

Township of Sumpter  
Special Meeting  
Public Hearing Minutes  
March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 5:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Treasurer Patterson, Supervisor Bowman, Trustees: Honey, Frazier, Oddy, and Rush. Also present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, & Chief Luke. Excused: Clerk LaPorte

**APPROVE AGENDA:** Motion by Rush, supported by Frazier to approve of the agenda. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to open the public hearing for the 2025/2026 township budget at 5:31 p.m.

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

*Presentation of the budget by Finance Director, J. Campbell.*

**FY 2025-2026 FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENT:**

**GENERAL FUND:**

Beginning with the fiscal year 2026 general fund: We currently are state law approved to operate under 1 mill that we levy and after Headly roll backs we are levying .7705 of 1 mill.

In the current fiscal year 2026 fund balance, we are having a negative fund balance of \$470,000 which is primarily due to a decrease in our expected revenue and increase in expected expenditures. There is not one significant anomaly to point to.

**FIRE FUND:**

We are currently voter approved to levy 2 mills, but we currently only levy 1.5 for the fire department. We are on track to adding \$200,000 to the fund balance due to lucrative grants that we have been awarded and less capital outlay than we expected.

**POLICE FUND:**

We are currently voter approved to levy on two different millages.

We anticipate a decrease in the fund balance of \$24,000 even though it's a decrease, it's much better than last year's decrease, which was \$249,000.

**RUBBISH FUND:**

We expect to add about \$45,000 to this fund balance and that is due to some more interest than we expected to capture and less salary and benefits that was in the original budget.

**ROYALTY FUND:**

Expected to decrease by \$114,000 we are currently using about what we are bringing in but we used some more this year. This money is being transferred out to other funds, as needed.

**911 SERVICE:**

In Material chance of a \$114,000 decrease which still leaves us at almost a \$170,000 fund balance.

**LIBRARY FUND:**

There has been no activity this year. The fund will remain the same of \$70,000.

**BLOCK GRANT REHAB FUND:**

The activity in this fund is just interest earnings of \$3,000. This is a \$3,000 increase to the fund balance.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOP BLOCK GRANT (CDBG):**

We have not had any change this is basically a flow through. We receive \$20,000 and spend \$20,000 each year. \$20,000 is generally spent on senior snow plowing and then if we have any left over it supplements our senior center director's income.

**ARPA FUND:**

We have fully spent and will close out with a zero balance, and this fund will not carry over to next year.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS:**

Add \$80,000 into the fund balance. There was significantly less spending than what was originally anticipated because some of the items planned and we still have planned did not happen prior to the end of March 2026 and have now been moved into next year's budget.

**WATER SEWER FUND:**

Expected to see a decrease of about \$293,000 in the fund balance. This is primarily due to the many emergency sewer repairs and capital outlay expense.

**FY 2026-2027 ORIGINAL BUDGET ADOPTION:**

**GENERAL FUND:** Estimated unassigned fund balance which is our cash in the bank, spendable cash is 3.548 million at the beginning of the year.

**MILLAGES:**

We are approved by law to levy 1 mill however; we levy .7705 mills for the *General Fund* due to the Headley Roll Backs.

**POLICE FUND:**

It has two millages. Voter approved to levy 1 mill for one millage and voter approved to levy 2 mills for the other however, we currently levy. .9997 of the 1-mill millage and 1.9994 of the 2-mill millage.

Looking at the General fund, transferring the ending fund balance of 10,004,000 to the beginning fund balance and the projected revenue and expenditures nets to a negative 1.7 million. That gives us an ending fund balance projected to be \$8,265,000.

Began with a 1.1 million dollar fund balance, net expenditures over revenue are almost a negative \$163,000 and that will give us an estimated ending fund balance of \$943,000.

**FIRE FUND:**

Voter approved to levy 2 mills; however, we levy 1.5 mills.

Begin with last year's ending fund balance of \$836,000 and anticipate a net change (which is the difference between revenue over expenditures) \$224,000 which will increase the fund balance to \$1,061,000 in the fire fund.

**RUBBISH FUND:**

Projecting to see a small increase in this fund balance of \$32,000 which will bring us almost to \$212,000 to a fund balance for the Rubbish Fund.

**ROYALTY FUND:** Royalties carry forward the \$21,235 fund balance and projecting a net change of negative \$4,450 which will bring our royalties fund balance down to \$16,786 to this fund balance. Throughout the next year we may want to consider adjusting the amounts we transfer out to other funds so that we do not continue to get close to zero.

**911 SERVICE:**

In material change projected to be about \$5,000 decrease in fund balance which would then give a projected ending fund balance of \$164,000.

**LIBRARY FUND:**

No activity in the library fund. Which will likely remain at \$70,000 in this fund balance.

**BLOCK GRANT REHAB FUND:**

Project to see interest earnings; Budgeted for \$2,200 with projecting an ending fund balance of \$87,600.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOP BLOCK GRANT (CDBG):**

Again, we receive \$20,000 and spend the \$20,000 each year. \$20,000 is generally spent on senior snow plowing and then if we have any left-over it supplements our senior center director's income.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS:**

Revenues and expenditures are both just over \$1,000,000 because we are moving some of the capital outlay expense from the current budget to the new budget.

**WATER SEWER FUND:**

Anticipated increases in water and sewer rates increases that are not factored into this budget GLWA (Great Lakes Water Authority), who we purchase our water from and YUCA (Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority), who we purchase our sewer service from both are raising rates significantly. We are going to have to increase our rates, however, we do not know what that's going to be yet, so it has not been budgeted yet.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:** Motion by Rush, supported by Frazier, to close the public hearing at 5:57 p.m. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to adjourn the hearing at 5:57 pm. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:  
Samantha Herman, Deputy Clerk  
Sumpter Township

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Don LaPorte, Clerk

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

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