

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday February 25th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk LaPorte, Treasurer Patterson, Fraizer, Honey, Oddy, and Rush. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney, Deputy Clerk Herman, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, & Fire Chief Brown.
3. Agenda: Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to approve the agenda.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment/Open Floor: Two (3) attendees spoke.
5. Minutes:
 - A. Motion by Patterson supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 11th, 2025, with two corrections; Correction to 2. Roll Call, Supervisor Bowman present at the February 11th, 2025 meeting and item E. Supervisor Bowman voted yes for that item.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
 - B. Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2025. Motion carried.
Correction: Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to rescind and remove the acceptance of the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2025, as the minutes need to be approved at the next Planning Commission meeting prior to being accepted by the Board.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried
 - C. Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of February 13, 2025. Motion Carried.
Correction: Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to rescind and remove the acceptance of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting minutes of February 13, 2025, as the minutes need to be approved at the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting prior to being accepted by the Board.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried

6. Warrants: Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to approve warrants \$4,391,494.79
Roll Call Vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Rush supported Oddy to accept the Township manager's report as read by Burdick.

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

8. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to accept the Water & Sewer Report as read by Patterson.

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

9. Motion by Rush supported Oddy to accept the Treasurer's report as read by Patterson.

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

10. Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to accept the Planning & Zoning report as read by Oddy.

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

11. Motion by Patterson supported by Rush to accept and file the Attorney's report.

12. Board Response: Rush encourages both Chiefs to alert their personnel within the Police and Fire Departments along with encouraging residents to attend the upcoming Skywarn Training, possibly scheduled for late March. The exact date is yet to be determined but looking at holding the training on a Saturday morning. More information regarding the date and time is to come within the next couple of weeks.

Oddy provided an update on the Special Meeting that occurred just before this regular board meeting regarding the Township Manager interview candidate selection process. Debbie was commended for her efforts in compiling a substantial amount of information in a short time frame, greatly aiding the process.

LaPorte shared an email received from Priority Waste, in which they informed the Clerk's office that, due to poor road conditions, they would do their best to collect rubbish as conditions allow. The back roads were particularly icy, and Priority Waste wanted to keep the Township informed about potential delays in service.

LaPorte provided an update on the County potentially paving Judd Rd (between Bohn Rd & Rawsonville Rd).

Oddy shared that he's been in contact with Wayne County Road Commission regarding the overhanging trees throughout the Township.

13. New Business:

- A. Motion by Oddy supported by Patterson to approve the Planning Commission 's recommendation for a text amendment to Section 6.4, Regulation of Animals.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried
- B. Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to approve the resignation of Chair J. Savich Parks & Recreation committee effective January 17th, 2025, with regrets.
- C. Motion by Fraizer supported by Patterson to approve of Nicole VanAssche as chair of Parks & Recreation Committee and Michelle Baughman as Treasurer effective February 27, 2025.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried
- D. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to approve to pay Midwest Pavement Inc.'s final invoice for the additional work & fees authorized on the Parking Lots totaling \$5,486.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Rush supported by LaPorte to approve of Deputy Treasurer Erica Campbell attending the MMTA Advanced Institute training May 14th through 16th at a cost not to exceed \$800, as broken down in the supporting documents.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve of Treasurer Bart Patterson to attend the MMTA Basic Institute training April 28th through May 2nd a cost not to exceed \$1,415, as broken down in the supporting documents.
Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Fraizer supported by LaPorte to approve to increase Cari Ford, Contract Account, hours from 55 to approximately 100 hours per month until a permanent Finance Director is hired. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- H. Motion by Patterson supported by LaPorte to approve to direct Stacy Belisle, Labor Attorney, to prepare a separation agreement and closure documentation for existing Worker's Compensation issues.

14. Announcements: Patterson expressed his appreciation to the Board for approving item F.

15. **Adjournment:** Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to adjourn at 7:00 pm.
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk S. Herman
Sumpter Township

Donald La Porte, Clerk

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date