

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28TH, 2025
6:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call: LaPorte, Patterson, Frazier, Oddy, Rush and Honey. Excused: Bowman.
Township Manager, Marten absent.

A. **ADDED*** Motion by Patterson supported by Frazier to have Trustee Rush chair the meeting.

3. Agenda: Motion by Patterson supported by Frazier to approve the agenda.
Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

New Business:

A. Motion by Patterson supported by Oddy to promote firefighter Michael Wisniewski, Jr to the rank of lieutenant, effective immediately. Effective 10/29/25 Pay Rate from \$22.52 to \$23.84. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

4. Presentation: Martinsville Cemetery Update by Karen Armatis and Scott Holtz.

5. Proclamation: Veterans Day Proclamation read by ~~Supervisor Bowman~~, *Treasurer Patterson.*

6. Discussion: Conflict of Interest Policy and Invoicing Policy.

7. Public Comment: One (1) attendee spoke.

8. Minutes:

A. Motion by Frazier supported by Oddy to approve the regular board meeting of October 14th, 2025. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

9. Warrants: Motion by Frazier supported by LaPorte to approve warrants \$250,785.85
Roll Call Vote: Yes: Honey, Rush, Oddy, Frazier, Patterson, & LaPorte. Nay: None.
Excused: Bowman. Motion Carried.

10. Motion by LaPorte supported by Oddy to accept the Parks & Recreation report as read by Liaison Rush. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

11. Motion by Patterson supported by Oddy to accept the Finance Directors report as read by Finance Director Campbell. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
12. Motion by LaPorte supported by Patterson to accept the Water & Sewer Report as read by DPW Director Tabor. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
13. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to receive and file the Township Manager report. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
14. Motion by LaPorte supported by Frazier to accept the Treasurer's Report as read by Treasurer Patterson. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
15. Board Response:
- Oddy briefly spoke about the draft volunteer application.
 - Honey thanked Frazier for his donations and contributions to the Parks & Recreation October Jam event held on October 24th, 2025.
16. New Business:
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 - B. Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to approve of new Sumpter Township Logo. Roll Call: Yay: Oddy and Patterson. Nay: Honey, Rush, Frazier, and LaPorte. Excused: Bowman. Motion failed.
 - C. Motion by Frazier supported by Honey to approve of the memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME regarding workweek & hours for second ordinance officer position. Roll Call: Yay: Frazier, Patterson, Rush, and Honey. Nay: Oddy and LaPorte. Motion Carried.
 - D. Motion by Frazier supported by Patterson to outfit the new patrol unit with emergency equipment, utilizing Herkimer Radio, for \$8,859.33, plus shipping charges. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
 - E. Motion by Frazier supported by LaPorte to approve of agreements with Enterprise Fleet Management: Master Equity Lease Agreement; Maintenance Management and Fleet Rental Agreement. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

- F. Motion by LaPorte supported by Frazier to **TABLE** to go out for Snow Removal Bids with CDBG grant funds. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- G. Motion by Frazier to approve to transfer Accounts Payable and Payroll oversight from the Clerk's Office to the Finance Director. Motion died due to lack of support.
- H. **ADDED:** Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to **TABLE** to transfer Accounts Payable and Payroll oversight from the Clerk's Office to the Finance Director. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Announcements:

LaPorte made several announcements:

Election

- November 4th Special General Election for Van Buren Public Schools and Washtenaw Intermediate School District (Lincoln High School for our Township).
- If you're in either of these precincts, Polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm.

Closure Notice:

- Township Office and Recycling Center Closure:
- Township Offices will be closed on November 10th and 11th in observance of Veterans Day.
- Township Recycling Center will be closed November 10th and 11th in observance of Veterans Day. The recycling center will reopen on November 12th with regular Weekday hours.
- Please note that due to the Veterans Day holiday closure the Board meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, November 12th, 2025, at 6 pm.

Winter Vendor Market:

- December 13th & 14th Time: 9 am to 5 pm
Gym - 23501 Sumpter Rd
Sign up with Community/Senior Coordinator Maryann Watson

LaPorte also thanked those that helped out in the October Jam and Trunk or Treat last weekend.

17. Adjournment: Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy, to adjourn at 7 :15 pm. 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 La Porte, Clerk

Date