

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21ST, 2026
6:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Also in attendance were Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Herman, Public Safety Director Luke, and Township Manager Marten.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to approve the agenda.

Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

4. Public Comment: None.

5. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to discuss the bids received for the exterior work on the police department, Senior Center, Community Center, DPW Building and Library as well as the future outlook and plans for the township owned facilities. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion:

- Trustee Frazier suggested to no longer discussing the vinyl siding option and to proceed with the metal siding option. Trustee Frazier noted the bid difference in price between vinyl and metal is roughly \$45,000 and metal would be the longer lasting and more durable option. All board members agreeance to discuss only the metal option going forward as it is preferred.
- Trustee Frazier notated some electrical needs to be replaced in the Community Center; Roughly 8-10 lights and exposed conduit in some areas. Trustees Rush, Oddy, and Treasurer Patterson notated that electrical was not part of the bid request and this would be an additional cost. Trustees Rush, Oddy and Treasurer Patterson suggested to stay on task with the metal siding discussion.
- Trustee Frazier and Supervisor Bowman notated that the DPW Building in the rear needs extensive work and to have an electrician come out to assist with the various electrical wires for safety purposes.

- Treasurer Patterson notated that the bidders do not have a workers compensation policy listed on their respective certificate of liabilities. Furthermore, Treasurer Patterson stated this will of course need to be corrected prior to board approval and any contract.
- Trustee Rush suggested to obtain general estimates with add Ons for electrical replacement where needed.
- Supervisor Bowman suggested to obtain these estimates locally. If an estimate is more than 10k then the Township would have to go out for Request for Proposal as per the Township purchasing policy.
- Treasurer Patterson recommended the Board walk around the campus to review of all request for proposal details to assess before meeting on May 28th, 2026.
- Trustee Oddy expressed concern regarding the significant price difference in metal bids between bidders.
- Trustee Frazier advised he would work on obtaining estimates from local electricians to present on Thursday, May 28th, 2026 Special Board Workshop Meeting to include in the continued discussion of the exterior infrastructure improvements to the listed Township facilities.
- Clerk LaPorte recommended pictures and/or a cad design to better visually illustrate the color of metal against the pre-existing brick for better visual image.

14. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.
 Yes: All in favor. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

Donald LaPorte, Clerk

Minutes prepared by:
 Deputy Clerk S. Herman
 Sumpter Township

Don LaPorte, Clerk

Date

Timothy P. Bowman, Supervisor

Date