

Sumpter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: LaPorte, Oddy, and Rush. Trustee Morgan excused. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, Water Superintendent Danci, and 5 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte, to approve the Agenda with Item I removed, amending Item L and adding Item N. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment: One (1) attendee spoke. Oddy sends out congratulations to Belleville High School football team.

5. Minutes: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy, to accept the planning commission meeting minutes of August 10, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Patterson, to approve warrants totaling \$125,555.60. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

11. Board Response: None.

12. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the Workshop and Township Board meeting dates for 2024. Roll call votes: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve the reappointment of Kathie Steigerwald to the ZBA with a term to expire on 12/17/2026. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy, to approve the recommendation from the planning commission of the solar farm ordinance amendment to move from Section 4.6.2 Special Land Uses in Agricultural District to I-2 Heavy Industrial District, Permitted Land Uses Section 4.16.1(g). Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve the Burnham & Flower proposal for the 2024 medical, vision, and dental employee benefits totaling \$51,703.00 monthly. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve the new Sumpter Township employment application for immediate use. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to close the township hall for the employee holiday luncheon on December 13, 2023, from 11:30 to 1:30 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte, to approve the updated contract for Cari Ford accounting services. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve the proposed Quarter 2 budget amendments. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**I.REMOVED.** Consider approval of the proposed cemetery ordinance.

J. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve the resignation, with regrets, of firefighter Eric Powell, effective November 21, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

K. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve with regrets the employment separation for Michael Petrowski, DPW, with the total benefits bank payout of \$5,196.66. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

L. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve the attached Michigan ARPA obligations requirement for CVTRS compliance for reporting on December 7, 2023, amending the infrastructure from \$250,000 to \$294,000. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

M. Motion by Patterson, supported by Hurst, to approve the TNT Tree Service proposal of \$12,450.0 for total tree and stump removal in Martinsville Cemetery. Roll call vote: Yes: Hurst, Patterson, Oddy, Rush, Laporte. No: Bowman. Motion carried.

L. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve the proposal bid by Diversified Excavating and Site Utilities LLC in the amount of \$288,583.40 with a 10% contingency fee of \$28,858.34 and Hennessey Engineers fees of \$21,938.00 for the Rawsonville Waterline project for a total cost of \$339,379.74. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

13. Announcements: None.

14. Motion by Bowman, supported by Patterson, to adjourn at 6:54 pm. All in favor. 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