

Sumpter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m.  
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Oddy, Morgan, Rush, and LaPorte. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, Finance Director Holtz, and 10 attendees.

3. Presentation by Rana Emmons with Post, Smythe, Lutz, and Ziel on the 2023-2024 audit. Unmodified results. Audit booklets were handed out.

4. Agenda: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush, amended by Oddy, supported by Patterson to approve the agenda with removal of item B and addition of items G & H. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment/Open Floor: Two (2) attendees spoke.

6. Minutes:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of August 27, 2024. Motion carried.

7. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve warrants totaling \$253,345.15. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte, to receive and file the supervisor's report. Motion carried.

9. Township Manager's Report by Burdick. Community center doors and campus parking lots projects are this month. Recycle area is complete. Graham Park playscape is next spring. Police department window and flooring bids will be on the next agenda, and the Graham Park tree bids close on September 18. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to accept the manager's report as read. Motion carried.

10. Attorney's report by Young. Attorney Young wants the board to have a motion regarding a zoning ordinance amendment. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to accept the report. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Rush, supported by LaPorte, to direct the planning commission to conduct a public hearing for a zoning ordinance amendment regarding slaughterhouse locations and other related activities. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. Police Report by Chief Luke: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy, to approve the police report as read by Chief Luke. Motion carried.

12. Building Report by Bowman. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to accept the building report as read. Motion carried.

13. Fire Report by Chief Brown. Motion by Patterson, supported by Morgan, to accept the fire report as read. J. Goode spoke of a new program on risk assessment of special needs families. Dispatch and HVA will have information as well as the department. He is working on smoke detectors for seniors that MI Prevention program will provide. Motion carried. Morgan thanked Goode for all his hard work and training that he takes.

14. Board Response: Rush stated that CWW starts back at Huron Township September 13, 2024. LaPorte stated that the recycling pad and area look great, and over 100 people took recyclables back Saturday. Oddy explained that ARPA funds are from the government, not township general fund monies.

15. New Business:

A. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to approve the emergency water main repairs at 44750 Willow Road and payment to Diversified Excavation in the amount of \$6,300.00. Motion carried.

B. **REMOVED.** To approve to establish the new Sumpter Township Recreation Committee with Nocolé VanAssche as appointed chairperson, pending background approval.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte, to approve to pay \$56,400.00 to Diversified Excavating for the recycling concrete pad approved on July 9, 2024, paid with ARPA funds. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Patterson, supported by LaPorte, to approve the Wayne County WIC agreement for rent in the amount of \$21,207.00 for 3 years, effective October 1, 2024. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve a payout of the final benefits bank time for John Danci in the amount of \$3,347.37. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the adoption of the township-wide Cash Handling Policy developed by the Investment Committee. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve sending the deputy treasurer and the finance director to MGFOA, September 29 through October 2, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$2,100.00. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Morgan, supported by Bowman, to approve contributing \$5,000.00 to the legal defense of toxic waste disposal in Van Buren Township, subject to review of Sumpter Township attorney. Motion carried.

16. Announcements: None.

17. Motion by Bowman, supported by Morgan, to adjourn at 7:06 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:  
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis  
Sumpter Township