

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 26TH, 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, Township Manager Marten, Chief Luke, Chief Goode, Finance Director Campbell, and DPW Director Tabor.
3. Agenda: Motion by Rush supported by Bowman to approve the agenda with the addition of four Parks & Recreation Items; Items H through K.
Roll Call Vote: Bowman, LaPorte, Oddy, Frazier, Bowman, Rush & Honey.
Nay: Patterson. Motion Carried.
Motion by Bowman to remove item A. from the agenda. Motion died due to lack of support.
4. Public Comment: One (1) attendees spoke.
5. Presentation: Safer Grant for Staffing at Fire Station – Fire Chief Goode
6. Public Hearing:
 - A. Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to open the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. for the adoption of the final project planning document for drinking water system improvements and designating an authorized project representative. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
 - B. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to close the public hearing at 6:54 p.m. for the adoption of the final project planning document for drinking water system improvements and designating an authorized project representative. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
7. Minutes:
 - A. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of May 11th, 2026. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
 - B. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 12th, 2026. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

8. **Warrants:** Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to approve warrants \$209,417.34.
Roll Call Vote: Yay: Bowman, LaPorte, Patterson, Fraizer, Oddy, Rush, and Honey.
Nay: None. Motion Carried.
9. Motion by Frazier, supported by Oddy to accept the Parks & Recreation report as read by Trustee/Liaison Rush. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Patterson supported by Frazier to receive and file the finance report.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Rush, supported by Pattersen to accept the Water and Sewer report as read by DPW Director Tabor. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Patterson, supported by Frazier to accept the Township Manager report as read by Township Manager Marten.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
13. Motion by Patterson supported by Oddy to accept the Treasurer's Report as read by Treasurer Patterson.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
14. Board Response: None.
15. New Business:
 - A. Motion by Bowman supported by Honey to **TABLE** to hire Joshua Scott as a part-time ordinance officer contingent on his passing a drug test.
Roll Call Vote: Yay: Honey, Bowman. Nay: LaPorte, Patterson, Frazier, Oddy, and Rush. Motion died.

Motion by Patterson supported by Oddy to approve to hire Josh as a part-time ordinance officer contingent on his passing a drug test. Roll Call: Yay: LaPorte, Patterson, Frazier, Oddy, Rush. Nay: Honey and Bowman. Motion Carried.
 - B. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to approve to hire Jonathan Grinnell as a full-time police officer, continent on his passing a physical, drug test, and psychological exam, with a amended \$500 ***\$900** academy costs reimbursement made to him upon successful completion of the field training program. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

- C. Motion by Frazier supported by Oddy to approve to purchase the Provident accidental & health (policy# PRCO-92102-MI1025) three (3) year prepaid present installment policy for the fire department from Acrisure, at a cost of \$14,946.00.
Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- D. Consider approval to authorize Carlisle Wortman Associates to audit and update the Township Zoning Ordinance at a cost not to exceed \$21,000.
No Board action was taken regarding this item.
- E. Motion by Frazier supported by Oddy to approve of Hennessey Engineer's design and construction management proposal for Martinsville Pump Station repair in the amount of \$35,000. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy, to adopt the resolution 2026-03, to adopt a final project planning document for drinking water system improvements and designating an authorized project representative.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to **TABLE** of Request for Proposal (RFP) for as-needed or emergency sewer and water repair.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- H. **ADDED*** Motion by Frazier supported by Honey to approve of proposed date change from May 23rd, 2026, to July 3rd, 2026, and name change for the concert to "Sumpter Summer Jam, America 250 Celebration" by Parks & Rec.
Yay: Bowman, LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Frazier and Honey. Nay: Patterson.
Motion Carried.
- I. **ADDED*** Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to approve of the Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Sponsorship Letter ***for 2026**.
Yay: Bowman, LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Frazier and Honey. Nay: Patterson.
Motion Carried.
- J. **ADDED*** Motion by Frazier supported by LaPorte to approve of adding to calendar of events for Parks & Recreation, Vendor Market & Yard Sale August 21, 22, 23 2026.
Yay: Bowman, LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Frazier and Honey. Nay: Patterson.
Motion Carried.

K. ADDED* Motion by Frazier supported by Oddy to approve of new positions for Sumpter Parks & Recreation, Michelle Baughman as Chair, Trish Behnke as Secretary and Kristen McCray as a new committee member.

Yay: Bowman, LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Frazier and Honey. Nay: Patterson.
Motion Carried.

16. **Announcements:** None.

17. **Closed Session:**

Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c), Request a closed session with the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees for the purpose of updating and discussing the strategy desired by the Township as to preliminary negotiations with AFSCME, FOP and COAM Bargaining Units.

A. ADDED* Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to go to *Closed session* at 7:33 p.m. under MCL 15.268 (c) for the following:

Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c), Request a closed session with the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees for the purpose of updating and discussing the strategy desired by the Township as to preliminary negotiations with AFSCME Bargaining Unit.

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

B. ADDED* Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to rejoin the open meeting at 8:54 p.m. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

C. ADDED* Motion by Oddy supported by Frazier to instruct Township Manager and Township Attorney to proceed as directed in the Closed Session.

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

18. **Announcements:** None.

19. **Adjournment:** Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to adjourn at 8:54 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

Tim Bowman, Supervisor

Date