

Sumpter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 27, 6:00 p.m.  
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, and Rush. Morgan excused. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Attorney Young, Captain Gannon, Fire Chief Brown, and 12 attendees. Rana Emmons with Post, Smythe, Lutz, and Ziel did not attend with the audit presentation.

3. Agenda: Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment. 5 attendees spoke.

5. Minutes: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2024, and accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2024. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to approve warrants totaling \$214,695.44. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Finance report given by Holtz. Royalty spreadsheet in the packet. Royalties are down 4.44%. Holtz also reported on cemetery activities, that both the preservation training in Kalamazoo, and the conference in Frankenmuth went well. Armatis announced that Holtz was voted on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Association of Municipal Cemeteries. Rush stated the cost of early voting was over \$8,000.00 for 126 voters. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the finance report. Motion carried.

8. Township Manager Burdick read his report. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the manager's report. Motion carried.

9. Water/Sewer report: Report read by Patterson. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy, to approve the water/sewer report. Motion carried.

10. Treasurer's report: Report read by Patterson. Motion by Rush, supported by Bowman, to approve the treasurer's investment report as read by Patterson. Motion carried.

11. Planning & Zoning report: Oddy stated the first item on the agenda was the report. No questions. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush, to accept the planning/zoning report. Motion carried.

12. Board Response: None.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to accept the planning commission's recommendation for a text amendment to move Class II and III animals from Section 4.6.2, Special Land Uses, to Section 4.6.3, Accessory Land Uses. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Bowman, to approve the final benefits bank time for John Danci in the amount of 11,197.98, amended to \$10,213.64. Discussion. The amount was not reviewed by the finance director. Roll call vote: Yay: Patterson. Nay: Rush, Hurst, LaPorte, Oddy, Bowman. Motion failed.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to approve Scott Holtz as the employee delegate, to attend the 2024 MERS annual conference at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy, to approve Rachel Scott, DPW, to attend the MRWA math training at a cost not to exceed \$650.00. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to approve the emergency sinkhole repairs at 50350 Willis Road in the amount of \$12,700.00 payable to Diversified Excavation. Discussion. In the future, the board wants the invoice charges explained and pictures with any information to substantiate the repairs. Roll call vote: Yay: Rush, Bowman, Hurst, Oddy, Patterson. Nay: LaPorte. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to accept the unsolicited offer by G. Brown of \$25,000.00 for parcel 81-114-99-0014-712, vacant land Willow Road, and to combine the parcel with his parcel. Roll call vote. Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve the unsolicited offer by D. Peeper of \$30,000.00 for parcel 81-109-99-0005-003, vacant land on Sumpter Road. Discussion. The proposed land split is not acceptable. Roll call vote. Yay: None. Nay: Bowman, Hurst, Patterson, Rush, LaPorte, and Oddy. Motion failed.

H. Motion by Patterson, supported by Bowman, to approve Scott Holtz and one additional employee to attend the 2024 BS&A conference at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. Discussion. Holtz's recommendation is A. Harris. She uses five modules of BS&A. Roll call vote: Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

I. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to approve posting and approving bids for tree removal and/or trimming at Graham Park. Motion carried.

J. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve Resolution 2024-07, authorizing the fire assessment amount. Discussion. Roll call vote: Yay: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

K. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to approve 7 yards of gravel for the installation of the floating dock and canoe/kayak launch area at a cost of \$248.00 utilizing ARPA funds. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: None.

15. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk K. Armatis Sumpter Township