

Sumpter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m.  
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111  
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:31 p.m with the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held in remembrance of 9/11. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Oddy, Swinson, LaPorte and Barnes. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Supervisor Armatis, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke and approximately 30 residents.

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

**4. Public comments on agenda items only:** No comments.

**5. Minutes:** Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the regular board meeting minutes of August 28, 2018. Motion carried.

**6. Warrants:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the warrants totaling \$693,086.23. Roll call vote: Yes: Oddy, Swinson, LaPorte, Barnes, P. Morgan, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Finance report-Holtz:** GLWA money savings will be put back into infrastructure. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the finance report. Motion carried.

**8. Water & Sewer report-P. Morgan:** Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve water and sewer report. Motion carried.

**9. Police report-Luke:** New signs installed at police department. Won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Ferndale Emergency vehicle show. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve police report. Motion carried.

**10. Building report-Barnes:** Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to approve building report. Motion carried.

**11. Fire report-Januszyk:** Chicken Broil a success with 2 minor incidents. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve fire report. Motion carried.

**12. Treasurer's report-P. Morgan:** No report.

**13. Supervisor's report-J. Morgan:** HR used a temp agency to temporarily place a person in the building department until further notice. Announced Senior Rummage sale, Don Rochon

Car Show and Belleville High School Band competition events. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to approve Supervisor's report. Motion carried.

**14. Attorney's report-Young:** No report. LaPorte asked Attorney Young per the State of Michigan to investigate the fact that no bonded person was working in the Treasurer's office. Checks received by Treasurer's office have not been credited to accounts dating back to August 27, 2018. Attorney Young stated a union person that does A/P could not work in Treasurer's office due to conflict. Insurance company stated theft was not covered. Solution from auditors is that Cari Ford will do bank reconciliation and Finance Director Scott Holtz will work in the Treasurer's office training the new deputy treasurer. Cari will have to do an extra audit next year due to this assignment.

**15. Board Response:**

A. Barnes asked if there was a secret meeting regarding the library. Attorney Young replied that a meeting was held with the contractors/engineers. Not secret.

B. Barnes asked why ballots took so long to get to Wayne County. Clerk Hurst replied that this did not happen. Wayne County is the entity that certifies the election, not Sumpter Township.

C. Barnes asked by Deputy Clerk was moving ballots to bags. Hurst replied that is protocol after an election certification.

D. Barnes asked why her mail is filthy dirty. Is it because she is dark. She now wears gloves to get her mail.

E. Oddy thanked the firefighters and their wives for the chicken broil. Also passed along condolences to Mary Sherwood for the loss of her son. Stated personal issues should not affect Treasurer's office when looking for help.

**16. New Business:**

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Water Contract for Sumpter Township. Motion carried.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to hire Sean Michael Hudson as a full-time police officer contingent upon his successful completion of the RPTE Program along with the normal required physical and psychological examinations and drug screening. Motion carried.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to recognize the appointment of Vernon Morse to Deputy Treasurer position with pay of \$25.08 per hour; due to the termination of Timolin Pozon. Motion carried.

**17. Announcements:**

A. P. Morgan reminded everyone that school has started and to watch for school bus stops. Also, apologized for the issues in the Treasurer's office and she will get the job done in the Treasurer's office.

B. Swinson reminded everyone of the Don Rochon Car Show on Sunday, 9-3.

**18. Open Floor:**

A. Mary Ban only speaker. Sorry she missed previous meeting. Thanked the fire department for chicken broil and for their professionalism in her fall. She hurt her knee and wrist. Asked all to remember in honor of Patriot's Day the fire departments, police departments and medical personnel who serve the public everyday. Be grateful, life is fragile. Also, the County needs to do a better job of cutting weeds at the intersections. She thanked Chief Luke for placing an internet exchange safety zone sign in the police department's parking lot underneath a camera.

**19. Adjournment:** Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by  
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Deputy Supervisor, Sumpter Township

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Esther Hurst, Clerk

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John W. Morgan, Supervisor

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