

Sumpter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 6:00 p.m.  
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:51 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

*edit item F: to the amount of 152,498.00.*

\* *add item H: Consider approval to hire a temporary part-time Clerk's Office Assistant with AFSCME's acknowledgment of the position up until November 2024.*

\* *add an item I: Consider approval to reaffirm the motion made during the Regular Board Meeting of March 8, 2022, to have the demolition of a property located at 24985 Sumpter Rd from Diversified Excavating in the amount of \$9,368.*

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

**4. Public Comment:** One (1) attendee spoke.

**5. Minutes:**

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of March 12, 2024, with the amendment to the Attorney's report for adopting the ACH agreement by the Board. Roll call vote: Yes: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to approve the 2024-2025 Operating Budget Public Hearing Minutes from March 12, 2024.

**6. Warrants:**

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve warrants totaling \$1,054,363.19. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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7. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to approve the Finance Report with the request to *correct item C*: fund 591 account number 699.227 transfer from royalties to water in the budget it was presented as \$17,000.00 it should be \$16,000.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to approve the Water and Sewer Report as presented by Water Superintendent Danci. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented by Treasurer Patterson. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.
10. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Patterson, to approve the Planning and Zoning Report as presented by Trustee Oddy. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.
11. **Board Response:** None.
12. **New Business:**
  - A. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the resignation of Firefighter Allison Reed, effective March 31, 2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.
  - B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to accept the Planning Commission recommendation of special exemption use at 51356 Willis Rd. for used auto sales and reconditioned batteries. Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.
  - C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter budget amendment for the fiscal year 2023-2024 with the modification to fund 591 account number 699.227 to \$16,000.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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- D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve the 2024-2025 Operating Budget Plan presented during the March 12, 2024, Public Hearing. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve the Township Manager and Township Attorney recommendations for the Finance Director employment contract to be effective April 1, 2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, and Oddy. Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve the Burnham & Flower MTPP liability-related insurance coverage, effective April 1, 2024, with an annual cost of \$152,498.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve the Constellation Energy 24-month renewal rate of \$3.77/dth, effective April 2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.
- \* H. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to approve the hiring of a temporary part-time Clerk's Office Assistant with AFSCME's acknowledgment of the position until November 2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.
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- 13. Announcements:**
- Trustee Morgan wishes everyone a Happy Easter and safe travels.
  - Trustee Rush reminded residents that spring is here, which will bring severe weather. If you have questions on procedures and preparation, please contact him in the Supervisor's Office or Chief Luke.

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**14.** Motion by Bowman, supported by Oddy, to adjourn at 7:236 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:  
Payroll/Election Clerk Hadyniak  
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