

Sumpter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m.  
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111  
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: LaPorte, Rush, Oddy and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Supervisor Armatis, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/Chief of Police Luke and approximately 13 residents. Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:** Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

Item B. Salary increase for 2019 of \$5,000 for 1 year, and standard increase second year with contract extension until November 2020. Motion carried.

**4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:** None

**5. Minutes:**

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2019. Motion carried.

**6. Warrants:** Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Warrants totaling \$1,279,715.06. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Oddy, Swinson, LaPorte, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Water and Sewer Report-Bednark:**

A. Bednark has brought in a person to train on ACH and emailing bills, hopes to go paperless. Also, exploring credit card options. He will have more information on payment plans next water report. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the Water and Sewer Report. Motion carried.

**8. Police Report-Chief Luke:**

A. Chief had consortium meeting regarding lien. Currently using SMIA/OSSI. There are only 8 members at a cost of \$20,000 per year. They need to increase membership and will be increasing monies to \$30,000 per year and sharing \$100,000. Chief will be recommending moving to Clemis system currently being used by a large amount of police departments. Huron Township will have the majority of costs in the move. Chief has rough estimate of \$28,000. He will bring more information. It will be a 6 month to a 1 year process. Will look into using forfeiture funds. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the Police Report. Motion carried.

**9. Building/Ordinance Report-Rush:**

A. Detailed building report is going to be improved on the details while protecting residents regarding HIPPA. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to approve the Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried.

**10. Fire Report-Chief Januszyk:**

A. 3 new firefighters were just certified in Fire Fighter I and II. The main fire station had a sprinkler system in the bays freeze and cause damage. Waiting on clean-up and replacements. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Fire Report. Motion carried.

**11. Treasurer's Report-Bednark:**

A. Discussion regarding landfill royalties reduction. Oddy asked about audit. Attorney Young explained Canadian trash not being brought to Sumpter. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**12. Supervisor's Report-J. Morgan:**

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Bednark to approve Brad Wheelock's start date to 12/17/18. Motion carried.

B. Meeting with Kym Worthy regarding school violence.

C. Named liaison positions: Swinson-Parks & Rec; Rush-Building; Hurst-Library; Oddy-Planning/Zoning; LaPorte-Fire/Police; Bednark-Seniors; J. Morgan-Water.

D. Board of Review dates 3/11/19 1-9pm and 3/13 9am-4pm.

E. New Boston bridge update

F. Secretary of State office closures due to upgrades.

G. Township closed on 2/18/19.

H. Black History 2/22/19 \$5.00 admission

I. 4 fundraisers announced in Belleville

Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the Supervisor's Report. Motion carried.

**13. Attorney's Report-Young: No report.**

**14. Board Response:**

A. Swinson stated Parks & Recreation had a special meeting on February 6, 2019. Parks and Recreation will not be donating any money to Missoula Children's Theater.

B. LaPorte announced chili cook off for 2/15/19 at Township Hall.

C. LaPorte stated floor drains at main fire station are rusting out and repairs will be needed and budgeted for this year. Also, a piece of new equipment will be shown off soon.

**15. New Business:**

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to have Christopher Brinkmeier as a back-up Building Inspector. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte for a contract extension for Scott Holtz of 1 year with a salary increase of \$5,000 effective 10/2019 and standard increase in following year

with contract end date of 11/21/2020. Roll Call Vote: Yes: J. Morgan, Hurst, LaPorte, Oddy and Swinson. No: Bednark and Rush. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve the First Amendment to the Sumpter Township Solid Waste Collection Agreement. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Swinson, supported by Rush to create a hiring committee for the part-time position in the Treasurer's office consisting of Bednark, Bellingham, Holtz and Morse, with Winter as observer. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Swinson, supported by Bednark to approve Guardian Alarm monitoring agreement for the Township Hall. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Bednark, supported by Swinson to create a committee for implementation of the new A/V System with Rush, Chief Luke and K. Woodington. Motion carried.

**16. Announcements:**

A. Hurst announced that due to ice on the roads, Republic would be one day behind in rubbish pick-up this week.

B. Hurst announced Huron School District is having a May election and anyone interested in being an election worker may get an application at the Clerk's office.

**17. Open Floor:** Four (4) people spoke.

**18: Closed Session: Discuss pending litigation of Futernick vs. Sumpter 8:05 pm.**

Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to go into closed session. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Oddy, Hurst, Swinson, Rush, LaPorte, Bednark and J. Morgan. Motion carried.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to resume regular board meeting at 8:27 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to direct the Attorney to proceed as directed with McGraw Morris. Motion carried.

**19: Adjournment:** Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to adjourn at 8:28 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by  
Karen Armatis  
Deputy Supervisor, Sumpter Township

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Esther Hurst, Clerk

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Date

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John W. Morgan, Supervisor

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