SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTMBER 22ND, 2026
6:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Bowman, LaPorte, Patterson, Frazier, Rush and Honey. Excused: Oddy.
   Also in attendance were Attorney Young, Township Administrative Coordinator Armatis, Public Safety/ Police Chief Luke, Chief Goode, and DPW Director Tabor.
3. **AMENDED*** Agenda: Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to approve the agenda ***with the addition of a CLOSED SESSION: Request a closed session with the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees pursuant to the following items:**
   ➢ MCL 15.268 (c) for the following: Updates and discussions regarding negotiations with AFSCME and reviewing strategy and related matters.
   ➢ MCL 15.268 (e) Pending litigation.
   As well as, AMEND item B. to include the amount of $7,822.00 and the funds will be from Capital Projects. AMEND Item D. funds will be from Capital Projects.
   Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Minutes:
   - Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to approve the Planning Commission Minutes of July 9th, 2026.
   - Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 8th, 2026.
   - Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of September 14th, 2026.

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

6. Warrants**:** Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to approve warrants $305,380.30.
   Roll Call Vote: Yay: Bowman, LaPorte, Patterson, Fraizer, Rush, and Honey.
   Nay: None. Excused: Oddy.
   Motion Carried.

7. Motion by LaPorte supported by Frazier to accept the Parks & Recreation report as read by Trustee/Liaison Rush.
   Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to accept the Water and Sewer report as read by DPW Director Tabor. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Frazier supported by Rush to receive and file the Treasurer's Report as read by Treasurer Patterson.
   Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
10. Board Response:
    - LaPorte – Asked for Fire Chief Goode to speak.
    - Patterson – Expressed a website committee needs to be comprised. Supervisor Bowman appointed Clerk, Treasurer, Supervisor and in the absence of the Clerk, the Deputy Clerk.
    - Patterson – HR/Finance Assistant recommend to hold off on interviews for 6 weeks to allow the new Finance Director to become acclimated.
    - Patterson – Township Manager applicant review, Special Board Meeting Wednesday, September 30th at 6 p.m.

    New Business:

    A. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson to approve of the employment agreement for the Township Finance Director.
       Yay: Bowman, LaPorte, Patterson, Frazier, Rush and Honey. Nay: None.
       Excused: Oddy. Motion Carried.

    B. **AMENDED*** Motion by Patterson, supported by Frazier to approve change order request for exterior improvements on the Sumpter Township Community Center, Police Department, DPW Building and Public Restrooms. The Change order includes a required roof repair on the Community Center, installing a new entry door on the rear of the Police 1 Department, painting the DPW window frames as well as the Steel Supports/Beams at the entrance of the Community Center, as well as installing Gutters and Downspouts on the Public Restroom behind the pavilion. ***In the amount of $7,822.00 and the funds to be used from Capital Projects.**
       Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

C. Motion by Frazier, supported by Rush to approve to seek bids for Handicap Ramp Hand Rail and Stair Rail replacement at the entrance of the police department. Note: Unfortunately, due to the extent of the rust and corrosion, there is already busted or broken ballast.

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

D. **AMENDED*** Motion by Frazier supported by LaPorte to approve to accept the Masonry Project Proposal from Mechanical Contracting Services in the amount of $65,000 for RFP#26004 with the execution of contractual terms including the Familial Disclosure and Terrorism Affidavit. This RFP was originally approved on 04/14/2026, then republished by board approval again on 6/9/2026. ***Funds to be used from Capital Projects.**
Yay: Bowman, LaPorte, Patterson, Frazier, Rush & Honey. Nay: None.
Excused: Oddy. Motion Carried.

E. AMENDED* Motion by Frazier supported by Rush to approve MCS, Mechanical Contracting Services in the amount of $2,750 to reduce the Finn Tube Section from the evidence room to allow for the installation of the new Exterior Door. These funds are to be deducted from the budgeted building repair in the police budget.

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

F. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to approve of the Planning Commissions recommendation to the Board with the requirement that the Board draft a letter in support or denial of the Wetland Application through the ordinance of the Township.

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

11. Announcements:

Frazier – Update regarding the Exterior Infrastructure Project.

12. **ADDED* CLOSED SESSION:**

ADDED* G. Motion by Patterson supported by Frazier to go to Closed session at 7:11 p.m. under

➢ MCL 15.268 (c) for the following: Updates and discussions regarding negotiations with AFSCME and reviewing strategy and related matters

➢ MCL 15.268 (e) Pending litigation

Roll Call: Yay: Bowman, LaPorte, Patterson, Frazier, Rush and Honey. Nay: None. Excused: Oddy. Motion Carried.

H.ADDED* Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to come out of closed session and rejoin the open meeting at 7:58 p.m. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

I.ADDED* Motion by Frazier supported by Rush to direct the Township Attorneys to proceed as discussed in the Closed Session. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

13. Adjournment: Motion by LaPorte supported by Patterson to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

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

Donald LaPorte, Clerk

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

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Don LaPorte, Clerk Date

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Tim Bowman, Supervisor Date