval to replace the Township Hall Women's restroom stalls with the awarded \$8,600.00 from the former Township Cleaners.
- G. Consider approval of Mr. Brian Messer application for his annual private Firework display located at his residence at 41005 Judd Road, Belleville, MI on July 18th, 2026, at approximately 10:00 p.m.

18. Announcements: None.

19. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Donald LaPorte, Clerk

Minutes prepared by:
S. Herman, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Don La Porte, Clerk

Date

Timothy P. Bowman, Supervisor

Date