

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 9TH, 2025
6:00 P.M.

1. **Invocation:** Treasurer Patterson

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call:** Bowman, LaPorte, Patterson, Oddy, Rush, Frazier and Honey.

Agenda: Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to approve the agenda with the removal of item 16. G as requested by Township Manger Marten.

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

4. **Public Comment:** None.

5. **Minutes:**

A. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve the regular board meeting minutes of November 25th, 2025. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

B. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve the Regular Parks & Recreation Minutes of September 15th, 2025. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

C. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve the Regular Parks & Recreation Minutes of October 20th, 2025. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

6. **Warrants:** Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to approve warrants \$ 202,902.46.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Bowman, LaPorte, Patterson, Oddy, Rush, Frazier and Honey.

Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

7. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to receive and file the Supervisor Report.

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

8. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to accept the Township Manager Marten's Report.

Included the following:

- Holiday Employee Schedule – Township open between the holidays
- Township Logo Discussion – Feedback requested.

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

9. Motion by LaPorte supported by Rush to accept the Attorney's Report as read by Attorney Young.

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

10. Motion by Patterson supported by Frazier to accept the Police/Ordinance Report.

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

11. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to receive and file the Building Report. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

12. Motion by LaPorte supported by Patterson to accept the Fire Report.

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

13. Board Response:

- Rush announced that the Parks & Recreation meeting on December 15th, 2025, has been cancelled due to illness and meetings will re-commence in January 2026.
- Patterson suggests to the Board proactive planning for the holiday shutdown.
 - LaPorte suggested this topic be apart of union negotiations next year

14. Unfinished Business:

Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to approve the Special Planning Commission Minutes of September 11th, 2025. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

15. New Business:

- A. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson approval to accept the retirement of Fire Chief Rick Brown, effective December 31st, 2025, with regrets.

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

- B. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to approve to appoint Captain Jamie Goode as the interim Fire Chief, effective December 31st, 2025.

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

- C. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy approval of Resolution 2025-07, Wayne County Annual Permits A-26044, A-26133, & A-26099.

(These permits pertain to Wayne County DPS Engineering Division Permit Office combining the Annual Maintenance Permit, Annual Pavement Restoration Permit, and Annual Special Events Permit into one single application.)

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

- D. Motion by Patterson supported by LaPorte to approve of a resolution 2025-08 to approve the amended Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) agreement through the Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Council (WAMAC).

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

- E. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve of Resolution 2025-09 for annual exemption from Contribution Act 152 of 2011 as the Township meets the provisions for exemption as provided in the Act.

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

- F. Motion by Patterson supported by LaPorte to naming and approving the law firm of Pentiuk, Couvreur & Kobiljak P.C. as the Township attorney's beginning January 1st, 2026, and approving their retainer agreement provided.

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

- G. **REMOVED Draft Only: Bid for As Needed Emergency Sewer and Water Repairs.**

16. Announcements:

- Oddy and LaPorte congratulated Fire Chief Brown on his 40 years of service and dedication to the community.
- Rush expresses a very merry Christmas and blessed new year to all employees, residents/public.

17. Adjournment: Motion by Patterson supported by Frazier to adjourn at 6:25 pm.

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

Donald LaPorte, Clerk

Minutes prepared by:

Samantha Herman
Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

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