

**SUMPTER TOWNSHIP**  
**23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**  
**6:00 P.M.**

1. **Invocation:** Pastor Steven Brown with Parkway Baptist Church
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Bowman, Patterson, Oddy, Fraizer, Honey, and Rush. Excused: LaPorte
4. **Agenda:** Motion by Patterson supported by Oddy to approve the agenda with the addition of item F. Consider approval to payout the benefits bank time of 272 hours (316 Benefit Bank hours balance minus 44 hours of vacation time taken but not deducted from the Benefits Bank) for Anthony Burdick, retiring Township Manager in the amount of \$11,769.44.  
  
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None.
5. **Public Comment:** None.
6. **Minutes:**
  - A. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to approve the regular board meeting minutes of June 24th, 2025. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
7. **Warrants:** Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to approve warrants \$ 112,072.65  
  
Roll Call Vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
8. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to receive and file the HR Report.  
  
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
9. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to receive and file the Supervisor Report.  
  
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
10. Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to accept the Township Manager's Report as read by Marten. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
11. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson receive and file the Attorney Report.  
  
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
12. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to receive and file the Police/Ordinance Report. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

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

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

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

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

15. Board Response:

Patterson spoke about Sherwood Pond.

16. New Business:

A. Consider approval to extend the temporary part-time status of the Clerk's Office Assistant, Gabriella Massel, ending October 21st, 2025.

**No Board action was taken.**

B. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to extend the hiring of Wyatt Behrendt as a seasonal, part-time DPW worker effective July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, through October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the AFSCME rate of \$23.33 per hour up to 29 hours per week.

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

C. **TABLED** - Consider approval of township's amended earned sick time policy to conform with state's Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA).

D. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve the attached simple proposal agreement with The Consultancy L.L.C./ Anthony Burdick for as-needed support and projects to the Township Manager or Township Board of Trustees.

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

E. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to approve Brian Messer's fireworks permit on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

F. **ADDED** Motion by Frazier supported by Rush to approve to pay out the benefits bank time of 272 hours (316 Benefit Bank hours balance minus 44 hours of vacation time taken but not deducted from the Benefits Bank) for Anthony Burdick, retiring Township Manager in the amount of \$11,769.44.

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

17. **Announcements:** Mr. Ronald Coleman from the Lions Club spoke about the Lions Club and their presence at the Township Parks & Recreations Family Fun Day event occurring on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Graham Park.

**18. Closed Session: Under OMA Act 267 of 1976 15.268(h), Confidential Attorney's opinion pertaining to Carleton Farms Landfill/Republic Services pending audit.**

**G.** Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush to move into closed session at 6:34 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Rush, Oddy, Frazier and Honey. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

**H.** Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to rejoin the open meeting at 7:02 pm, return from closed session and approve and direct the Township attorney 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. Motion Carried.

**19. Adjournment:** Motion by Rush, supported by Frazier, to adjourn at 7 :04 pm. All in favor. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

Donald LaPorte, Clerk

Minutes prepared by:  
Deputy Clerk S. Herman  
Sumpter Township

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Donald La Porte, Clerk Date

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Date

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

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Date