

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10TH, 2026
6:00 P.M.

1. **Invocation:** Pastor Bob White with Grace Baptist Church

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Also, in attendance was Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Herman, Chief Luke, Chief Goode, Finance Director Campbell, DPW Director Tabor.

4. **Agenda:** Motion by Patterson supported by LaPorte to approve the agenda with the **addition of CLOSED SESSION; 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.**

Roll Call Vote: Yay: Bowman, LaPorte, Patterson, Oddy, Rush, Frazier & Honey.

Nay: None. Motion Carried.

5. **Public Comment:** Three (3) attendees spoke.

6. **Minutes:**

A. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve the special meeting work study minutes of January 27th, 2026. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

B. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 27th, 2026. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

7. **Warrants:** Motion by Frazier supported by Oddy to approve warrants \$ 815,429.52.

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

Nay: None. Motion Carried.

8. Motion by Bowman supported by Oddy to receive and file the Supervisor Report.

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

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

10. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to receive and file the Attorney's Report.

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

11. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to accept the Police/Ordinance Report as read by Chief Luke. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Bowman, supported by Oddy, to accept the Building Report as read by Supervisor Bowman. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

13. Motion by Patterson supported by Frazier to accept the Fire Report as read by Chief Goode. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

14. Board Response:

- Rush announced severe weather season is fast approaching beginning in April. A Sky Warn Training will be available closer to the season if anyone wants to participate.

15. New Business:

A. AMENDED MOTION* Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to approve the meeting minutes of Parks & Recreation, 1-19- 2026 and the proposed schedule of events this year, pending event budgets and expenditure of \$1,400.00 for bus reservation for March 19th, 2026, Casino trip and informing Acrisure. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

B. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to approve of Severe Weather Policy Revision. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

C. Motion by LaPorte supported by Rush to approve of separation agreement between Sumpter Township and Debbie Nogle effective, 1/23/2026.

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

D. Motion by Frazier supported by Patterson to approve of of posi script for Human Resources /Finance Assistant position. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Closed Session;

Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) for the Board to be brought up to date and discuss Township labor negotiation strategy with the negotiation group as to the AFSCEE, FOP and COAM Labor Unions.

E. **ADDED*** Motion by Bowman supported by Rush to move into Closed Session at 6:52 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk LaPorte, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Frazier, and Honey. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. **ADDED*** Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to rejoin the open meeting at 7:51 p.m., return from Closed Session.

G. **ADDED*** Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to approve and direct the Township Attorney to address and take recommended actions on the issues discussed in the Closed Session.

Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk LaPorte, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Frazier and Honey. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Announcements: Deputy Clerk Herman announced May 5th, 2026, Special Election regarding Huron School District.

Adjournment: Motion by Frazier supported by Honey to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Yes: 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 LaPorte, Clerk

Date