

Sumpter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 6:30 p.m.  
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111  
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call: Supervisor: J. Morgan, Clerk: E. Hurst, Treasurer: P. Morgan, Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Swinson. Excused: Trustee Barnes. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Supervisor Armatis and approximately 13 audience members.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: None.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2018. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2018. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the Warrants totaling \$1,125,403.74. Roll Call vote: Ayes: J. Morgan, E. Hurst, P. Morgan, LaPorte, Oddy and Swinson. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer Report: Motion by Oddy, supported by Laporte to accept report as read. Motion carried. Report given on water bill snafu.

8. Police Report: Chief Luke stated only 1 officer could go to Staff and Command School due to class being full. Will come back in future to inform board when other 2 officers will be attending. Introduced new officer if voted on to be hired tonight as Michael Lezotte. Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to accept report as read. Motion carried.

9. Building/Ordinance Report: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to receive and file report. Motion carried.

10. Fire Report: Chief Januszyk stated 54 calls for month of February. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to accept report as read. Motion carried.

11. Treasurer's Report: Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to accept report as read. Motion carried.

12. Supervisor's Report:

A. Quilt show at Museum until end of March.

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B. Childrens Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Graham Park at noon.

C. Township hall will be closed Friday, March 30, 2018 in observance of Good Friday.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to accept report as read. Motion carried.

13. Attorneys Report:

Closed session tonight to discuss District Library Lease, attorney's opinion letter and Republic contract attorney's opinion letter.

Also, Step 3 of grievance needs to be fulfilled regarding Buccellato termination.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to deny Step 3 of grievance regarding Buccellato termination. Motion carried.

Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to accept attorney's report. Motion carried.

14. Board Response: None

15. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to hire Michael Lezotte as a full-time Police Officer; contingent upon his successful completion of the following requirements: physical & psychological exam along with drug screening. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte to approve updated purchasing and bid policy as presented. Motion carried.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve Modern Updates Construction as lowest bidder on repairs to the Parks & Recreation building, located at Graham Park in the amount of \$9,800; paid with Wayne County Grant monies. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to re-appoint Maria Beaudrie to Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire March 11, 2021. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to re-appoint Sheila Pederson to Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire March 11, 2021. Motion carried.

F. Motion by P. Morgan, no support to table the naming of Chief Eric Luke as the Director of Public Safety. Motion failed.

Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to name Police Chief Eric Luke as the Director of Public Safety/Police Chief. Motion carried. P. Morgan voted Nay.

Open Floor: One speaker.

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Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to go into closed session to discuss attorney opinion letter on Republic contract and attorney opinion letter on District Library Lease. Roll Call vote: Ayes: J. Morgan, Hurst, P. Morgan, LaPorte, Oddy and Swinson. Motion carried.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to come back into regular session. Motion carried.

Motion by Swinson, supported by LaPorte to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Hurst  
Clerk  
Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Township of Sumpter Board of Trustees on March 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

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Esther Hurst, Clerk