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Refunded bonds to save taxpayers \$9.5 million

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Monday, the Van Buren Public Schools completed the bond sale for the 2019 Refunding Bonds being issued to refinance most of the building and site bonds issued in 2009 for the new high school.

Eight bids were received for the \$63 million in bonds and UBS Financial Services was the winner with a 20-year True Interest Cost of 3.145193%. As a result, total net gross debt service savings received were \$9,480,265.

This equates to a present value debt service savings of \$6,245,104.

Matthew F. Hiser, the district's finance attorney from Thrun Law Firm, was present at Monday's regular meeting of the board of education to explain the sale and to get immediate approval so he could send on the qualification application signed by school officials. He said he had to report the exact time of the approval, which was 7:15 p.m.

"We have very good news," Hiser said. "You'll be glad you had this meeting tonight," referring to the cold, snowy conditions that closed the school district for the day.

"The community should be grateful because this will bring them a lower millage rate," Hiser said.

He said the sale of refunding bonds was estimated to save the district \$2.7 million, but it was \$6.2 million.

"We estimated 4.42% savings and final savings was 10.1%"

In a press release on the 2019 refunding bonds, it was stated that as a part of the 2019 Bond sale process, the district's bond rating was reviewed.

"Good news was received as the district secured the strong bond rating of 'A' stable,"

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

A crowd gathered Saturday to sign a beam and then watch it be swung into place and permanently attached in the new library structure.

VBT Planners review 14' wall at JPMorgan/Chase

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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It was primarily the disaster of 911 that determined that the amount of banking data stored at all four JPMorgan/Chase locations in the country required increased security. It's required by the FDIC.

One of those facilities is at the northwest corner of Haggerty and Tyler roads in Van Buren Township.

At its regular meeting Jan. 23, the VBT Planning Commission reviewed and commented on a proposed six-foot variance needed for a 14-foot wall to protect the site at 9000 Haggerty Rd.

These comments will be forwarded to the

VBT Board of Zoning Appeals which will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 to consider the wall-height variance.

This site security for blast protection is part of a high-security hardening of the 53-acre site called Project Sycamore.

At the planning commission meeting, Julian Beglin, project manager, explained Project Sycamore. His company, H.F. Lenz, was hired by JPMorgan/Chase for the project, he said.

The property was formerly owned and operated by Bank One (NBD) as an office and bank processing facility with lots of paper, he explained. Since 1997, JPMC has owned and operated the facility, primarily as an office and data center, with a third-party tax-processing tenant leasing space in the building.

Beglin said JPMC added a building for data processing and computers got smaller. They were into data processing, rather than

paper.

In 2018, H.F. Lentz was hired to prepare design documents to provide additional site security measures in compliance with other JPMC operated facilities throughout the United States.

As part of this effort, and to harden the site against potential external threats, the design includes a 24-foot-tall Visitor & Vehicle Receiving Center which provides a single point of entry into the site for all employees, visitors and vehicles.

In addition to the receiving center, site security includes perimeter fencing that consists of an 8' high, anti-climb, K-rated barrier fence for the entire site perimeter and 8' high precast concrete block wall along the western and northern boundaries.

Additionally, along the entrance driveway to the receiving center, a 14' high, decorative precast concrete block wall is

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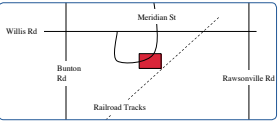
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Donna Gilkey-Lavin re-elected president of Friends of Library

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Donna Gilkey-Lavin was reelected president of the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library at Saturday's annual meeting.

Katerina Tyner was elected vice president, Manny Lavin was elected treasurer and Rika Regentin was elected secretary.

The meeting was held after the beam-signing ceremony for the new library being constructed next door to the present library in downtown Belleville.

Because of the large crowd at the beam signing, there was some concern that the 35 box lunches ordered from the Lunch Box to feed those attending the Friends meeting might not be enough, but there were two left over.

Awards were given to: Linda Priest for Member of the Year, Joe Lebron for Volunteer of the year, and Dee Crowe for Lifetime Achievement.

District Library Board Chairwoman Sharon Peters said she was delighted with the blue sky for the beam signing and for the fact that representatives came from Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter to participate.

"This town likes to party," said Gilkey-Lavin, referring to the large number of people who waited in line to sign a beam and then watched as it was pulled into the air, located in a part of the structure, and then fastened into place.

Gilkey-Lavin said the library's theme for 2018 was "Bear with Us" because of all the disruption as the library construction started. This year's theme is "Digging Our New Library."

She said Amazon and DTE are making pledges to the library and employees will have their donations matched. She said district library board member John Juriga's son, who grew up here and now works for Google and lives in Brooklyn, NY, will have his \$10,000 donation matched by Google for a \$20,000 total.

Gilkey-Lavin said they are also pursuing ways to let people donate with just a tap on their computers via the internet.

Outgoing Friends treasurer Rick Cichewicz presented a check for \$20,000 from the Friends to the library, noting the remaining \$5,000 of the \$25,000 pledge will come before the end of this year.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said the library have moved the benches on the porch to be located so people can sit and watch construction progress. She listed donations from various members.

Peters said, "The reason we've been able to do so much is because we have such a

capable library director." She spoke of Suchy's financial talents as well as her personality that is able "to keep everything on an even keel."

Peters said by the end of 2019, the new building will be done and they will figure out ways to say goodbye to the present building before they tear it down.

After the building is torn down, the parking lot will be constructed, so the actual grand opening of the new building will be in 2020.

Peters said the workmen put the beam that was signed that morning over the big meeting community room. The beam supports the room with the teen computers.

Juriga said former library director Deb Green and present director Suchy have been working to get a new library for 23 years.

Belleville City Councilman Tom Fielder complained, tongue in cheek, about all the noise from the construction when he is trying to read a newspaper at the library.

Suchy said while other women show people pictures of their children on their cell phones, she shows pictures of the library construction.

"This building truly is my child and it's in its infancy and is making all kinds of strange noises," Suchy said.

Dean Kokkales and Matt Ratzow, both of O'Neal Construction, gave an update on the library work.

Kokkales, who is site superintendent and at the site every day to oversee the contractors, said he loves doing projects for the whole community.

Out of five sequences of beam settings, there are two more to do, one over the beam that was signed and the main entrance.

He said next will come exterior metal studs around the perimeter and sheeting on the outside to get ready for brickwork. Then they will get a roof on it, but certain conditions, temperature-wise are needed for that and will probably come in late March. Then they will pour the second floor and then the first floor and start closing in the floors and do the exterior finishing.

"Should be done in November," he said.

Ratzow said they are working on the process to get out of the present building the first of December.

Kokkales said iron workers are pretty resilient and work in cold weather. He said a load of iron is coming next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Ratzow said some projects need good temperatures, like the roof and the brick.

"We can keep going otherwise, as long as the workers are safe," Ratzow said.

When asked about the size, they said the



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman
Friends' treasurer Rick Cichewicz, right, hands a donation check for \$20,000 to library board president Sharon Peters and library director Mary Jo Suchy during Saturday's meeting. At left is Friends' president Donna Gilkey-Lavin.



Dee Crowe, right, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library from Friends' president Donna Gilkey-Lavin at Saturday's meeting.



Joe Lebron, right, a library clerk, received the Volunteer of the Year award from president Donna Gilkey-Lavin at Saturday's annual meeting of the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library.

building is two stories and the south stair tower goes all the way to the roof. They said it was 30 feet to the roof.

Ratzow said the round drum or turret feature will begin in one and a half weeks.

After the building skeleton is established, the multiple trades doing the roof, metal studs, and inside work can begin.



Linda Priest, right, former vice president of the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library and newly elected library board member, received the Member of the Year Award from Friends president Donna Gilkey-Lavin at Saturday's annual meeting.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Missoula Children's Theatre to return to Sumpter Township

Belleville attorney Barbara Miller loves Sumpter Township and she loves the arts.

Lately, she has been working to bring the Missoula Children's Theatre back to Sumpter after a 20-year hiatus, brought because the program's chairwoman Mary Herring couldn't do all the work it took any more. She just wore out.

Last summer, Miller and her son Phillip were on their way home from Alaska when the freeway sign said "Missoula" and Phillip asked if they should stop. Miller wanted to stop and they got reacquainted with the program that was so popular for eight years locally.

Miller brought it to the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and they were very supportive and paid the \$500 needed to secure a children's program for this year.

Now, she is working through Sumpter Township red tape, but she is sure to get a grant to help with the project.

Many adults fondly remember being a part of the local Missoula Theatre as children and now it's coming back for other youngsters from throughout the area.

Congratulations to Barbara Miller, who has come up with so many great cultural ideas for our area in the past. She's done it again and we can hardly wait for the Missoula Children's Theatre to arrive.

We've got to be sure local students are aware of the opportunity for a week of intensive theater and performances, so they can participate. It's May 13-18.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Many people lined up to sign the steel beam at the Belleville Area District Library construction site on Saturday. Rather than go into the construction site with hard hats, as had been announced earlier, signers put their names on the beam with a special pen in the library parking lot.

Mary Jane Dawson, who has been a part of the district library and new library from the beginning, did something special that warmed my heart on that icy morning.

She wrote the names of Alan Bates and Bill Hamm on the beam, and she drew hearts. The two Sumpter Township board members had served on the library committee to represent their township at separate times and they have since died.

They didn't miss out on getting their names on the library they worked to form because MJ looked out for them.

At Saturday's meeting of the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library, a total of \$13,864.15 was announced for book sales, merchandise, general sales, and donations to the Friends to help the library in 2018.

The four book sales at the library brought a total of \$1,619.89. There's another sale on Saturday that offers a bag of books for \$3, which is Elaine Gutierrez's idea. Then there are the online book sales taken care of by Rika Regentin. That's young Jeff Jahr's wife, but her last name is different.

Rika reported at the meeting that she has an app on her phone that she can scan over a bar code on a book that tells her how much the book is worth online. She works through Amazon and the library owns the connection and when the books are sold the



fee is deducted and the net is electronically sent to the library account.

She said she wraps the sold books and mails them and the Friends' treasurer reimburses her for the postage. She said the bubble wrap supplied free to her from Friends' members helps a lot.

Rika said the kinds of books she chooses to sell on line are not what most people are reading. She said her highest sale of a book was for \$250. It was a contemporary translation of a 1500s Chinese law book that was donated to the library from the estate of a former professor.

"Old academic books? I love to see them," Rika said.

She said for 2018 her total sale of used books online was 208 with a net profit of \$2,951.79. She said she is aiming for \$3,000 this year.

When I delivered *Independents* to the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce last Thursday, Paul Henning came out of the back of the office with a big, warm coat on. He explained after 17 years, the furnace gave out and they were having it replaced. This is no time of year to be without a working furnace, for sure.

The local Polar Plunge is at noon this Saturday at the Belleville Yacht Club to raise funds for Michigan Special Olympics. Sumpter Treasurer Ken Bednark said he had to take his daughter to the airport last

Friday so she could join her sister for a Polar Plunge they were taking part in on the East Coast, also for Special Olympics.

A reader asked why retired library director Deb Green was still being paid by the Belleville Area District Library. Present director Mary Jo Suchy said that Green works for the library as a substitute reference librarian.

On Monday we got an alert from each of our local townships. Sumpter Township announced it was opening a warming center at the community center and planned to keep it open during the day until Friday, since the weather was so bad. Everyone was invited to come in and keep warm. Van Buren Township sent out an alert that because of the bad weather they were closing the non-essential township offices.

On Tuesday, VBT announced it, too, was opening a warming center at 4 p.m. that day at the senior center and it would be open through Friday. Enter through the police department if the township hall is closed and a police officer will escort you to the center.

VBT's notice explained the State of Michigan had declared a state of emergency due to the extreme cold temperatures.



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Letters

Jobs: GM could have found work for people

To the editor:

Last Monday morning while waiting for my wife, I watched a young lady get shopping carts out of the snow and up to the store. It was almost zero. Her face was quite red. I know she needs the job and the store needs it done.

If I were able, I would have helped her.

Speaking of jobs, GM plans to eliminate jobs for thousands. It's reported they make a billion a month in profits. Surely, they could find something for these people to do while they reorganize.

I think I'm becoming a socialist.

One more thing: Those little candy hearts some have been giving their kids for over 50 years. They are not the same this year. Maybe a march on Washington is needed. Must be Trump's fault.

Mickey Widener
 Van Buren Township

We need paving, not more hole patching

To the editor:

Wayne County: You paved from Martinsville and Harris to Willis and Martinsville. What about Martinsville to Judd Road? They just patched the holes which are way worse than the part they paved.

Come on now, Kevin McNamara, you talk about some park by the Belleville Bridge, which would be okay, but what about the roads?

If Wayne County had the money to pave what they did, why can't you have the rest paved? The shovels full they patched are holes already. Sumpter roads and home owners deserve better than this.

Concerned Citizen
 Rev. Charlie Crispell
 Sumpter Township

Editor's Note: Kevin McNamara no longer is a Wayne County commissioner. Now he is supervisor of Van Buren Township.

Thanks to Belleville, Rick Rutherford

To the editor:

Thanks to the city of Belleville for doing a great job on sewer repair on North Liberty Street the week of Jan. 13. Also, thanks to Rick Rutherford for his help in making it happen.

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Women's Club seeks help for fashion show

Dear Belleville-area supporter:

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This popular event includes a cocktail hour, dinner, money raffle, silent and Chinese auctions. Tickets for the event are \$40 per person and raffle tickets are \$ each.

For many years the club has held this major fundraiser to award scholarships to seniors at Belleville High School. To accomplish this goal, the club, a 501(c) 3, is looking for sponsors from the business community. We are pleased to recognize our major sponsors at our event and ask that you consider a sponsorship as follows:

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Mavis Gourley
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More Letters

Comments on Banfield Animal Hospital closing

To the editor:

Shame on you! It didn't take you very long to run a very well-established animal hospital into the ground!

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Obituaries



Margaret Louise Deskovitz

MARGARET LOUISE DESKOVITZ
 (January 1, 1938 - January 25, 2019)
 Louise Deskovitz, age 81, formerly of Lewiston, MI, passed away Friday, January 25, 2019 at Royal Oak Assisted Living, Royal Oak, MI. She was born January 1, 1938 in Princeton, Kentucky, daughter of William Henry & Mary Ann (Hollowman) Denham.
 Survived by five daughters: Deborah Porter of Fairfax, Virginia, Judy (Tim) Gray of Belleville, MI, Mary (Stephen) Thompson of Herndon, Virginia, Theresa (Earl) Dunn of Chesterfield, MI and Susan (Matt) Murdock of Madison Heights, MI; 9 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, two brothers Charles William and Robert Earl Denham, two sisters Ann Gunther and Caroline Baker, all of Kentucky; also, numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.
 She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Robert Anthony Deskovitz on June 29, 2017, brother Albert Lee Denham, sister Katherine Denham, son-in-law Scott "Crash" Porter, granddaughter Brynn Porter, great-granddaughter Raelee Ann Beadle and great-grandson Nolan Gager.
 Visitation will be Noon until 2 PM Thursday, January 31, 2019 with a 2 PM Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500.
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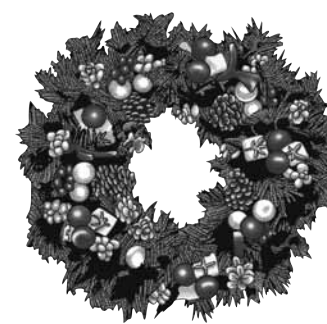
GEORGE MICHAEL LANG
 (February 3, 1943 - January 12, 2019)
 George Lang, age 75, passed away in his home in Clearwater, FL. He was born in Wyandotte, MI, to George Ernest Lang and Monica Veronica (Labadie).
 After attending high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1962 where he was stationed in Vietnam and Germany. Once his tour was over, he attended the Michigan State Police Academy where he started his career as a state trooper and dog handler. He was stationed at several locations throughout the state of Michigan for his 13 years of service. After his retirement, George continued to work in the law enforcement community. He was a court officer for the 34th district court and worked with several private security companies. He also worked for E and L Transport for a number of years before finally retiring to Florida in 2007. His favorite activities included spending time on the beach, working out, and tinkering on his Mustang. George will be remembered as a caring husband, father, and grandfather.
 He was preceded in death by his wife Nancy and sister Anna (Edward) Paslawsky.
 He is survived by his two children, Aaron (Sarah) of Saline, MI, and Michael of Clearwater, FL. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Audrey and Anderson, and his Guardian Angel, Barbara Bencsik of Clearwater.



Richard Joseph Huziak

RICHARD JOSEPH HUZIAK
 (June 29, 1941 - January 23, 2019)
 Richard Joseph Huziak, age 77, of Sumpter Township, MI, died Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at his residence with his loving family by his side. Richard was born June 29, 1941 in Clairton, PA, the son of Michael and Helen Huziak. On September 2, 1961 he married Joan and she survives.
 He worked as an Engineer for Ford Motor Company for over 30 years. He will always be remembered for his love for hunting, farming,

raising farm animals, especially cows, wood working and mechanics.
 Richard is survived by his wife Joan; ten children: Richard (Crystal) Huziak, Joseph Huziak, Carolyn Bullock, Victoria Gaedke, Timothy (Tammy) Huziak, Michele (Michael) Frontiera, Michael (Amy) Huziak, Melissa Huziak, Nicole Huziak, Terrell Huziak; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
 He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister: MaryKay Ray.
 A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, January 28, 2019 at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI, with Fr. John Kiselica as Celebrant. The family received friends on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at Janowiak Funeral Home-Sumpter Chapel, 19865 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI, from 2-8 p.m., with a Rosary Service at 7 p.m.
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School Board

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the release stated. "The 2019 Bonds also received a 'AA' rating for participation in the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program."

The release closes with: "The Board of Education and Administration are pleased with the debt service savings received and happy to share this information with the community."

The next step was to have the Draft Final Official Statement distributed on Jan. 29, have it printed on Feb. 4, receive final qualification from the Treasury Department on Feb. 15, and close on the bonds on Feb. 19.

Hiser said Huntington National Bank will be the escrow agent for the funds, which will be invested in federal securities until used.

The prior bonds that were refunded totaled \$97.8 million, and \$3.4 million of the 2009 bonds were non-refunded.

The financial discussion on the bonds was led by School Supt. Pete Kudlak in the unexplained absence of Financial Director Shareen Barker.

In other business at the Jan. 28 meeting, the school board:

- Approved the budget amendments for the 2018-19 fiscal year based on actual staffing and expenses so far, submitted by Barker and presented by Kudlak. There was an increase in revenue in the original budget from \$52.0 million to \$53.21 million. There was a decrease in expenditures from the original \$54.7 million to \$54.4 million, for a total of \$1,268,794 of revenue under expenditures. This leaves an unassigned fund balance of \$4.4 million;

- Approved the recommended updates to board operating procedures that were reviewed in detail at the last meeting;

- Approved the terminations of teachers Jessica Argiero of Belleville High School after less than a year of service as of Feb. 22 because she is relocating; and Carly Guyot of McBride Middle School after less than a year of service as of Feb. 1 for another job opportunity;

- Approved the resignations of two employees of the transportation department, Ryan Hughes after three years

of service as of Jan. 14; and Kalyn Walz after 1.5 years of service as of Jan. 22;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak announce that the school district will again be asked to participate in a countywide vote for a school enhancement millage in the November 2020 election;

- Discussed snow days. Supt. Kudlak said the district has 2.5 snow days as of Monday and the state allows 6 snow days. He said Wednesday, Jan. 30, will probably be another snow day because of the extremely low wind-chill temperature expected;

- Heard Director of Instruction Jeff Moore report he heard a presentation at Wayne County Community College earlier that day by a Harvard professor about educational leadership and RESA is offering a pilot project in the Van Buren schools where Edgemont Elementary will take part in "Instructional Rounds." Participants in the Rounds will observe at Edgemont and also visit other schools;

- Heard Kudlak remind everyone of the second-annual STEAM Showcase from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the BHS Commons and Media Center to show off the students' work in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. He also said he will be making two presentations at the upcoming superintendents' conference in Detroit: one on controlling health care costs and one as part of a panel on the educator shortage statewide;

- Heard Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun report he is still negotiating with the teachers' union and his goal is to get that contract done. He said their contract has expired, but they are making progress and there is no animosity. He said the contract is on a calendar basis, January-December;

- Heard board president Keith Johnston say he attended the Decision-Based Budgeting meeting last week and he was very impressed with the information Supt. Kudlak presented. He said he would like Kudlak to do a State of the School address in the BHS Auditorium after a brief school board meeting in the future; and

- Went into closed-door session at the end of the meeting to discuss potential reinstatement of a student for the remaining of the school year and then came back into open session to reinstate the student.

Mikayla Farris of Belleville awarded U of Findlay scholarship

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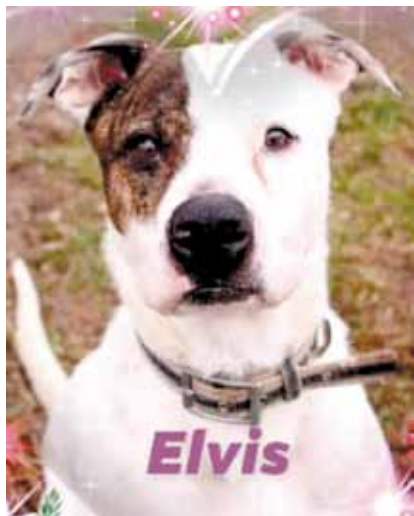
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Mackenzie Kennedy, a 2018 graduate of Belleville High School, has earned Ohio Community College Athletic Conference Academic All-Conference honors for the fall semester. To qualify, a student-athlete must achieve a 3.30 Grade Point Average or higher while completing at least 12 credit hours. Mackenzie, who is at the Cuyahoga Community College campus on an athletic scholarship, is studying Physical Therapy, with a minor in Sports and Exercise Science. She is training year-round as part of the softball team. Mackenzie is the daughter of George Kennedy and Wendy Shingles of Van Buren Township.

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VBALL thanks Chudzinskis for tractor

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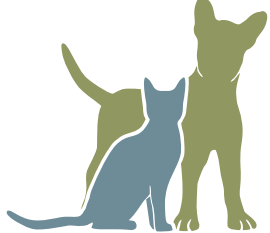
on the league's field maintenance equipment.

The donation was made to the VBALL by Jim and Shelly Chudzinski. Standing, from left, are Shelly Chudzinski, VBALL president Marc Littleton, and Jim Chudzinski. On the tractor, showing the league president how to properly operate the tractor, is Jim and Shelly's son, Seth. The entire board of Van Buren Area Little League sends a huge THANK YOU to the Chudzinski Family for their generous donation.

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Beglin said each precast, reinforced block of the wall weighs 1,000 pounds and they are held in place by gravity. There is

an underdrain along the sides of the wall.

He said everything is protected by cameras and motion detectors.

In other business at the 90-minute meeting on Jan. 23, the commission:

- Approved temporary land use, Jan. 24-May 15, for Jeffery Langford of The Real McCoy Southern BBQ, to operate an outdoor carryout restaurant in the parking lot of the party store, 39431 E. Huron River Dr., at the southwest corner of Hannan Road;

- Approved the final site plan for a 43,260 square foot dry depot expansion to the west end of the building at Costco's facility at 5860 Belleville Rd. This includes 40,560 square feet of cross-dock and 2,700 square feet of office space. Wayne County has already permitted for the whole expansion;

- Approved preliminary site plan for U.S. Signal's first phase, a 25,000-square-foot data processing building at 9275 Haggerty Rd. at the northeast corner of Tyler and Haggerty roads. Wayne County had them move their building back 15 feet so its water would be out of the buffer. U.S. Signal will have to dig under Haggerty Road to connect to a sanitary sewer main without cutting traffic flow;

- Reviewed proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance on fences, walls, and other protective barriers. A public hearing will be held Feb. 13 on the changes. McKenna Planners said there was a lot of fence discussion on Subaru's protective fence, as well as JPMorgan/Chase and U.S. Signal's requirements. This reportedly streamlines the language;

- Heard Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, report that the February meetings will not be cablecast because of updates going on in the board room. The meetings in February will be held in the Otisville-Sheldon Room where cablecasting is not available.

Sumpter Police officer arrested for drunk driving in Huron Twp.

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke confirmed Monday night that one of his officers had been arrested for driving while under the influence on Saturday night, following an incident at a residence in Huron Township.

"An internal investigation is under way," Chief Luke said. "I won't be releasing any info on that officer at this time as there has been no formal charge as of yet."

The *Independent* also had asked Luke about the rumor that Huron officers offered to let the officer go and Luke insisted they follow through.

"As to the claim about my response," Luke said. "That's false. The arrest had already been made by the time I was notified. If I had been presented with that scenario, however, I would have told those officers the same thing I tell my own. You have a job to do, do it. Don't jeopardize yourself trying to lessen the impact of someone else's poor decision."

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Feb. 4 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Feb. 5 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

- Monday, Feb. 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.

- Tuesday, Feb. 12 – Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Feb. 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Feb. 14 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

- Tuesday, Feb. 19 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting at 4 p.m. and regular meeting, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Feb. 21 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m.

- Monday, Feb. 25 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.

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Sumpter board supports return of Missoula Children's Theatre

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Missoula Children's Theatre, which was a staple in Sumpter Township years ago, is coming back to the Belleville area May 13-18 and planners hoped it could come back to Sumpter.

The show will be "The Pied Piper."

After a long discussion during the work/study session of the township board on Jan. 22, Treasurer Ken Bednark added an item to the regular agenda, which cleared the way for Missoula to use the community center and to request the Parks and Recreation Commission to set a special meeting to consider helping with the funding of the project. The motion passed unanimously.

Belleville attorney Barbara Miller was present to reacquaint the township with

Missoula. Missoula Children's Theatre is located in Montana and she visited them last summer.

Miller said Missoula Children's Theatre started in 1990 with two directors and a truck. Now there are 44 trucks that go all over the United States. It is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts.

She said the truck and two directors arrive on Sunday night and on Monday children audition for roles. The community needs to spread the word about the upcoming auditions, which have roles for 60 to 70 children, ages five through grade 12.

Miller said the first year it came to Sumpter only a handful showed up for auditions. On the last session here, 130 showed up.

The roles are cast on Monday and rehearsals begin and run throughout the

week, with a dress rehearsal on Friday and two performances on Saturday.

"It's a wonderful thing for our children," Miller said, adding it already has a history in Sumpter Township where Mary Herring ran it for eight years.

Miller first took the subject of Missoula to the Belleville Area Council for the Arts where she got overwhelming support. BACA paid the \$500 fee to register.

Miller said the cost is \$3,700 for the play and then there is housing for the two directors, printing of programs, printing of flyers and other expenses, which she estimates will come to about \$5,500 total.

She went to the Parks and Recreation Commission to ask for a grant and, although members supported the program, they told her she had to come to the township board first.

"You can't have a rich community without quality events -- music, theater," Miller said to board members. "You have to start cultural events. We'd like to start a more aggressive program."

She said they would like to hold it in Sumpter's gym. Miller said in the past the late Supervisor Marvin Banotai had risers built, but they proved just too noisy.

"Sumpter Township needs a performance center," she continued, noting they tried to have it in the pavilion, but that wasn't quite right because of needed costume changes and other problems.

Miller said a nice committee is forming with Sheena Barnes, Peggy Morgan, and Mary Herring willing to help. Herring doesn't want to be chairperson because of all the work it entails.

Miller said the local Missoula Children's Theatre stopped "because Mary wore out."

"I hope we will have the support of the board," Miller said.

Treasurer Bednark, who has been attending Parks and Recreation Commission meetings, said theater programs build compassion and teamwork and give exposure to public speaking, relieving the fear of speaking in front of people. It fosters creativity and nurtures a sense of place.

Clerk Esther Hurst said the Tuesday of the week in May needed is already booked by the Girl Scouts, but maybe something can be worked out there.

Miller said Missoula could do one day of rehearsals somewhere else, in another room or the pavilion. She said she got a positive response from Parks and Recreation, but they told her they can only authorize \$500.

Township attorney Rob Young said Parks and Rec can only spend \$500 without

consent of the board. If Parks and Rec makes a recommendation to the board then the board could approve it.

Parks and Rec meets the third Wednesday of every month.

"We're kinda running out of time," Miller said. "It's January now and it's a May event. Are you saying this board cannot authorize a contribution?"

Young said Parks and Rec comes to the township for permission to spend what was authorized by its board.

"They can recommend to the township board?" Miller asked.

"A procedural problem," Young said.

Trustee Matthew Oddy asked if Parks and Rec could have an emergency meeting and Trustee Don Swinson said they could.

"I'm willing to reappear at their meeting," Miller said.

Young said the next township meeting is Feb. 12.

Trustee Swinson said he would talk to Parks and Rec to see if leadership would set a special meeting.

"It's up to them to make a decision," Swinson said.

Miller wanted to lock up the dates for using the gym. And, Trustee Oddy wanted to know if they would waive the fee.

"Not tonight," said Supervisor John Morgan for his only comments on the subject. "Next meeting."

Maria Beaudrie asked if Miller had asked the City of Belleville or Van Buren Township for donations and Miller said they hadn't because they were planning to have it in Sumpter so they started here.

Miller said the ticket prices would be low so everyone could afford to come, possibly \$1 for children and \$2 for adults. Maybe they could get some company to buy them all, she said, or a corporate sponsor.

Miller told of an entertainment expo set by Wayne County Community College in Taylor on March 2, where people could go and hear groups audition so they could be hired for local events.

"I'd like Sumpter Township to start music in the park on another night than Thursday and have it be a place people could get together. Sumpter could be known for this, as you richly deserve," Miller said. (Music Lakeside is held on Thursdays at Horizon Park in Belleville every summer.)

Herring said the last Missoula was held at South Middle School. She said the gym is acoustically poor. It has been suggested they get bleachers for the audience so everyone can see, since there is no stage.

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Court Watching:**Jonathan Enos bound over for assault outside Applebee's restaurant**

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Jonathan Anthony Enos, 36, was bound over to circuit court by 34th District Court Judge David Parrott after a preliminary exam on Jan. 23.

Enos was charged with assault to do great bodily harm less than murder and aggravated assault in the parking lot of Applebee's restaurant in Van Buren Township on Aug. 30.

He is due at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Feb. 6 for an arraignment on the information. Enos is free after posting bond of \$10,000/10%. His retained attorney is Brian Brown.

During the preliminary exam before Judge Parrott, the 17-year-old victim, Nicholas Franklin, testified. He said he was on his way to work at Applebee's, driving his car from Haggerty Sub and was at Tyler Road light at Belleville Road.

He said that was the last thing he remembered before he woke up in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He said he got sutures on his head, a metal plate in his head and was in the hospital for 14 days.

He said he has no memory of how he got the injury, why he got the injury and still suffers from migraines and headaches. He now works at McDonald's.

Another witness, John Henry, said he was sweeping the Applebee's parking lot when he heard arguing and looked up and saw Nicholas and the defendant. He said he heard it escalating and looked and saw the defendant pick up Nicholas. He grabbed Nicholas by the waist and lifted him almost to his shoulders and slammed him down on the concrete.

Henry said Nicholas didn't make an attempt to assault the defendant, who drove off after the assault.

He said Nicholas started having seizures, turned purple, turned white and then he called 911. He said he told the police the height, and body weight of the person who left and gave a description of the vehicle.

Henry said the person was three to four times bigger than Nicholas.

Under cross examination, Henry said he saw the two were face to face and he felt an assault was going to happen. He testified he called Nick's name to try to get him away.

"Nick looked like he was trying to defend himself and both were in a fighting stance," Henry testified. He said he saw "arms flailing" but didn't see who touched who.

Henry also testified, at first he thought it might be Nick's father and he didn't want to get involved. He said the whole thing was no more than two minutes.

The defense attorney said it sounds like mutual combat and there was no intent for great bodily harm. The arms around his waist sounds like trying to restrain Nicholas and the defendant did nothing to him once he was on the ground.

Judge Parrott said this is a question of fact for a jury and there is a great disparity in size and weight. He ruled there was sufficient probable cause and he bound Enos over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Feb. 6.

Mateo Anthony Mercado

Mateo Anthony Mercado, 18, had his case adjourned for two more weeks until Feb. 6 at 9 a.m.

Mercado's attorney Aaron Boria came forward with a plea bargain for his client from the prosecutor that included "attempt to flee police in a vehicle" and Judge Parrott questioned such a plea, since Mercado got away.

The charges were fleeing police in a vehicle, malicious destruction of fire or police property, high blood alcohol content, driving with an open intoxicant, and alcohol in possession of a person less than 21 years of age in the City of Belleville on Dec. 23.

After sending the attorney back to talk to the prosecutor, they returned and Judge Parrott said he will accept the plea, but, "I won't put him on probation because I don't feel like supervising him. I'm not going to grant HYDA," referring to a special program for young offenders.

Mercado is free after posting bond of \$5,000/10%.

Ryan McKinley Sevilla

Ryan McKinley Sevilla, 31, was charged with first degree retail fraud in VBT on July 20. He had personal recognizance bond of \$3,000, but was lodged in the Wayne County Jail on charges from other jurisdictions.

David Aaron Lipscomb

David Aaron Lipscomb, 20, who

was charged with aggravated indecent exposure in Van Buren Township on Dec. 16, was scheduled for his probable cause conference before Magistrate Lisa Martin on Jan. 23.

He waived his upcoming preliminary exam and he was bound over for an arraignment on the information at circuit court on Feb. 6. He is free on \$20,000 personal recognizance bond. His retained attorney is Carl Jordan.

Robert Vigh

Robert Vigh, 30, had his probable cause conference scheduled for Jan. 23 before Magistrate Martin, and he waived his upcoming preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Feb. 6.

He is charged with delivery/manufacture of marijuana in the City of Belleville on Sept. 17. Rachel Jordan is his court-appointed attorney.

Tyler Lewis of VBT named to Albion College Dean's List for fall

ALBION, MI -- Tyler Lewis of Van Buren Township was named to Albion College's Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester.

Students named to Albion College's dean's list must have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.5 or above on the 4.0 scale while taking four graded courses.

Lewis is majoring in political science with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Leadership in Public Policy and Service.

Albion College is a private liberal arts college of approximately 1,500 students.

Noah Borgdorff named to Fall 2018 Dean's List at Mount St. Joseph U.

CINCINNATI, OH -- Noah Borgdorff of Belleville was named to Mount St. Joseph University's Fall 2018 Dean's List. Borgdorff is a student in the field of Liberal Arts.

To qualify for the Dean's List, an undergraduate student must earn a Grade Point Average of 3.5 or higher while enrolled in six hours or more of course work for a letter grade (excluding pass/fail courses).



CITY OF BELLEVILLE
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 7, 2019

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**2. ROLL CALL**

Council Member Fielder Present
Council Member Marcotte Present
Council Member Smith Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Loria Present
Mayor Conley Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS**Presentations**

There was an announcement that Mary Talaga will retire from being a school crossing guard on January 18th. There will be a formal recognition for Mrs. Talaga at the February 4th Council meeting.

Council follow up list

None

Citizen Comments

A couple in the audience who reside in Belle Villa spoke of issues they were having related to property taxes and their water system.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria Second by Marcotte to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve the City Council meeting minutes from December 17th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

None

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 19-001**, for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 with the addition of \$1,674.60 to Priority One for a preapproved purchase of 5 firefighter uniforms, bringing total payables/expenditures to \$102,534.50.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council hereby recesses the regular meeting to go into a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

Motion by Loria, Second by Marcotte to approve **Resolution No. 19-002**, recess regular meeting at 8:06 p.m. and enter into closed session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Marcotte to return to open session and adjourn meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: January 22, 2019
Published: January 31, 2019

City of Belleville
PUBLIC NOTICE
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING



The City of Belleville Board of Review will meet on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5th. A second meeting will be on Tuesday March 12th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. **MEETINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

Please call (734) 697-9323 ext. 7014 or ext. 7015 to set up an appointment.

The meetings will be held in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville. The purpose will be to review the assessment roll and hear any objections. Resident and non-resident taxpayers are permitted to file protests in writing without personal appearance; letters must be received by March 12, 2019.

Sherri Scharf,
City Clerk/Treasurer
Publish: January 31, 2019
February 7, 2019
February 14, 2019

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Tickets are now available for the Belleville Area Women's Club's 2019 Spring Fashion Show on Tuesday, April 9, at Wayne Tree Manor on Van Born Road in Wayne. Tickets are \$35 if purchased before March 1, and \$40 at the door. Admission includes cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and the fashion show at 8 p.m. For tickets call DeLaney Provencher at (734) 625-0919 or they are available from any BAWC member. Proceeds to benefit the community and educational fund.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, the Belleville Central Business Community is kicking things off with free pictures with Cupid and face painting (by me) on Saturday, Feb. 9, from noon until 3

p.m. at the Belleville Area Museum. The CBC's ad in today's paper has a whole list of activities and events, too, such as Valentine cookie decorating on Feb. 9 at Garden Fantasy on Main, and a make-n-take Valentine's Day card project, also on Feb. 9 at the Belleville District Library. Be sure to check the schedule. You'll also find a list of local eateries, shops and services.

Express Docs Urgent Care is now open at 13739 South Huron River Drive in Romulus with hours Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. They offer in-house labs, x-rays, and services such as physicals, drug screens, EKG and much more. Call (734) 941-0895 and visit www.myexpressdocsurgentcare.com. See their ad in today's paper.

Express Tire & Automotive Repair on Belleville Road is offering the ultimate savings coupon, featuring 10% off parts and labor for all services up to \$40. Express Tire offers lifetime warranty on

brakes, pads, and shoes and will beat any written estimate on new tires. See their ad in today's paper for details and call (734) 697-2424 to schedule an appointment. Visit www.expresstire.com.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter has a busy month coming up in February with meet and greet adoption events starting on Feb. 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pet Emporium in Ann Arbor, followed by Sunday, Feb. 10, from noon until 4 p.m. at Pet Value in Milan, and Feb. 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Petco Pet Store in Westland on Warren Avenue across from the mall. Call (734) 461-9458. A basic-obedience, 5-week class will take place every Wednesday, starting Feb. 20 through March 20, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each night. To register, call (734) 449-4513. Visit their website at www.friendsofmichigan.org for details on all the events.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? There is no cost to be in this column. Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion.

Strawberry Festival announces St. Anthony's not participating in '19

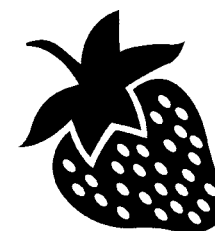
The Belleville National Strawberry Festival sent out the following press release on Monday:

St. Anthony's Catholic Church has decided not to participate in the 2019 Belleville National Strawberry Festival.

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce's carnival will be held on the grounds of the high school this year.

We sincerely hope that St. Anthony's will return as a venue in 2020.

The Belleville National Strawberry Festival



Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:34 p.m. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer K. Bednark. Trustees: Swinson, Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and approximately 31 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

F: Consider approval to re-allocate funds from previous part-time clerical position to Treasurer's office clerical position, not to exceed 20 hours per week, no benefits, subject to background check and not to exceed \$18.00 per hour. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: Public comment began at 6:35 p.m. No comments were received. Ended 6:35 p.m.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2018. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the warrants totaling 1,310,848.35. Roll call vote: Yes: Swinson, Rush, Oddy, LaPorte, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Finance Report-Holtz: Motion by Swinson, supported by Oddy to approve the Finance Report. Motion carried.

8. Water & Sewer Report-K. Bednark: Motion by Bednark, supported by Oddy to approve the Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried.

9. Police Report-Luke: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Police Report. Motion carried.

10. Building/Ordinance Report-Rush: Motion by Swinson, supported by Oddy to approve the Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried.

11. Fire Report-Januszyk: Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Fire Report. Motion carried.

12. Treasurer's Report-K. Bednark: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

13. Supervisor Report-J. Morgan:

A. \$367.00 was raised by the employees' for the Community Outreach program.

B. Sumpter Township will be closed Monday, January 21, 2019 in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to approve the Supervisor's report. Motion carried.

14. Attorney Report-Young: no report

15. Board Response: no comment

16. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to adopt resolution 2019-01 for the Wayne County Annual Maintenance permit package A-19044. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to adopt resolution 2019-02 for the Wayne County Annual Pavement Restoration permit package A-19099. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to adopt resolution 2019-03 for the Wayne County Annual permit for Special Events package A-19133. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to send Vern Morse to Tax I and Tax II BS&A training, not to exceed \$750.00. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the bid for a new board table from Jeffrey Lominac, Jr. at a cost of \$6,500.00. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve re-allocating funds from the previous part-time clerical position to the Treasurer's office, not to exceed 20 hours per week, no benefits, subject to a background check and not to exceed \$18.00 per hour. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve second reading to opt-out of the permitted use of Commercial Marijuana Facilities in the Township.

Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve second reading to opt-out of the permitted use of Commercial Marijuana Facilities in the Township and to adopt. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve Guardian Alarm security updates for the Township Hall at a cost of \$1,500.00, pending final monitoring agreement review and 5 year contract for monitoring service. Motion carried.

I. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to send a letter of intent to Guardian Alarm to prevent auto-renewal of the 6 Township facilities. Motion carried.

J. Motion by Bednark, supported by Oddy to approve hiring Kenneth Wayne Toney as a full time police officer, contingent upon him successfully passing a physical in addition to psychological and drug testing. Motion carried.

17. Announcements: no announcements

18. Open Floor: Four (4) people spoke.

19. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:23 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,

Dawn Hadyniak

Deputy Clerk, Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

John Morgan, Supervisor

Published: January 31, 2019

Sumpter Township Public Notice

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 7:00 pm, Thursday, February 14, 2019 to receive public comment for the following zoning ordinance text amendments.

NATURE OF THE REQUEST(s)

- 1) A PROPOSED AMENDMENT to Section 5.3: Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses of the Township Zoning Ordinance.
- 2) A PROPOSED AMENDMENT to Section 2.2: Definitions of the Township Zoning Ordinance to add Yard Waste.
- 3) A PROPOSED AMENDMENT to Article 7: Environmental Protection and Design Provisions of the Township Zoning Ordinance to add Section 7.13: Environment, Drains, and Public and Private Rights-Of-Ways.

This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

Posted: January 23, 2019

Published: January 31, 2019



Van Buren Township K9 Officer Jase and Handler Officer Ryan Barry

VBT's K9 Officer Jase to get donation of body armor from nonprofit

Van Buren Township Police Department's K9 Officer Jase will receive a bullet- and stab-protective vest, thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.

K9 Jase's vest is sponsored by the Officer Collin Rose Memorial Foundation and will be embroidered with the sentiment "In honor of Axe EOW 11/04/18 & Collin Rose EOW 11/23/16". Delivery is expected within eight to ten weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA whose mission is to provide bullet- and stab-protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided more than 3,200 protective vests, in 50 states, through private and corporate donations, at a value of \$5.7 million.

The program is open to dogs actively employed in the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate.

The donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K9 is \$950. Each vest has a value between \$1,744 and \$2,283 and a five-year warranty, and an average weight of 4-5 pounds. There is an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the U.S.

For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, call (508) 824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at www.vik9s.org or mailed to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 449 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Jan. 20:

0014 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0053 – family trouble, Outer Dr.
0222 – threat, Outer Dr.
0654 – hospice death, Holly Ln.
1038 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1235 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
1437 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wildbrook Dr.
1555 – noise complaint, Ash Dr.
1611 – animal complaint, Rawsonville
1815 – neighbor trouble, Tyler Rd.
1840 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kennedy Ct.
1859 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1932 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
2230 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

Monday, Jan. 21:

0044 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0653 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1107 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1117 – domestic, E. Archwood Dr.
1139 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Independence Ln.
1216 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1318 – animal complaint, Hoyt/S. I-94 Service Dr.
1347 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1651 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1707 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1826 – property damage accident, Old Rawsonville Rd. / Rawsonville
1832 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./rest area
1854 – property damage accident, Elwell/Martz
2132 – follow up by officer, Maple Dr.

Tuesday, Jan. 22:

0233 – suspicious person/vehicle, Burlwood Ln.
0317 – harassment call, Ash Dr.
0711 – property damage accident, Lancaster/Tyler
0851 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
1201 – missing person, Hardwood Dr.
1311 – ordinance violation, Bemis Rd.
1344 – family trouble, Lighthouse Dr.
1356 – assist other dept., Aspen Ln.
1426 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1511 – indecent exposure, Quirk/Ayres
1516 – ordinance violation, Huron River Dr.
1740 – suicidal person, Parkside Dr.
2041 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2054 – fight, Belleville Rd.
2324 – property damage accident, Belleville/EB entrance ramp

Wednesday, Jan. 23:

0445 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0604 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
0724 – property damage accident, Beck/Van Born
0924 – assist other dept., Carmell St.
0936 – fraud, Harmony Ln.
0959 – assist other dept., E. Waterbury
1029 – ordinance violation, Savage Rd.
1137 – suspicious person/vehicle, Madison Dr.
1257 – suspicious person/vehicle, Marina Dr.
1359 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1436 – ordinance violation, Harmony Ln.
1443 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1612 – neighbor trouble, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1924 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2001 – suicidal person, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
2224 – animal complaint, Morton Taylor/Tyler
2333 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty

Thursday, Jan. 24:

0144 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0732 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
0738 – neighbor trouble, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0922 – assist other dept., Village Green Ln.
1039 – private property impound, Van Born
1307 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1500 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1549 – suicidal person, Millington Ct.
1809 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1819 – breaking & entering, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1826 – animal complaint, Martz Rd.
1847 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2234 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Friday, Jan. 25:

0534 – assist other dept., S. Purple Sage Ct.
0625 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Daniel
0701 – larceny from auto, Daniel Dr.
0728 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
0815 – larceny, Robson Rd.
0947 – property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1146 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1213 – abandoned auto, Red Oak Dr.
1449 – traffic offense, Jackson St.
1536 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1557 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1604 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl
1621 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Independence Ln.
1932 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1937 – breaking & entering, Daniel Dr.
2144 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd.

Saturday, Jan. 26:

0045 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Waters Edge Ln.
0348 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0503 – traffic offense, Parkwood Dr.
0813 – disorderly, Pine Dr.
0855 – property damage accident, Country Walk Blvd. / Savage Rd.
1027 – animal complaint, Rawsonville
1119 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1200 – domestic, Jackson St.
1306 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1324 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Jackson St.
1433 – harassment call, Sawgrass Ct.
2031 – assist other dept., Oak Blvd.
2226 – noise complaint, Sylvia Dr.
2232 – family trouble, Haggerty Rd.

Also on this week's log are 167 traffic stops, 20 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 20:

0302 – parking complaint, E. Waterbury Ct.
1237 – juvenile complaint, Bell Cove Ct.
1412 – vehicle lock out, Menlo Park Dr.
1537 – intrusion alarm, Astor
1609 – fraud, Main St.

Monday, Jan. 21:

0934 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1608 – animal complaint, Carmell/Belle Villa Blvd.
2028 – intrusion alarm, South St.
2036 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
2335 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.

Tuesday, Jan. 22:

2037 – assist fire dept., Astor Pl.

Wednesday, Jan. 23:

0101 – threat, Loza Ln.
0444 – assist other dept., High St.
0910 – domestic, Carmell St.
1624 – harassment call, Loza Ln.
2013 – warrant arrest, Clinton

Thursday, Jan. 24:

0923 – welfare check, High St.
1133 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1205 – assist fire dept., S. Aberdeen Ct.
1638 – suspicious person/vehicle, Light Tower Ct.
2014 – traffic offense, Elwell/W. Huron River Dr.

Friday, Jan. 25:

0146 – intrusion alarm, South St./Davis St.
0154 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0452 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robbe St.
0640 – welfare check, Robbe St.
0723 – assist other dept., E. Huron River Dr./N. Edgemont Ave.
1410 – assist fire dept., Third St.
1443 – vehicle lockout, South St.
1544 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1628 – warrant arrest, Taylor PD
1758 – fraud, Main St.

Saturday, Jan. 26:

0121 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main/Second St.
0310 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1313 – intrusion alarm, Fifth St.
2304 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

2329 – noise complaint, N. Liberty St.
Also on this week's log are 47 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 20:

0858 – family trouble, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
1711 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1936 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Carleton West
2313 – civil dispute, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Monday, Jan. 21:

0326 – fire dept. assist, Virginia
0618 – animal complaint, Willis/Sumpter
0811 – alarm, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
0905 – alarm, 9600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1053 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1230 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1730 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1736 – reckless driver, Willow/Sumpter
1915 – warrant arrest pick up, 51000 bl. Willis
1953 – well-being check, Carriage Ln.
2019 – assist other agency, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
2132 – warrant arrest pick up, Willis/California
2157 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Judd

2259 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, Jan. 22:

0247 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0604 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1100 – alarm, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1522 – larceny, 50000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1606 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1855 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2140 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, Jan. 23:

0206 – mental health commitment, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
0759 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
0829 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1006 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1026 – death investigation, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.
1045 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1301 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1346 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Willis
1536 – truancy complaint, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1544 – truancy complaint, 43000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1550 – truancy complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1558 – family trouble, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2105 – threats complaint, Virginia

Thursday, Jan. 24:

0025 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0216 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1314 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1405 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1433 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1437 – alarm, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1803 – subpoena service, out of township
1828 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Bemis

Friday, Jan. 25:

1046 – fraud complaint, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1106 – subpoena service, out of township
1754 – warrant arrest pickup, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1914 – subpoena service, out of township
2225 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Saturday, Jan. 26:

0006 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
0530 – alarm, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0631 – CIT, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0946 – subpoena service, out of township
1002 – alarm, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1144 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1220 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
1247 – citizen assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1259 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1709 – alarm, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1752 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
2346 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.

Also on this week's log are six follow-up investigations, 25 miscellaneous details, 60 patrol checks, and 36 traffic stops.

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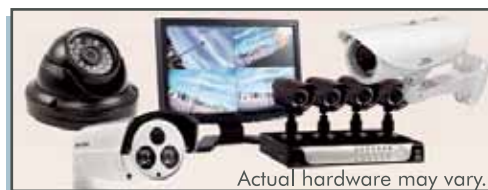
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