

**SUMPTER TOWNSHIP**  
**23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 14TH, 2026**  
**6:00 P.M.**

1. Invocation: Pastor Steve Brown of Parkview Baptist Church
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Bowman, Patterson, Oddy, Rush, Frazier, & Honey. Excused: Clerk LaPorte.
4. Public Comment: Five (5) attendees spoke.
5. Approve Agenda: Motion by Frazier supported by Rush to approve the agenda with the **removal** of **Item G** and **amend** the **agenda** to **ADD** to the **CLOSED SESSION** topics: Update Township Board on the AFSCME negotiations and to update and/or speak with the Township Board on pending lawsuit Egerer vs. Sumpter Township.  
Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Excused: LaPorte. Motion Carried.
6. Minutes: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the following meeting minutes:
  - a. Approve minutes from January 19th, 2026, Parks & Recreation Meeting.
  - b. Approve minutes from February 16th, 2026, Parks & Recreation Meeting.
  - c. Approve minutes from February 12th, 2026, Planning Commission Meeting.
  - d. Approve minutes from March 24th, Special Board Meeting
  - e. Approve minutes from March 24th, Regular Board Meeting
  - f. Approve minutes from March 30th, Special Board MeetingYay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried
7. Warrants:  
Motion by Frazier, supported by Oddy, to approve the warrants \$373,732.76.  
Roll Call: Yay: Bowman, Patterson, Oddy, Rush, Frazier, & Honey. Nay: None.  
Excused: LaPorte. Motion Carried.
8. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to receive & file Supervisor's report  
Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
9. Motion by Rush, supported by Honey, to accept Township Manager's report as ready by TM Marten.

- Water and Sewer Rate Increase
  - *Rates have not increased since 2018.*
- Continued Township Logo discussion

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

10. Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy receive and file the Township Attorney's report. Yay: 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.

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

12. Motion by Honey, supported by Oddy, to receive & file Building report.

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

13. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to accept the Fire report as read by Chief Goode.

- Chief Goode reminded residents of the burn ordinance and to obtain a permit at the Township Hall if they are going to burn.

- **STRICTLY PROHIBITED:** Garbage, Animal Carcasses, Trash, Construction, Household Materials.

- Burn **MUST** be supervised at all times.

- Chief Goode invited residents/public to the Fire Department Fundraiser Breakfast Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

14. Board Response: None

15. New Business:

- A. **AMENDED\*** Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to **AMEND** the motion of proposed ordinance amendments (second reading) **with clarification on Home Businesses and bring back for a third reading**; proposed amended letter of agreement with CWA. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Frazier, supported by Rush, to approve of RFP for exterior infrastructure repairs to the police department, community center, DPW building and library for siding, fascia, trim, soffits and gutters.

- Treasurer Patterson proposed a committee.
  - Trustee Frazier proposed a workshop on an “off week” in between the monthly board meetings for the Board to collectively discuss and determine choices of each product for the aesthetic of the Township and the residents/public to attend the meeting.
  - Trustee Oddy expresses concern about funds.
- Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Frazier supported by Rush to approve of RFP for exterior repairs to the police department, community center, DPW building and library for mortar, concrete and tuckpointing.

- Trustee Frazier proposed a workshop on an “off week” in between the monthly board meetings for the Board to collectively discuss and determine choices of each product for the aesthetic of the Township and the residents/public to attend the meeting.
- Trustee Oddy expresses concern about funds.

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

D. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to approve to renew Sumpter Township’s annual Cyber Security agreement with SensCy, with the additional In Person Incident Response Plan “Tabletop Exercise” at a cost of \$15,300 including government discount. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. **AMENDED\***Motion by Patterson supported by Frazier to approve and **amend** to enter into *\*a 60-day free trial agreement* with Flock Safety for installation and maintenance of 10 Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras throughout the township at a cost of \$3,000 per camera per year – total cost of \$30,000 per year. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Frazier supported by Patterson to approve changing our hosting of the Conference of Western Wayne from May 8, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. to November 13, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. due to the construction of the Supervisors Office. This change was approved by the CWW. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

- G. **REMOVED\*** Consider approval to hire Shawn Samonek as Human Resources/Finance Assistant upon passage of background check and drug test.
- H. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve to hire Zachary Riehl as a paid-on-call firefighter, contingent upon his passing a physical and drug test. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- I. Motion by Patterson supported by Honey to approve to amend job description for part-time Bus Drive Utility position. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- J. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve for Sumpter Township Cemetery Committee Members Karen Armatis and Scott Holtz to attend the Michigan Association of Municipal Cemeteries conference August 19th - 21st at a cost not to exceed \$500/ person for registration and lodging. Registration forms and fee structure are attached. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- K. Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to approve to the Township Board of a text amendment to Article 4, C-1 and C-2 Zoning District and Section 6.37 text amendments. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- L. Motion by Frazier supported by Honey to approve the township board for text amendments to Section 2.2, Definitions and Section 6.58, Large Solar Energy Systems, allowing trackers to be used on personal solar systems, editing 6.58 (A)(1) changing Large scale. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**ADDED\*** Request a closed session with the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) and under the protection of reviewing and discussing the Township Attorney's Opinion Letter. Update Township Board on the AFSCME negotiations. Update and/or speak with the Township Board on pending lawsuit Egerer vs. Sumpter Township.

Roll Call: Yay: Bowman, Patterson, Oddy, Rush, Frazier, & Honey. Nay: None. Excused: LaPorte. Motion Carried.

**ADDED\*** Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to go to Closed Session at 7:04 p.m. under MCL 15.268(h) regarding the following: Township Attorney's Opinion Letter, Update Township Board on the AFSCME negotiations, and Update and/or speak with the Township Board on pending lawsuit Egerer vs. Sumpter Township.

**ADDED\*** Motion by Rush supported by Honey to rejoin the open meeting at 8:12 p.m.  
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**ADDED\*** Motion by Oddy supported by Frazier to direct the attorney and Township Manager to proceed as directed in closed session. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

16. Announcements: None.

17. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Frazier, to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.  
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Donald LaPorte, Clerk

Minutes prepared by:  
K. Armatis former Deputy Clerk  
Sumpter Township

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Don La Porte, Clerk

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Date

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Timothy P. Bowman, Supervisor

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Date