

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13TH, 2026
6:00 P.M.

1. **Invocation:** Pastor Eddie Marcum River of Life Church
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Bowman, LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Frazier, and Honey. Excused: Patterson.
Also, in attendance was Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Herman, Chief Luke, Interim Chief Goode, Finance Director Campbell, DPW Director Tabor and 34th Circuit, Judge Martin.
4. **Agenda:** Motion by LaPorte supported by Rush to approve the agenda with the **addition of item H.** Consider approval of Jamie Goode as Sumpter Township Fire Chief effective January 13th, 2026, and pending contract approval.
Yay: All. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
5. **Public Comment:** Two (2) attendees spoke.
6. **Minutes:**
 - A. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve the special meeting workshop minutes of December 9th, 2026. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
 - B. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 9th, 2025. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
 - C. Minutes by Rush supported by Oddy to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of December 12th, 2025. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
7. **Warrants:** Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve warrants \$ 778,969.55.
Roll Call Vote: Yes: Oddy, Fraizer, Bowman, LaPorte, Rush and Honey. Excused: Patterson. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
8. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to receive and file the Supervisor Report.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
9. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to receive and file the Township Manager Marten's Report. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

10. 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.

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

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

14. Board Response:

- LaPorte spoke about residents reaching out to the Wayne County Road Commission to express concerns regarding the roads. LaPorte expressed that he has also called and emailed as well. The County will be out to grade the roads this week.
- LaPorte also provided an update regarding Judd Rd. paving project with Wayne County.
- Oddy voiced his opinion regarding the payment of Judd Rd.

15. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve to assign the Utility Billing Clerk position to the Treasurer's Office. This is to be dual supervisory in nature working closely with the DPW director. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

B. Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to appoint Katrina Guisgand to Sumpter Township Board of Review as an alternate member with her term ending December 31st, 2026. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

C. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to approve to accept the resignation, with regrets, of police officer Jesiah Rodriguez, effective January 7th, 2026. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

D. Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to approve of SMART Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract from FY 2026. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

E. Motion by Frazier supported by Oddy to approve of PTO and vacation amount for retired Fire Chief Richard Brown in the amount of \$7,539.43. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

F. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve of PTO and vacation payout for resigned Police Officer Jesiah Rodriguez in the amount of \$7,646.00. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

G. Motion by LaPorte supported by Frazier to approve of health insurance small group renewal package, with rates effective beginning February 1st, 2026, through January 31st, 2027. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

ADDED* H. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to approve of Jamie Goode as Sumpter Township Fire Chief effective, January 13th, 2026, and pending contract approval. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

16. Announcements: None.

17. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to adjourn at 6:33 pm

Donald LaPorte, Clerk

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk S. Herman
Sumpter Township

Samantha Herman, Deputy Clerk

Date

Don LaPorte, Clerk

Date