

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025
6:00 P.M.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call:** Bowman, LaPorte, Patterson, Frazier, Oddy, Rush and Honey.
3. **Agenda:** Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to approve the agenda ***with the additions of items D, E & F.** Which are as follows: **Item D.** Consider approval to purchase a skid steer, mini excavator and trailer(s) for the DPW not to exceed \$250,000.00. **Item E.** Consider approval of the L-4029 form to set the 2025 Tax Levy. **Item F.** Consider approval to enter into a closed session to discuss privileged information contained within a confidential letter drafted by the attorney. The subject matter is exempt under the open meetings act. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
4. **Presentation:** Tiffany Neubig of Hennessey Engineers: Projects Update.
5. **Public Comment:** Two (2) attendees spoke.
6. **Minutes:**
 - A. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to approve the regular board meeting minutes of September 9th, 2025. Motion Carried.
 - B. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to approve the regular planning commission meeting minutes of August 14th, 2025. Motion Carried.
 - C. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to approve the regular parks and rec meeting minutes of August 18th, 2025. Motion Carried.
7. **Warrants:** Motion by Frazier supported by Rush to approve warrants \$263,919.86
Roll Call Vote: Yes: Oddy, Frazier, Patterson, Bowman, LaPorte, Rush & Honey.
Nay: None. Motion Carried.
8. Motion by Patterson supported by LaPorte to accept the Parks & Recreation report as read by Liaison Rush. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
9. Motion by Patterson supported by Oddy to accept the Finance Directors report as read by Finance Director Campbell. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

10. Motion by LaPorte supported by Rush to accept the Water & Sewer Report as read by DPW Director Tabor. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

11. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to accept the Township Manager report as read by Township Manger Marten. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Key points from TM Report:

- TM continues to recommend the Board to attend the Michigan Township Association Seminar in September and October 2025.
- Website
- Logo Committee update
- Hiring policy drafts
- Purchase of a skid steer that will be a part of item 14 D. discussion.

12. Motion by LaPorte supported by Frazier to accept the Treasurer's Report as read by Treasurer Patterson ***with approval to allow in this one instance wave what Sumpter Township collects through penalties and fees for a local business' personal property tax.** Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

13. Board Response:

- Honey expressed thanks to Treasurer Patterson for spearheading the cleaning of the ditches surrounding Banotai Park.
- Moment of silence for Charlie Kirk

14. New Business:

- A. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to accept Planning Commission Member Paul Armstrong's resignation request to the Commission effective immediately *with regrets*. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- B. Motion by LaPorte supported by Rush to approve of 4- year contract with Revize as webhost for township's website at \$3,025 per year. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- C. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to approve to purchase 4 benches, 5 recycled plastic trash receptacles, and separate contract with Rod Porter Construction to install 138' of Handicap sidewalk to provide safe access to the new playscape feature. Total cost not to exceed \$18,330.00 to be paid from Capital Projects. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

- D. **ADDED*** Motion by Bowman support by Frazier to approve to purchase a skid steer, mini excavator and trailer(s) for the DPW not to exceed \$250,000.00. Yes: Oddy, Frazier, Bowman, LaPorte, Rush, & Honey. Nay: Patterson. Motion Carried.
- E. **ADDED*** Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to approve the L-4029 form to set the 2025 Tax Levy. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- F. **ADDED*** Motion to LaPorte supported by Patterson to enter into a closed session to discuss privileged information contained within a confidential letter drafted by the attorney. The subject matter is exempt under the open meetings act. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- G. **ADDED*** Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to end the closed session and return to the regular board meeting. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- H. **ADDED*** Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to direct the attorney to move as directed in the closed session.

15. **Announcements:** None.

16. **Adjournment:** Motion by Patterson, supported by Frazier, to adjourn at 7 :38 pm. All in favor. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

Donald LaPorte, Clerk

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk S. Herman
Sumpter Township

Samantha Herman, Deputy Clerk

Date

Don La Porte, Clerk

Date