

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2025
6:00 P.M.

1. **Invocation:** ~~Pastor Doug Valentine with Fath Community Center of Belleville.~~
 - Pastor Valentine was unable to attend due to medical reasons. Treasurer Patterson did the invocation in Pastor Valentines absence.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Bowman, LaPorte, LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Frazier, and Honey.
4. **Agenda:** Motion by LaPorte supported by Frazier to approve the agenda with the **addition of item D.** Consider to approve and accept the interview committee's recommendation to hire Gabriella Massel as a Full-Time Clerk's Office Assistant/Floater position at the rate of \$27.77 per hour per the collective bargaining agreement beginning September 10th, 2025. Oddy asked LaPorte to amend his motion to include the **addition of item E.** Senior Alliance amended contract that is time sensitive, and we didn't receive until September 4th, 2025, after the board packets went out; Consider approval to amend the Senior alliance Area Agency on Aging Fiscal Years 2023-2025 contract for services to the aging. Lastly, to include the **addition of Item F.** consider to accept the bid from MW Morss Roofing 25, RFP# 252603 - The membrane type roof section replacement/repair for the Sumpter Township Police department.
5. **Public Comment:** Four (4) attendees spoke.
6. **Minutes:**
 - A. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to approve the regular board meeting minutes of August 26th, 2025. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
7. **Warrants:** Motion by Frazier supported by Oddy to approve warrants \$ 288,265.74
Roll Call Vote: Yes: Oddy, Fraizer, Patterson, Bowman, LaPorte, Rush and Honey.
Nay: None. Motion Carried.
8. Motion by Bowman supported by Frazier to receive and file the Supervisor Report.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

9. Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to accept the Township Manager Marten's Report.

Included the following:

- Michigan Township Association Development Training/Retreat
- Draft of RFP# Water and Sewer Infrastructure Bid Packet.
- Proposed set of meeting rules
- DPW Director R. Tabor provided Martinsville Rd Pump Station Update.

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

10. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to accept the Attorney's Report as read by Township Attorney Young.

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

11. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to receive and file the Police/Ordinance Report.

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

12. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to receive and file the Building Report.

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

13. Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to receive and file the Fire Report.

Chief Brown announced Fire Open House Saturday, October 11th, 2025.

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

14. Board Response:

LaPorte asks the Township Manager to create a hiring policy/procedure and present it to the Board for approval in the next two weeks to a month.

LaPorte asks the Township Manager the BS & A software to be updated for all employees; Vacation banks and Personal Time Off (PTO).

15. New Business:

A. Motion by Frazier supported by Rush to approve of MAMC ADA Infrastructure Grant. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

B. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to approve to post, accept applications, and interview candidates for the vacant full-time Ordinance Officer Position.

Rush rescinded his motion.

ADDED* Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to **REMOVE** agenda item b. Consider approval to post, accept applications, and interview candidates for the vacant full-time Ordinance Officer Position.

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

- C. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve for Clerk LaPorte and Deputy Clerk Herman to attend MTA Professional Development Training on September 29th and 30th, 2025 not to exceed \$1,500.

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

- D. **ADDED*** Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve and accept the interview committee's recommendation to hire Gabriella Massel as a Full-Time Clerk's Office Assistant/Floater position at the rate of \$27.77 per the collective bargaining agreement beginning September 10th, 2025.

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

- E. **ADDED*** Motion by Frazier supported by Rush to amend the Senior Alliance Area Agency on aging 1-C Fiscal Year 2023-2025 contract services for the aging.

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

- F. **ADDED*** Motion by Patterson supported by Frazier to **TABLE** the consideration to accept the bid from MW Morss Roofing, RFP# 252603 - The membrane type roof section replacement/repair for the Sumpter Township Police department.

Roll Call Vote: Yay: Patterson Nay: Oddy, Frazier, Bowman, LaPorte, Rush and Honey. Motion died.

ADDED* Motion by Frazier supported by Rush to **approve** to accept MW Morris to accept the bid from MW Morris Roofing RFP# 252603 the membrane type roof section replacement/repair for the Sumpter Township Police department.

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

Nay: Patterson

Motion Carried.

16. Announcements:

- o LaPorte announced Thursday, September 11th, 2025, that the River of Life Church is providing lunch for all first responders; including police, fire fighters, EMS and medical personnel.

- LaPorte expressed thanks to the Parks and Rec committee for all their efforts.
- LaPorte reminded residents to check their smoke detectors, replace batteries, if needed. If you need Smoke Detector(s) contact the Fire Department or complete a form request.
- Rush announces Parks & Recreation event “October Jam / Meet and Greet,” October 24th, 2025, at the Community Center Pavilion.
- Parks and Rec announced their Trunk or Treat event on October 25th, 2025, at the Community/Senior Center and Police Department front parking lot.

17.Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to adjourn at 7:23 pm.

All in favor. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

Donald LaPorte, Clerk

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk S. Herman
Sumpter Township

Donald La Porte, Clerk Date

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date