

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24TH, 2026
6:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call: Bowman, Patterson, Frazier, Oddy, Rush and Honey. Excused: LaPorte

Also in attendance were Attorney Young, Township Manager Marten, Chief Luke, Chief Goode, Finance Director Campbell, and DPW Director Tabor.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to approve the agenda with the addition of item G. Set public hearing 2026-2027 Budget Public Hearing March 10th, 2026, at 6 p.m. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

4. Public Comment: None.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2026. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

B. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve the Planning Commission Minutes of January 8th, 2026. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Honey supported by Oddy to approve warrants \$3,801,893.02. Roll Call Vote: Yay: Bowman, Patterson, Fraizer, Oddy, Rush, and Honey. Excused: LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

7. Motion by Frazier, supported by Patterson to accept the Parks & Recreation report as read by Trustee/Liaison Rush. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson to accept the Finance report as read by Finance Director Campbell. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to accept the Water and Sewer report as read by DPW Director Tabor.

➤ *DPW Director Tabor reminds residents that water shut offs begin on the 25th of each month for accounts that have past due balances higher than \$200 after penalties have been calculated.*

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

10. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson to accept the Township Manager report as read by Township Manager Marten.

- ❖ Belleville District Library Sumpter Satellite Office – Astronomy event Thursday, March 26th, 2026.
- ❖ Proposed Judd Rd Paving Project Update – Estimated project budget \$1.7 million dollars (from July) and TM Marten was waiting on an update from the County and was advised by engineers that this amount is likely to increase by 3% higher. Continued discussion regarding this project will occur next month.
- ❖ After 27 years of Accountant contract services with Cari Ford Retirement, she will be retiring. The Township thanks Cari for her years of services.
- ❖ March 18th, TM Marten will be out of the office this morning, to attend a county training regarding “What Data Centers Mean for Local Governments.”
- ❖ March 19th, attending the SEMCGO meeting downtown in the afternoon.
- ❖ Draft of Declaration Public Safety Emergency pertaining to the gravel roads.

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

11. Motion by Frazier supported by Rush to accept the Treasurer’s Report as read by Treasurer Patterson.

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

12. Board Response: Declaration Public Safety Emergency pertaining to the gravel roads.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to open the First Reading ONLY of proposed ordinance amendments; proposed amended letter of agreement with CWA. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

B. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to increase hours of part-time driver Rodrick Thompson from less than 20 hours per week to 21 to 29 hours per week beginning April 1, 2026.

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

C. Motion by Frazier supported by Rush to approve of leave bank payout to Debbie Nogle totaling \$5,137.92.

Roll Call Vote: Yay: Bowman, Patterson (with regrets), Fraizer, Oddy, Rush, and Honey. Excused: LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

D. Motion by Frazier supported by Oddy to post for Human Resources Specialist/ Finance Assistant position with salary range of \$75,000 to \$85,000. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Frazier supported by Rush for the fire department to rejoin the Western Wayne County Mutual Aid Association with a reentry fee of \$12,634.50 and yearly dues of \$6,317.25 beginning July 1, 2026.

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

F. Motion by Frazier supported by Rush of remodeling project for Township Supervisor's area not to exceed \$140,500.00
Roll Call Vote: Yay: Bowman, Rush, Frazier, and Honey. Nay: Patterson, Oddy.
Excused: LaPorte. Motion Carried.

G. **ADDED*** Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to set public hearing 2026-2027 Budget Public Hearing March 10th, 2026, at 6 p.m.

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

H. **ADDED*** Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve the draft of Declaration of Public Safety Emergency pertaining to the gravel roads.

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

Closed Session:

Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to consider attorney-client privileged material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal law;

I. **ADDED*** Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to go to *Closed session* at 6:48 p.m. under MCL 15.628c and MCL 15.628h for the following:

1. Under MCL 15.628c - Discuss contract negotiations for AFSCME, FOP and COAM Unions.
2. Under MCL 15.628h - Review & discuss Twp Attorney's Opinion Letter.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bowman, Rush, Honey, Oddy, Patterson and Fraizer. Nay: None. Excused: LaPorte. Motion Carried.

J. **ADDED*** Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to rejoin the open meeting at 7:08 p.m. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

K. **ADDED*** Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to instruct Township Manager and Township Attorney to proceed as directed in the Closed Session.

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

14. **Announcements:** None.

15. **Adjournment:** Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Donald LaPorte, Clerk

Minutes prepared by:
Township Manager, Ken Marten
Sumpter Township

Samantha Herman, Deputy Clerk

Date

Don La Porte, Clerk

Date