

Sumpter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, October 22, 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: Oddy, LaPorte, and Rush. Morgan excused. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Attorney Young, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, and 8 attendees.

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

4. Veterans of Martinsville Cemetery slide presentation.

5. Public Comment. 1 attendee spoke.

6. Minutes: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024. Motion carried.

7. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte, to approve warrants totaling \$240,266.72. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Finance report given by Holtz. Royalty just came in, and it is 3.7% less, but it is improving. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the finance report. Motion carried.

9. Township Manager Burdick gave his report. ARPA fund handout on table. Update on fire truck, township roof, community center HVAC and new sink. Park roadways and parking lots start at the end of this week, community center doors by 11/7/24. Sent in EGLE CDSMI 5 year report, fuel tank refresh by end of this week, handicap signs are up, collars around the drains next week. Graham forestry project starts 11/5/2024, CWA building audit review by Scott and Tony pending, and parks water turn off will be first week of November. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Patterson, to approve the manager's report. Motion carried.

10. Water/Sewer report: Paterson stated that policies and procedures will be on next board meeting. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the report. Motion carried.

11. Treasurer's report: Patterson stated that the investment committee made the decision to roll Flagstar CD to Michigan Class. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy, to approve the report. Motion carried.

12. Planning & Zoning report: Oddy stated the next meeting in November will have special land use zoning with adjustments to the animal ordinance. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to accept the planning/zoning report. Motion carried.

13. Board Response: Rush announced Trunk or Treat on October 28, 2024 at the community center 6-8pm. Patterson would like a definition of committee assignments and maybe add committee reports to agenda. Oddy thanked Holtz and Armatis for the veterans slide presentation. He would like the committees to report to TM Burdick, who in turn reports to the board. He also stated that the Fire Department open house went well.

14. New Business:

A. Motion by Patterson, supported by Hurst to advertise for bids on a 40-niche columbarium. Explanation by Holtz and Armatis. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to advertise for bids on a columbarium foundation and a 10' x 20' concrete courtyard at Martinsville Cemetery. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to use ARPA funds to purchase the budgeted 2024 Expedition for the fire department at a cost of \$56,995.00. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Patterson, supported by LaPorte, to approve withdrawing the police department window bid from EMU Global Services due to their inability to fulfill the project. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to close the township hall on December 12, 2024, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm for the annual employee holiday luncheon. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to accept the bid by Pristine Roofing in the amount of \$38,400.00 for the removal and replacement of the township hall roof to be paid with ARPA funds. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve Bill Kenyon's proposal, for the continuing education of Sumpter Township's leadership team. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to approve the retainer of R. Pentiuik Law Firm to assist the township in legal matters regarding the landfill. Motion carried.

15. Announcements:

Hurst announced that early voting begins, Saturday, October 26, 2024, for 9 days straight.

Oddy stated that the recent vendor market at the community center was well attended and encouraged people to visit the upcoming market in December.

16. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush to adjourn at 6:52 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk K. Armatís Sumpter Township

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Esther Hurst, Clerk

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

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