

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:45 pm. Roll call: Clerk Hurst and Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, & Oddy. Excused: Trustee Morgan. Also present are Attorney Young, Township Manager Burdick, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Brown, DWSPW Director Danci, and (10) attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Agenda.

Roll call vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, & Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments: (2) Attendees Spoke.

5. Minutes:

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to Approve the following:

- A. Approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2024.
- B. Approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2024.
- C. Approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2024.
- D. Approve the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2023.

Roll call vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, & Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Patterson, Clerk Hurst. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:

Motion by Bowman, supported by Rush, to approve the warrants totaling \$4,140,516.15. Roll call vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, & Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Patterson, Clerk Hurst. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Supervisor's Report - Bowman

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to receive and file the Supervisor's report.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, & Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Patterson, Clerk Hurst. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Attorney's Report - Young

Attorney Young wanted to extend his personal congratulations to Mr. Balowski to the now-new Lieutenant. Balowski, and I wish him and the Police Department all the best.

- ~~Review of the ACH documents for direct payment use.~~

The Finance Director asked Attorney Young to review the ACH agreement. Requested a motion for his report to approve adopting the ACH agreement.

- Blight Enforcement and current activities

Attorney Young responded to The Belleville Independent article that was posted in the March 7th, 2024, paper.

8. During the Regular Board Meeting of March 26, 2024, minutes approved with amendment.

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Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush, to accept the Attorney's report. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, & Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Patterson, Clerk Hurst. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. Police/Ordinance Report - Chief Luke

Chief Luke presented the CLEMIS Report data and reminded of the vehicle safety issues this time of year. Talley of traffic crash locations: Harris Rd & Martinsville Rd as well as Judd Rd and Rawsonville Rd. All intersections are dangerous. Pay attention.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Patterson, to accept the Police/Ordinance report. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, & Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Patterson, Clerk Hurst. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. Building Report - Bowman

Motion by Bowman, supported by LaPorte, to receive and file the Building report. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, & Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Patterson, Clerk Hurst. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. Fire Report - Chief Brown:

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush, to receive and file the Fire report. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, & Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Patterson, Clerk Hurst. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response:

- Trustee LaPorte made follow-up comments regarding Blight and advised residents that they can call Priority Waste for a Special Pick-up. If a resident has a large item that needs to go to the landfill, call Priority Waste at 586-228-1200 or Toll-Free at 855-927-8365. You can also call the Clerk's Office for assistance, as well.

13. New Business:

- A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve the recommendation to write off \$4,567.33 in Utility Billing Accounts for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to approve the recommendation to write off \$14,242.82 in Misc. Receivable accounts for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to consider accepting the Sumpter Township Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Chapter 174. Open Burning. Roll call

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vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the contract with Oakland County CLEMIS for the Fire Department's records management resource at \$5,625/yr. Roll call vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to approve of Resolution 2024-03; proposing up to 2 mills the Fire Protection Millage for the August 2024 Ballot and Levied for Winter Tax 2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to approve for Deputy Erica Cambell to attend MMTA basic Institute Certification Class. Cost not to exceed \$1,400. Roll call vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy, to approve of the Fuel System Replacement Upgrade for the DPW area fuel system at a total price of \$17,999.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte, to approve to direct the Township Manager and Township Attorney to review the current Finance Director employment agreement and provide recommendations on March 26th, 2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

*I. Motion by Bowman, supported by Oddy, to approve to promote Police Sergeant Joseph Balowski to Lieutenant effective immediately. Roll call vote: Yes: Trustees; LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: None.

15. Adjournment; Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson to adjourn at 7:57 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Samantha Herman, Clerk's Office Assistant
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Esther Hurst, Clerk

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

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