

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

1. Invocation: Pastor Bob Lafferty of Belleville Lighthouse Church
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Bowman, Patterson, Oddy, Rush, Frazier, & Honey. Excused: Clerk LaPorte.
4. Public Comment: One (1) attendee spoke
5. Approve Agenda: Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to approve the agenda.
Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
6. Minutes:

Motion by Patterson and supported by Rush, to approve the February 24th, 2026, meeting. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
7. Warrants:

Motion by Rush supported by Frazier, to approve the warrants \$1,545,473.89.

Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
 - o Treasurer Patterson made a comment regarding warrant cuts being issued, and the board did not approve.
8. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier, to receive & file Supervisor's report.

Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
9. Motion by Patterson supported by Rush, to receive & file Township Manager's report

Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
10. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier, to receive & file Police/Ordinance report.

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

11. Motion by Patterson supported by Rush, to receive & file Building report

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

12. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush, to receive & file Fire report

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

13. Board Response: None.

14. New Business:

A. Motion by Frazier, supported by Oddy, to approve the Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association (MABAS) agreement through the Western Wayne Mutual Aid Association (WWMAA). Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Rush, supported by Frazier, to reschedule public hearing for 26/27 Fiscal Year budget for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2026. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Patterson supported by Rush, to go in to *Closed Session*, Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c), 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 at 6:36 p.m.

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

C. **ADDED*** Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to rejoin the open meeting at 7:40 p.m., return from Closed Session. Roll Call: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Frazier, and Honey. Nay: None. Excused: LaPorte Motion carried.

D. **ADDED*** Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve and direct the Township Attorney and the Township Manager to address and take recommended actions on the issues discussed in the Closed Session. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Frazier, and Honey. Nay: None. Excused: LaPorte. Motion carried.

15. Announcements: None.

16. Adjournment: Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy, to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

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

Donald LaPorte, Clerk

Minutes prepared by:

A. Hall, Clerk's Office Assistant

Sumpter Township

Samantha Herman, Deputy Clerk

Date

Don La Porte, Clerk

Date