

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 11TH, 2025
6:00 P.M.

1. **Invocation: Eddie Marcum**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Bowman, LaPorte Fraizer, Honey, Oddy, Patterson and Rush.
4. **Agenda:** Motion by Oddy supported by Frazier to approve the agenda with adding Item G. Consider approval to discuss Township Manager candidates and move Item E to the beginning of the agenda due to interest in time. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
5. **Public Comment:** None.
6. **Minutes:**
 - A. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to approve the Special and Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 25th, 2025. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
7. **Warrants:** Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve warrants \$ 977, 397.70. Roll Call Vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
8. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to receive and file the Supervisor Report. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
9. Motion by LaPorte supported by Rush to receive and file the Township Manager's Report. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
10. Motion by Patterson supported by Frazier to accept the Attorney Report as read by Attorney Young. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
11. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to receive and file the Police/ Ordinance Report. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
12. Motion to Oddy supported by Rush to receive and file the Building Report. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
13. Motion by LaPorte supported by Rush to accept the Fire Report as read by Fire Chief Brown. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

14. Board Response: Rush reminds and invites Board Members, staff & residents to the Sky Warn Training on Saturday, April 5th, 2025 at 9 am.

15. New Business:

- A. ***FORMERLY ITEM E*** Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to promote Sergeant Brian Steffani to Lieutenant. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- B. ***FORMERLY ITEM F*** Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to accept proposal from Carlisle & Wortman Associates, Inc. Agreement for the Building Department Consulting Services. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- C. Motion by Rush supported by Patterson to approve to renew the annual Cyber Security agreement with SenCy with the additional Penetration Test Service at a cost of \$13,500. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- D. Motion by Frazier supported by Patterson to approve of the New Utility Billing Policy and Procedures. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- E. Motion by Rush supported by Frazier to approve and accept the interview Committee's recommendation to hire Ronald Tabor, effective March 31st, 2025, as DPW Director at a base salary of \$90,000 per year with standard staff benefits and DC pension upon successful completion of the background & Drug Screening. Township Manager and Attorney to draft standard Employment Agreement & Terms. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- F. Motion by Frazier supported by Rush to extend the Temporary part time status of the Clerk assistant, Gabreilla Massel 60 days from March 23rd, 2025. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- G. **ADDED** Motion by LaPorte supported by Rush to approve to discuss Township Manager Candidates. Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion Carried.
- H. **ADDED** Motion by Frazier supported by Rush to hire Ken Marten for Township Manger. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Honey, Rush, Bowman, Patterson, & Frazier. Nay: LaPorte & Oddy. Motion Carried.

16. **Announcements:** LaPorte made an announcement regarding the Clerk's Office Assistant Position Posting.

Oddy made an announcement regarding a potential "Floating" Position Job Posting at some point in the future.

LaPorte made an announcement that he is seeking a flyer from the Parks & Recreation Department to present to the Board of Trustees at the next Township Meeting and provide notice to the residents of the event.

Patterson made an announcement to potential have an event calendar insert to incorporate in the Water Billing mailing.

17. **Adjournment:** Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush to adjourn at 6:38 pm. All in favor. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

Donald LaPorte, Clerk

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk S. Herman
Sumpter Township

Donald La Porte, Clerk Date

Date

Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

Date