

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11TH, 2026
6:00 P.M.

1. Invocation: Pastor Seth Westmoreland with Bethany Bible Church in Belleville.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Bowman, LaPorte, Patterson, Oddy, Rush, Frazier, & Honey.
4. Public Comment: Four (4) attendees spoke.
5. Approve Agenda: Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to approve the agenda with the removal of item I. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
6. Minutes: Motion by Frazier, supported by Rush, to approve July 28th, 2026, minutes. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
7. Warrants: Motion by Rush, supported by Frazier, to approve the warrants \$132,279.36. Roll Call: Yay: None. Nay: LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Frazier, Honey and Bowman. Motion Carried.
8. Finance Report: Motion by Patterson supported by Bowman to approve the Finance Report. Yay: All. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
9. Motion by Bowman, supported by Rush, to receive & file Supervisor's report as the Supervisor does not have any updates. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
10. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to accept the Township Attorney's report as he does not have any updates. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
11. Motion by Frazier, supported by Rush, to receive and file the Police/Ordinance report. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
12. Motion by Bowman, supported by Frazier, to receive & file Building report. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
13. Motion by Frazier, supported by Bowman, to receive and file the Fire Report. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
14. Board Response:

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15. New Business:

- A. Motion by Frazier supported by Patterson to approve of the post for the Township Manager Position. Yay: Bowman, Patterson, Oddy, Rush, Frazier & Honey. Nay: LaPorte. Motion Carried.
- B. Motion by Patterson supported by Frazier to approve of the post for Finance Director position. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- C. Motion by Patterson supported by Oddy to post for the HR Specialist/Finance Assistant position. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- D. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve of the Sumpter Township hiring policies. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- E. Motion by Patterson supported by Oddy to approve of Maner Costerisan's proposal to prepare a Water and Sewer Rate Study not to exceed \$16,450.00.
Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- F. Motion by Frazier supported by Oddy to approve of Maner Costerisan to prepare and maintain the Sumpter 2026/2027 Budget with amendments under the current professional service's contract at the contracted per hour rate schedule.
Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- G. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve to contract with Maner Costerisan to facilitate a 2-hour budget and financial planning workshop for the board at the estimated cost not to exceed \$4,600.00.
Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- H. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to approve a Change Order Addendum in relation to the approved Electrical Contract with CRG that was approved by the BOT previously. The addendum includes additional lighting installation on the exterior of the building at the request of Chief Luke to alleviate some "Shadow Areas" as well as new dedicated circuits installed in the gymnasium for the Voting Tabulators at the request of the Clerk's Office. Both individual estimates are attached but for simplicity CRG has combined them into one change order to the sum of \$7,124.00

- I. **REMOVED*** Reconsider approval of a pay rate of \$8,200 per year for Deputy Supervisor TJ Bowman.

16. Announcements: None.

17. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Frazier, to adjourn at 6:50 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