

Sumpter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111  
Minutes

The meeting called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:58 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Excused Clerk Hurst. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, Finance Director Holtz, Water Superintendent Danci, and 8 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the agenda with the addition of Item G. Roll Call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment/Open Floor: One (1) attendee spoke.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the regular board meeting minutes of October 28, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve warrants totaling \$249,153.44. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Motion by Bowman, supported by Rush, to receive and file all reports. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bowman, supported by Oddy, to have Attorney Young start an investigation into the improper water line on Rawsonville Road. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response: Rush stated that a repository from the CWW meetings is being created so that the board members may see any new legislature from the monthly meetings.

13. New Business:

- A. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte, to approve the Planning Commission meeting dates for 2024. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Patterson supported by Oddy to adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Morgan supported by Oddy to approve the proposal from Trimedia Environmental & Engineering for ground penetrating radar to be performed at Martinsville Cemetery at a cost of \$10,550.00. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte, to enter into a new two-year animal shelter agreement dated 1/1/24 to 12/31/25 with the Township of Brownstown. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte, to hire Michael Brohl, Ayden Roupe, Andrew Sherwood-Landskroener, and James Hurst as paid-on-call firefighters, contingent on them passing a physical and drug test. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Firefighter Bela Maroti, effective November 7, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy, to approve the purchase of 2 Ford Interceptor utility vehicles for the police department FY 2024-2025 at a cost of \$102,000.00, including extended warranties. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: None.

15. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268c; update on MAFF contract at 7:13 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried. LaPorte was excused from closed session due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

16. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy, to come back into board meeting. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

17. Motion by Morgan, supported by Patterson, to have the attorney proceed as directed.  
Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

18. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:  
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis  
Sumpter Township

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Esther Hurst, Clerk

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Date

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

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Date