

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 25TH, 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 Administrative Coordinator Armatis, Lt. Steffani, 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 closed session with the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c) item:**

- **Updates and discussions regarding negotiations with AFSCME and reviewing strategy and related matters. As well as adding language to item E.*** Consider approval to purchase and install a submersible pump for Martinsville pump station ***Not to exceed \$22,520.00.**

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

4. Public Comment: Two (2) attendees spoke.

5. Minutes:

- Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 6th, 2026.
- Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 10th, 2026.
- Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 11th, 2026.
- Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 13th, 2026.

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

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to approve warrants \$140,866.89.

Roll Call Vote: Yay: Bowman, LaPorte, Patterson, Fraizer, Oddy, Rush, and Honey.

Nay: None. Motion Carried.

7. Motion by Patterson supported by Oddy 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 LaPorte supported by Oddy 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 – Announced the August 4th, 2026, Primary Election was Certified by the Board of Canvassers.
- Frazier – Provided an update regarding the Exterior Infrastructure Project actively making progress.
- Patterson – Finance Director first interview occurred and sought guidance from the Board as to what the interviewing process should be.

11. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to name Scott Holtz and Karen Armatis as Martinsville Cemetery sextons.

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

B. **AMENDED*** Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson to approve of Parks & Recreation amended budget for October 3, 2026, ***NOT to exceed \$10,000 from donated funds.**

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

C. Motion by Frazier, supported by Oddy to approve to install new push/panic bars on township hall back doors at a cost of \$2,600.00.

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

D. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to approve to direct CWA to draft a letter of support to Belinda and Rocky Frazier, Applicants for the Wayne

County Land Bank Property 12895 Rawsonville., Belleville, MI 48111 for their Orchard Expansion. ***As well as to have the Township Assessor review and ensure the record is up to date with the Wayne County Public records for this property; size and legal description.**

*Trustee Frazier noted that he DOES NOT have any relation to Mr. and Mrs. Frazier.

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

- E. **AMENDED*** Motion by Oddy supported by Frazier to approve to purchase and install a submersible pump for Martinsville pump station ***not to exceed \$22,540.00**

Yay: Bowman, Patterson, Oddy, Rush, Frazier & Honey. Nay: LaPorte.

Motion Carried.

- F. **ADDED*** Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to have J& T Crova remove the Tower behind the DPW building at no expense to the Township.

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

12. Announcements: **ADDED* G.** Fire Fighter Armstrong announced the Chicken Broil event is returning this year to the Township and sought board approval for event and insurance coverage purposes.

13. Announcements:

G. ADDED* Motion by Patterson supported by Rush for Sumpter Township Fire Department and MAFF #343 to host the Chicken Broil at the Fire Hall, 20550 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 on Sunday, September 13th from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

14. **ADDED* CLOSED SESSION:**

ADDED* Motion by LaPorte supported by Rush to go to Closed session at 6:58 p.m. under MCL 15.268 (c) for the following: Updates and discussions regarding negotiations with AFSCME and reviewing strategy and related matters

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

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

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

15. Adjournment: Motion by supported by to adjourn at 7:58 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