

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:07 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Morgan, Oddy, and Rush. Trustee LaPorte excused. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, and 12 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the Agenda with moving Item E to the beginning. Motion carried.

Item E. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to promote patrol officer Sean Hudson to Sergeant, effective date April 22, 2024. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried. The badge was pinned on officer Hudson by his father.

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

5. Minutes: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2024. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson to approve warrants totaling \$753,840.53. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Finance report given by Holtz. ARPA reports due April 30, 2024. Royalties for fiscal year 2023 total \$2,327,330.13. Looks like Feds will hold interest. Also, newsletter draft on table for review. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the finance report. Motion carried.

8. Water/Sewer report: Motion by Patterson, supported by Bowman to receive and file the water/sewer report. Motion carried.

9. Treasurer's report given by Patterson. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

10. Planning & Zoning report given by Oddy. Still in discussion regarding the master plan and the proposed car wash is on the May 9, 2024, planning commission agenda.

Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson to accept the planning/zoning report. Motion carried.

11. Board Response: Trustee Rush stated that Sumpter Township will be hosting the CWW meeting on June 7, 2024, at 9:30 am.

12. New Business:

A. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to approve the purchase of a new sewer pump for the Rawsonville Road pump station at a cost of \$64,132 plus freight from Kennedy Industries. The current pump could not be repaired; a rebuilt pump would be \$38,000. Each pump is unique. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy, to approve the purchase of a new control board for the Sumpter Road pump station at a total cost of \$6,265.97. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve directing Township Manager Burdick to post/publish bid requests for ARPA obligated projects, with final approval by the township board. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to permit Priority Waste to transport, repair, paint, and partially decal designated recycling containers at a total cost of \$1,500 each; expensed to obligated ARPA funds. Motion carried.

E. Moved up to the beginning of the meeting.

F. Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy, to approve the use of the 2024 Employee Self-Evaluation and 2024 Employee Performance survey. Motion carried.

G. Consider approval of the Township Supervisor's office renovations at a cost of \$47,860 plus fixtures/furniture cost of \$8,000. Total project not to exceed the cost of \$55,860. Discussion on security, the new wall would be ADA built, personnel felt glass was not necessary for protection. Supervisor talked with assessing and with office staff for suggestions. Supervisor and board members like the idea of a conference room available for the board to use. Discussion on how to advertise and receive sealed bids since the project is over \$10,000 per the Township's purchasing policy. Item died for lack of a motion.

H. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to accept Kristina Stencel's resignation from the temporary part-time position. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

I. Motion by Morgan, supported by Hurst to hire Kristina Stencil for the permanent part-time position at the hourly rate of \$23.33, effective April 24, 2024. Discussion regarding temporary versus permanent employment. Discussion regarding the attorney obtaining permission from AFSCME to raise the temporary pay to \$23.33 per hour. Oddy amended the motion to hire Kristina Stencil for a temporary part-time position at the hourly rate of \$23.33, with AFSCME approval of pay rate, and retroactive to hire back date, Morgan supported. Roll call vote: Yes: Oddy, Rush, Morgan, Bowman. Nay: Patterson and Hurst. Motion carried.

13. Announcements: Rush stated he supported the Supervisor’s office renovations.

14. Motion by Bowman, supported by Rush, to adjourn at 6:50 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk K. Armatis Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date