

Sumpter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, July 23, 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: Morgan, Oddy, LaPorte, and Rush. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Attorney Young, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, Water Superintendent Danci and 18 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve the Agenda with the addition of Item I. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment. 4 attendees spoke.

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

6. Warrants: Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to approve warrants totaling \$489,575.00. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Finance report given by Holtz. Royalty spreadsheet in the packet. Audit fieldwork finished. Rana will present the audit report at the second meeting in August. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the finance report. Motion carried.

8. Water/Sewer report: Report read by Danci. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Morgan, to approve the water/sewer report. Motion carried.

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

10. Planning & Zoning report given by Oddy. Public hearing August 15, 2024 for the Master Plan. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush, to accept the planning/zoning report. Motion carried.

11. Board Response: Trustee Rush stated that the fireworks display by B. Messer was excellent and well attended. Trustee Oddy stated that Parks and Recreation was always looking for volunteers and Covid really hit them hard. Still looking for volunteers. LaPorte thanked firefighter Dave Behrendt for using his personal tractor to spread mulch at Banotai Park.

12. New Business:

A. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Morgan, to accept the resignation of Firefighter Ayden Roupe, with regret, effective June 23, 2024. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to accept the resignation of Firefighter Christopher Zweng, with regret, effective July 8, 2024. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush, to approve to post for hiring a temporary DPW worker for a part-time position up to 29 hours weekly at \$23.33 per hour for 90 days from the date of assignment. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to post and accept bids for the police department restroom floors and south wall window replacements. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Patterson, supported by LaPorte, to approve 20 yards of mulch for Banotai Park playscape at a total cost of \$585.00, utilizing ARPA funds. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy to approve Quarter 1 budget amendments for fiscal year 2024-2025 with a summary page. Motion carried.

G. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush, to TABLE approval of the Utility Billing Policy & Procedures for further study. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush, to accept the resignation of DPW Director John Danci, with regret, effective August 6, 2024. Motion carried.

**I. ADDED.** Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy to post and publish for candidate considerations for the Director of Water, Sewer, and DPW. Motion carried.

13. Announcements: None.

14. Motion by Rush, supported by Bowman, to adjourn at 6:38 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk K. Armatis Sumpter Township