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Belleville expects to get \$250,000 from state

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the end of Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, Mayor Kerreen Conley reminded Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte of an announcement he wanted to make.

Marcotte said a couple of years back when the city was figuring out how to pay to repair the seawall at Doane's Landing, he wrote a letter to the state asking for help.

He said Rep. Kristy Pagan worked to get \$250,000 for the seawall and she worked through two administrations and, although it's not a done deal yet, it looks like the city will get the money.

Governor Whitmer has to sign the latest budget bill first.

Mayor Conley said Sen. Hopgood worked on the funding, too, when he was in office.

"We'll cross our fingers, but that looks fine," Mayor Conley said of the expected funds.

She said things are looking up in the city and a lot of people are working to improve things, including those with the library, Scott Jones and his building projects and the reorganization of the Chamber of Commerce.

"There are things on the horizon and we're looking forward to 2020 to see where the city can go," she said.

In other business at Monday's 47-minute meeting, the council:

- Elected Councilman Jesse Marcotte as the new Mayor Pro Tem, replacing Jack Loria who is no longer on the council. Mayor Conley asked City Manager Diana Kollmeyer to come up with a list of contractors used by the city to see if it would be good to go out for bids, probably after the new city manager takes office;

- Learned there are 185 applications for the city manager position as of last Friday
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Photo by April Warner Photography

The second session of free photos with Santa is from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21, upstairs at the Belleville Area Museum, courtesy of the Belleville Central Business Community. More than 100 pictures with Santa were taken last Saturday. Photos with Santa for those with special needs is at 11:30 a.m. The museum's Christmas crafts for children also has a second session this Saturday, but registering in advance is required, since they sold out all three classes last Saturday. Call (734) 697-1944.

Library Director Suchy gets standing ovation, 3.7% raise

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a report on the evaluation of the work of Belleville Area District Library Director Mary Jo Suchy, the library board voted unanimously to give her a 3.7% raise in salary and then stood up for a standing ovation of her work.

Her base pay goes from the current \$81,000 to \$83,997.

At the board's regular meeting Dec. 10, board member Linda Priest, chairperson of the Personnel Committee, explained that

all the board members filled out evaluation forms and rated Director Suchy's work for the year.

She said on a scale of 1-6, with 6 being "outstanding," Suchy was above average in all categories.

"She was scored high by all board members in a very challenging year," Priest said, referring to construction of the new library. "We wanted to be prudent, but let her know how much we appreciate her."

"We took it very seriously," she said of the evaluation.

When asked how they came up with a 3.7% raise, Priest said they averaged the scores and not everyone gave a 6 score.

When asked, Suchy told the board the other employees are getting 2.5% raises.

After the board stood and applauded Suchy's work, board chairperson Sharon

Peters said to Suchy, "Just keep doing what you're doing, sweetheart. We are very fortunate."

She said Suchy's hard work makes the whole board look good and she thanked Suchy deeply.

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Master Mason Brandon Mullens, left, and secretary of the Masonic Lodge Jim Piper accept the award presented by Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman for all the help the Masons give to the police department, including paying for individuals to go to the police academy and reserve programs. “Without the police reserves, the department couldn’t function,” Chief Berriman said.



At the Dec. 16 meeting of the Belleville City Council, Police Chief Hal Berriman presented an award to Brian Copsey and Mary Couperthwaite of the Bayou Grill for the money they raised for new protective vests for the police department. Couperthwaite, left, accepted the award for the Bayou.

City of Belleville Holiday Decorating Contest

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William & Beth Ann Hutter, 392 Light Tower Court

Eric Luke Family, 234 Harbour Pointe Dr.

Victoria Commons:

Ronald & Donna Adkins, 461 Waterbury
Elliot-Kera Jokinen, 336 Victorian Ln.

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The Morin Family, 77 Carmell

Balance of Belleville:

Lacey Marcotte, 138 Clarence

Walter Dziedzic, 184 Biggs

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Johnson, 159 Main St.

Van Buren Township clerk’s office reaches out



On Dec. 13, Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright and the clerk’s office presented a check for \$1,000 to a family they had adopted to make sure the family had a Merry Christmas. The family is made up of grandmother Pamela Ward-Hill and her three grandchildren, ages six, five, and three. Hill had been awarded custody of the children after the death of her daughter shortly after the birth of the now three-year-old child. Clerk Wright thanks those who donated to the cause: Trustee Kevin Martin, Treasurer Sharry Budd, and Supervisor Kevin McNamara. Shown from left are Ward-Hill, Clerk Wright, Trustee Martin, and Elections Clerk Brittany Beaudrie.



On Dec. 13, the Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright and his clerk’s office staff delivered their annual Coats for School Kids to each of the seven Van Buren School District elementary schools – each in a red bag. This year not only were there more than 60 coats, but also included were much-needed gloves, scarves, mittens, hats, even underwear. The clerk’s office and staff would like to thank the businesses and individuals that make this initiative possible. These are: US Ecology; Gasiorek, Morgan, Greco & McCauley, P.C.; Plante Moran; Waste Management; Scott Jones; Carlito Young; McKenna Associates; Susan Bartos; Wade Trim; Fishbeck, Thompson, Huber & Carr Engineering; Trustee Reggie Miller; and employee Fred Campbell. Above, Clerk Wright is shown with Building Coordinator Becky Ross, left, and staff at Haggerty School. Wright said this year they were able to bring in over \$3,000 in donations and in the future he hopes to do something even bigger and partner with other organizations.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Van Buren Twp. finally hires new planning director

Dan Power, a young man with piles of credentials, has been hired to take over the position of Planning Director for Van Buren Township.

He fills the vacancy created when Ron Akers resigned last summer to take a position with the City of Ypsilanti.

Power will make \$73,000 base pay.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the VBT Board of Trustees, Power said he and his wife are from this area and were in VBT and Belleville when they were growing up. They want to move back to this area from the City of Walker, near Grand Rapids, where he has been Planning Director for four-and-a-half years.

He said he started moving back to this area last month, a car load at a time.

Akers was a jewel and worked his head off for the township. The *Independent* got legal notices from him on Saturday nights and Sundays. When we admonished him for working on week ends, he said the work had to be done.

He left VBT because he had a wife and young child that needed his attention, as well.

We sincerely hope that Power will work civilized hours and not be driven off by unreasonable demands.

At a recent meeting, Supervisor Kevin McNamara said if someone works for him, "it's 24/7."

Not a good motto for Van Buren Township to have.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A reader noted that the traffic congestion at Hannan Road and South I-94 Service Drive continues to build. He said Amazon trucks plus all the employee vehicles in that area have really grown.

He said another accident snapped the electric pole (again). "I remember reading a traffic light is coming. Inquiring minds want to know when the traffic light will be installed?"

We have no further information on that light, other than it was stated at a Romulus City Council meeting that it would be next year.

Alma Hughes-Grubbs, secretary of the Belleville Area District Library Board, asked me what I knew about some red lights in the sky. There were about ten of them at once, she said. She showed me pictures she had taken on her cell phone and she said her friends saw them, too.

Alma said they were in the Eastern sky and her cell phone records the time as being 8:59 p.m. on Oct. 23.

Library board member John Juriga suggested they were UFOs. Others have suggested they were drones.

Did anyone else see these red lights in the sky?

For those of you who have an interest in when Mike's Kitchen will be reopening, Van Buren Township will hold a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14. Mike plans to upgrade and expand the restaurant and needs to get a variance of 20 feet on the setback. The ordinance requires 25 feet of setback and he is asking that to be cut back to 5 feet.



Also, for those waiting for a senior housing development, a public hearing will be before the Van Buren Township Planning commission at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8 for the proposed Hampton Manor. It is planned to be on a 7.11 acre site at the southeast corner of Tyler and Morton Taylor and needs Special Land Use approval in the Local Business District.

That's the six parcels owned by Walt and Joyce Rochowiak.

Hampton Manor is planned to be a senior housing development with assisted living and memory care units in a 62,516-square-foot building.

At Monday's city council meeting, Councilman Ken Voigt was congratulating the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce on the success of its WinterFest parade and activities all week end. Then, he also thanked them for the body guards they produced for the city council as it walked in the parade.

He said he was referring to the BHS football team that walked near the city's unit. He said after the parade they still had two big bags of candy and so they asked the football players if they liked candy – and they were very enthusiastic in taking the candy off their hands.

We're happy to report that Monday was the first day back for VBT Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery after her hip surgery. She said the hip surgery required after she fell was much easier to heal from than her knee

surgery. In fact, her knee is still bothering her.

The Jan. 6 work/study session and Jan. 7 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees have been cancelled. At Monday's work/study meeting Supervisor Kevin McNamara said there wouldn't be time to get an agenda together that soon over the holidays and not much is going on right now.

VBT Supervisor McNamara referred to Daniel Power, the person being hired to replace Ron Akers as building and planning director, as a "Swiss army knife with many skills."

At the work/study session, Trustee Sherry Frazier pointed out that Power currently works for the City of Walker and Walker is similar to VBT, with a population of 25,000 to 26,000 people. It was a township and became a city because it was being annexed to Grand Rapids, she said.

Sumpter Township Treasurer Ken Bednark said on Tuesday that his office has the capabilities to take payment by credit card now and so taxes can be paid in that manner. He'll have more information for taxpayers in next week's paper. His office will be open all day Dec. 31 to accept tax payments.



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— Albert Einstein

Letters

Letter from Honey Pest Control

To the editor:

On Dec. 4, I lost the better part of me. Joan S. Moore passed away peacefully at our home in Sumpter Township. This is a major loss also for Honey Pest Control. She was the backbone of the company, running the office while I serviced our customers' homes.



We were opposites that somehow clicked. Joan S. Moore We were together for 28 years. She always had my best interests in mind. Always had my back. Joan had many health problems that progressed over the last 20 years. The last year had her in the hospital for over 100 days. Many other days with appointments for her health care.

Without Joan, I don't know if Honey Pest Control would have been a success. I'd like to apologize for any missed or cancelled appointments or any unreturned phone calls. At times I was truly overwhelmed.

Joan made me a much better man and I miss her dearly. Until we meet again, I love you, Joan.

J.C. Honey
Honey Pest Control

Thank you, Sumpter Township Water Dept.

To the editor:

John Kruschlin and Randy Lynch you guys are awesome.

From the time my grinder pump alarm came on to the time my grinder pump was repaired/replaced I hadn't even finished my morning coffee!

It is the small things in life we learn to appreciate -- like running clean water and those little pumps that carry the excess away. It does not matter the day, night or weather, the water department crew works thankless hours for what we take for granted!

Again, Thank You!
Chris Saksewski
Sumpter Township Resident

"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is CHRIST THE LORD."

Luke 2:11

MERRY CHRISTMAS

'Stand up for Betsy Ross' shirt helps charity

To the editor:

This is a "feel good" story the news doesn't talk about because the people doing great things are Republicans.

A 911 charity in New York called "Tunnels to Towers" helping first responders has been given more than \$4 million since the Fourth of July to pay off mortgages.

The donations came from shirts, etc., that Rush Limbaugh sells that say "Stand up for Betsy Ross." Evidently Nike had a Betsy Ross flag on the back of a new shoe line. Collin Kappernick, Nike's spokesperson, refused to support the shoe because of the flag! Nike withdrew the shoe line based on this troubled person's opinion.

Thus, the idea was born to stand up for the flag!

Van Buren Township resident
Karen Conrad

History Calendars ready for Christmas giving

To the editor:

The Belleville Area Museum and Historical Society is happy to announce our 2020 Historical Calendar, featuring historical photographs of Tri-Community Bridges, Roads, and Waterways, is now on sale for only \$5! A great holiday gift.

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Proceeds support programs and events at the Belleville Area Museum.

Katie Dallos, Director
Belleville Area Museum

Scam telephone call cut short in Belleville

To the editor:

Dec. 12, 9:50 a.m.

I received a phone call from my "Grandson." Said he broke his nose in an auto accident. I asked him if this was the same "Grandson" that broke his nose a couple of months ago in an auto accident. The phone suddenly went dead. GUESS HE DIDN'T NEED ANY MONEY.

Pete Pitzen
Belleville

Editor's Note: A Sumpter Township resident said she called Sumpter Police after she got two phone calls with the caller referring to her as her grandma and asking for help.

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More Letters

God, make our stony hearts, hearts of love

To the editor:

I wish to thank Linda Broughton for her tremendous informative letter on page 8 in last week's *Independent*.

It took great courage to confront the letter to the editor written by a Ms. Berman several times before. She has had a deceptive agenda to try and persuade the unsuspecting public toward her socialist-communist views with such innuendo.

As Linda Broughton presents the truth of history that many, many people have never learned. They continue in their ignorance of our American History, our U.S. Constitution, our U.S. Bill of Rights and our U.S. Declaration of Independence that has made our United States of America great and distinguished from any other nation in the world.

We were on the verge of a crisis-coup to usurp our Judeo-Christian values on very underhanded, corrupt, politically correct tactics.

Today citizens, whether young or old, do not know our history and our basic government civics, because it is not taught the same way and even no way as it was in the 1950s and 1960s. I graduated from Ypsilanti High School Class of 1965 where American History was taught, as well as Civics and Advanced Civics that makes me aware of how precious our freedoms are. Freedom is never free, our U.S. Armed Forces have fought and lost their lives to keep us free. I pray that our citizens wake up to the truths and facts Ms. Broughton has presented. Socialism / communism promises a free lunch – everything free – but we lose all of our rights. When this happens, we become a Venezuela, a prisoner of the state.

We are a nation blessed by God, we are the “shiny city on the hill” as quoted by

President Ronald Reagan who told Russia's Gorbachev, “Tear down the communist wall” in East Germany. We have had our faults and we need to ask God's forgiveness so He can set us on the way to unite us. As the Bible states in II Chronicles 7:14, “If my people who are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then He will hear from Heaven, forgive their sins and will heal our Land.”

If we confess our sins as a nation, He will forgive our sins and get us and keep us on the right path. We must remain ever vigilant to prevent any socialist-communist take-over of our nation. If you have cable television, there is a newer network with the title “One America News – OAN” that presents investigative facts and truths.

We don't just have wickedness and lawlessness problems, we have a major heart problem; may God take our stony hearts and make them hearts of love for

our fellow citizens. Jesus left us two great commandments, “Love God with all your whole heart” and “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

“Keep America Great,” Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Mary E. Ban
Sumpter Township

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Dec. 23 – Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 9 – Keystone Academy School Board at 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission at 7 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 13 – Van Buren Public Schools organizational meeting, 7 p.m. at BHS Commons. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Jan. 14 – VBT Local Development Financing Authority meets at 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m., in old library building.
- Monday, Jan. 27 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 28 – Sumpter Township board meeting at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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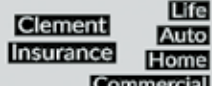
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Obituaries



Gwenyth Elizabeth Ashe

GWENYTH ELIZABETH ASHE

(April 13, 1937 – December 11, 2019)

Age 82, of South Lyon. Died peacefully early Wednesday morning at South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab Center December 11, 2019.

Gwen is the beloved Mother of David (Elizabeth) Ashe of Montgomery, Alabama, Penny (Martin) Gierak of South Lyon and Frank Ashe also of South Lyon, Michigan. Gwen is the cherished grandmother of Eric (Jennifer), Erin, Ethan (Mary Tyler), Emily, Matthew (Alicia) of Arkansas, Ryan, Joseph, Katelyn, Ella and Claire. Gwen is also a loving Great-Grandmother to Grayson, Ella-Kate, Kaylee-Ray, Campbell, Sydney, Logan, Eric, Luke and a new baby due to Matthew and Alicia in July 2020.

Gwen was born April 13, 1937 to Gladys and Randel Field in Detroit, Michigan. After her father died in 1947, Gwen and her Mother Gladys moved to Dearborn. Gwen began to serve as organist in a Methodist church at age 15. Until 2016, Gwen was an organist and choir director in several United Methodist Churches. The longest being Belleville First United Methodist Church. Gwen was a teacher in the Woodhaven School District for many years, retiring in 1985.

Gwen married Frank Ashe is 1961. Frank was widowed with his 12-year-old son David who she loved instantly. Son Harold was born and passed away in 1963. Penny was born in 1964 and Frank in 1967.

Gwen was very active in the Belleville community for many years. She joined the former Business and Professional Women's group, now known as Belleville Area Women's Club (BAWC), in 1976 and served as Treasurer and chair of several committees. She was well known at the Belleville Library as she was an avid reader. Mostly, she loved her immediate and extended family, and would do anything for them. She will truly be missed.

In keeping with Gwen's wishes a simple cremation has been arranged. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be Saturday, December 21, 2019 at the Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, Belleville, MI. The family will welcome visitors from 2-3 p.m. The service will start at 3 p.m. Gwen will be buried with her Mother Gladys per her wishes.

Donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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DEAN MCKINLEY BLEVINS

(December 1, 1930 – December 12, 2019)

Age 89, of Romulus. Survived by wife Ruth, children Ronald, Robert, Pamela, Cathy, Michael and Mark; 9 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

More Letters

Sumpter Seniors thank all for help during year

To the editor:

Sumpter Seniors would like to thank the following individuals, organizations, and businesses for their generosity throughout the year, especially during the holiday season.

Sumpter Township Supervisor John Morgan, Clerk Esther Hurst, Trustee Don Laporte, Trustee Don Swinson, Trustee Tim Rush, Trustee Matt Oddy, Attorney Rob Young, Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous, Judge Dave Parrott, Sumpter Parks & Rec, Sumpter Quilters, Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis, Mr. Richard Morgan, Keller's Bakery, Pinter's Flowerland, Burhop's Collison, Red Rooster Bar & Pizzeria, Janowiak Funeral Home, Martin & Son, Swift Trucking, Express Tire, Sumpter Police Dept., Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Leonard, Linda Missant, Sumpter Collison, Belleville Moose Lodge #934, Beltone Hearing Aid Center.

Honorable seniors that contribute their time to make the community center festive for the children's & senior Christmas events: Roy Dunford, Lettie Sanders, Beverly Powell, Margaret Rochon, Dee Patterson Mickens, and LeeAnn Pelton-Smith.

Maryann Watson
Sumpter Senior Center Specialist

Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

Please publish my letter.

Dear St. Jude & St. Joseph:

Thank you for answering my prayers. You have never failed me.

Merry Christmas, Everyone.
A.D.

Always a VB Twp. resident in my heart.

Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

Say this prayer nine times a day and by the eighth day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.

St. Jude's Novena

May the sacred heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

St. Jude answered my prayer and I am extremely grateful.

Thank you, Steve, Belleville

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More Letters

Difference in opinion should be tolerated

To the editor and our community:

Re: Linda Broughton's Letter

In the spirit of the season, I wish everyone a happy holiday – whether that holiday is Christmas, Kwanzaa or any other celebration of love, peace and tolerance.

I was going to ignore the letter addressed to me written by Linda Broughton and published in this newspaper on Dec. 12. I was going to ignore it because some voices are so filled with intolerance, rage and hatred there is no sense engaging someone we cannot influence. But I've decided not to do that. I have decided to speak out precisely because of the venom and intolerance expressed toward me.

Linda, our political persuasions are different, that's obvious by your diatribe. But the personal attack expressed in the audaciousness of your opinion is not warranted. I would welcome letters not agreeing with my political beliefs -- if the writer expresses why they believe my opinion is wrong. But your intent is to attack me personally, to try to intimidate me, just as President Trump does with people with whom he doesn't agree. If your intent is to try to persuade me to your way of thinking, you're going about it the wrong way.

You have not bullied me into silence. You seem to believe your rancor should be tolerated by others because of "freedom of expression" or "freedom of speech," but I don't believe that is true -- not when it instills hatred and fear, tearing apart our society. It is the intolerance and animosity you express where the origins of racism, slavery, genocides and mass killings begin. It is why hate crimes are on the rise in this country. That's also why President Trump's egregious behavior should not be overlooked -- because his actions and behaviors are intended to instill fear and muffle the voices of those who disagree with him.

I hope the hatred and vehemence expressed in your letter demonstrates, more than I ever could, why hatred and

intolerance have no place in the civility of our complex American society. American society is rich and worth sharing BECAUSE of its complexities, opinions and various lifestyles, especially when we foster such exchanges.

I'm sorry you feel so threatened by it.

Wishing everyone in our community a holiday filled with love, peace and tolerance.

Barbara Zysk-Berman
Sumpter Township

Letter to Senator Mitch McConnell

Senator Mitch McConnell
317 Russell Senate Office Building
9828 Barkley St.
Washington, D.C. 20510
Senator McConnell,

My grandfather's family lived and died in the region around Louisville, Kentucky and my own father grew up there. After serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps, the China Theater, during World War II he returned home and moved to Michigan and became a police officer for the city of Detroit. He was an exemplary father and public servant who loved his country and the citizens he swore to protect.

My father encouraged me to join the military during the Vietnam War and I enlisted in the U.S. Navy and received an honorable discharge from President Nixon in 1971. I understand that you, like Donald Trump, found a way to avoid having to commit to sacrificing for your nation during this bitter crisis. That aside, I find it disturbing that you and every Republican Senator and the entire Republican Congressional Caucus have pledged to support this president in a complete rebuke of your sworn oath of allegiance to the Constitution of the United States.

I recall my own sworn oath, "to protect and defend the constitution of the United States from enemies both foreign and domestic." Further, "I pledged allegiance to the flag and to the republic for which it stands," not to the president or any citizen of the United States. You and your fellow senators have an obligation to uphold the laws of this nation and to protect the Constitution from those who would trample on the freedoms

provided by our founding fathers.

You aren't allowed to consider how your constituents may or may not support your decisions in this impeachment process. ... you must follow the guidance and wisdom of those who had sacrificed to guarantee that we should remain a free society, a republic governed by the Constitution of the United States, by the people and for the people ... not for Donald John Trump.

With great shame for my Republican Party,
Mr. CeJay Marshall
A Conservative and Veteran
Van Buren Township

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Saturday, Dec. 21** – Children's Ornament Workshop at the Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St., at noon, 1:15 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 per child. Reservations recommended, (734) 697-1944. Also, photos with Santa from noon to 4 p.m., free, but donations welcome. Photos for special needs, all ages, 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Thanks for the paving of Martinsville Road

To the editor:

Thanks to the Wayne County Road Commission and workers and Kevin McNamara for the paving of Martinsville Road from Harris Road to Judd Road. Job well done.

We are blessed to have paved roads. Many homeowners have dirt roads. Hopefully, someday they will be blessed with paved roads.

Charlie Crispell, Concerned Citizen
Sumpter Township

• **Sunday, Dec. 22** – Candlelight service at 11 a.m., with hot cocoa, coffee and cookies at Faith Assembly Church, 894 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Before that, at 10 a.m., there are classes and kids' Christmas ornament craft-making.

• **Sunday, Dec. 22** – Free Sunday Music from 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Today the music is by Jay/Sax.

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Eron, who majored in Political Science and Music, is a 2015 graduate of Brighton High School.

Ashland University is a mid-sized, comprehensive, private university located a short distance from Akron, Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio. The university is religiously affiliated with the Brethren Church.



Belleville High School senior Lauren Marshall has signed to play soccer at Spring Arbor University next year.

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Photo courtesy of Al Hudson, Yankee Air Museum
Santa is due to arrive in his private helicopter at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at Yankee Air Museum.

Yankee Air Museum opens kiosk at Ann Arbor's Briarwood Mall

Yankee Air Museum is reporting a significant increase in visitors during November and while this may be expected, the fact many visitors did not enter the exhibit gallery is interesting.

People are coming to Yankee Air Museum to purchase distinctive items in the gift shop. The wide array of items, from toys, books and garments to accessories, all complement the unique experiences available through the museum.

Now, the gift shop has expanded its merchandise sales to include a presence in Briarwood Mall, Ann Arbor. The Yankee Air Museum kiosk is located directly off the center court, in the Von Maur corridor, in front of Godiva.

"People are looking for gifts that provide experiences," said Kevin Walsh, Executive Director of Yankee Air Museum. "The most memorable gifts are those that people look forward to enjoying, then look back on and talk about fondly. Yankee Air Museum has these attractions."

Walsh said tickets to Wings and Wheels, the Museum's historic aircraft and rare automobile show, is the perfect stocking stuffer for the car enthusiast. This show, racing toward its third running on June 14, 2020, combines the best selections of planes and cars all together on the tarmac at Willow Run Airport. Tickets are available online for \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the event. Kids 15 and under are

free.

Thunder Over Michigan air show tickets are another favorite, according to Walsh. Headed into its 22nd year, this acclaimed air show is featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels on August 29-30, 2020. Tickets are available online now at reduced prices.

For those who cannot decide on merchandise or experiential gifts, the Yankee Air Museum Gift Card is the perfect solution. People often give these in amounts equal to the price of an Air Adventure ride on the B-17 Yankee Lady or other flyable aircraft and add a little

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"Maybe it's time for you to visit Yankee Air Museum," advises Walsh. "You may see something for that someone special. In addition, if you visit on Dec. 21, you may even see Santa Claus arrive in his private helicopter. Bring the kids, there will be plenty of hands-on activities from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and admission is free all day."

Gift card and event ticket sales are available online or at the museum only.

Merchandise is available at the kiosk in Briarwood Mall. Yankee Air Museum is located at 47884 D Street, Willow Run Airport, Belleville.

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Filming the President

Sarah White, granddaughter of Van Buren Township Trustee Paul White and Sue White, was selected by WWMT Channel 3 – CBS in Kalamazoo to be the videographer for a private interview by a reporter from her station when U.S. President Donald Trump comes to Battle Creek on Dec. 18. President Trump was scheduled for a 7 p.m. Merry Christmas Rally at the Kellogg Arena. Trustee White said Sarah had to get clearance from the Secret Service for the assignment. The night before, however, President Trump decided not to do the private interview. Sarah still was videographer for the event.



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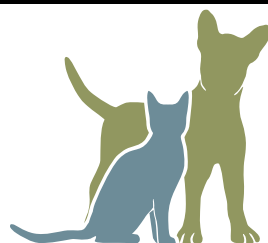
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Farmer surprised when Wayne Co. levies hefty tax for drain

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Dennis Wilkin of Saline has been a farmer for 52 years and has farmed in three counties and ten townships.

This month he got a property tax bill from Van Buren Township that went up by \$4,500 from the year before. Now, his tax for the Bradshaw Drain is more than \$6,400.

He said he went over to the township treasurer's office and they said it was a Wayne County charge and they didn't know what it was for. He had to go to the county.

So, he said, he went to the Wayne County Drain Commission and he was told he owned 53% of the Bradshaw Drain -- he was majority owner of the drain --but that they didn't know why his bill went up. He was directed to Spicer Engineers, who the county hired for the drains. He said Spicer wouldn't give him information on the Bradshaw Drain.

Wilkin claims there is no plan for the Bradshaw Drain.

Wilkin said he was insulted when VBT's Public Services Director Matthew Best, in one of his many trips to the township, referred to him as "a gentleman farmer." He said he is finishing his 52nd year as a farmer and he didn't begin with an inheritance or anything from his wife's parents. He worked hard to make a living farming.

"It really stings," he said of Best's comment.

Wilkin said the county hasn't touched the Bradshaw Drain since just after the Civil War and he can't find out what is planned, if anything. He tried a Freedom of Information Act request with the county and was told there was no information on the drain.

He said his next step is to the state attorney general.

Wilkin said it may be a plan by the township, which has close ties to the county, to extort his property from him. If he can't pay his taxes, the township eventually could get his land.

The property he refers to is the 280 acres south of Hull Road that he bought in seven parcels in 2012. It had been mentioned as

the sites of a new Kroger store and then for the new Belleville High School, but both plans fell through. He bought it from the property owners as farmland.

He said he talked to Kroger three years ago and was told Kroger doesn't want to go to war with the township. Kroger had offered to bring 70 jobs, he said.

In 2017, the Bradshaw Drain assessment on the seven parcels added up to \$572.51. In 2018, the total was \$2,148.32. For 2019, it is \$6,427.24.

Wilkin has put his property up for sale, but has received no bites.

He named off the land the VBT board has purchased over the last few years, including the DNR property on the lake for a very low price, and the Ford property that is not to be used for a decade, and the Placemaking land for an office/park.

"This whole board needs to be recalled," Wilkin said. "How in the world does the community let this crap happen?"

He referred to his property tax bill as "taxation without representation." Since he doesn't live in VBT, he cannot vote in VBT, but is taxed on the property he owns nonetheless.

He said that 75% of his tax bill goes to education.

"They're just rifling the taxpayers," Wilkin said.

"I don't have a right to vote against them," he said of VBT officials, school plans, and county proposals.

Wilkin said in 1979 the Michigan Farm Bureau named him Top Young Farmer in the State of Michigan and he came in fourth in the nation.

He said he believes he's the only farmer in the state who is a sole proprietor of his business, with others getting the land from their mom and dad.

He said he had a heart attack in 2015 and his doctor said he was a half hour from death with the "Widow Maker."

"These aggravations have got to stop," he said, noting his father and brothers died at an early age of heart attacks. He is nearing age 70.

He said he can't retire because the Capital Gains Tax will take so much from him that he wouldn't be able to provide for his wife, who he thinks will live a long time because

her mother died at age 100.

He said the farmers are the true slaves of America today.

He said since he is 53% owner of the drain, wouldn't it be a priority to let him know what's going on with it? He said there have been no notices in the mail and no public hearings.

"I have a little too much pride to let it go back for taxes," Wilkin said of his farmland on Hull Road. "And, I'm not ready to give up nearly 40% of my holdings in Capital Gains Taxes."

Wilkin said the county could be held
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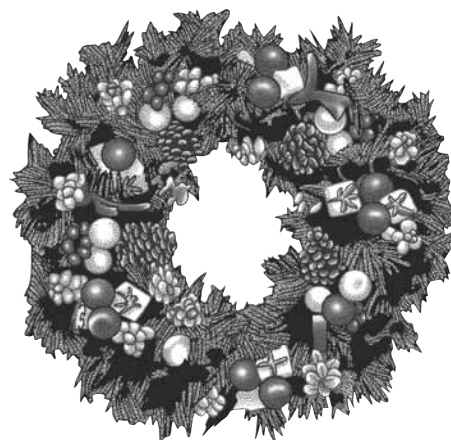
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Planning Commission attacks city manager at her final meeting

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

"This is my last meeting," said Belleville City Manager Diana Kollmeyer near the end of the Dec. 12 meeting of the Belleville Planning Commission.

"I do not intend to be beaten up any more by boards and commissions," she said, holding back tears.

She said if the planning commission holds a meeting in January she will not be there and, "Feb. 3, I'm out." Kollmeyer told city officials a year ago what her plans were about retirement.

"I've spent 22 years here doing my level best," Kollmeyer continued. "There have been people who appreciated it and some who didn't. I loved being here."

She said later that she actually had spent 40 years working for municipal governments and, "I stayed too long here."

Her comments came near the end of a meeting which had no business to consider. The only business on the agenda was approval of the June 13 meeting minutes — the last meeting the commission had held — and General Discussion.

And commission members came prepared for the General Discussion ambush of City Manager Kollmeyer and DPW Director Rick Rutherford, with lists and photos and computer depictions of what they didn't like about how the city looked.

The *Independent* had been at another meeting that night and didn't hear the beginning remarks, but arrived around a half hour into the discussion, which lasted another hour.

Discussion was on the hair salon next to city hall and whether it had any parking. City Councilman Ken Voigt said years ago there was a disagreement between the

city and the salon on parking and a study showed the salon actually owned just 5' into the parking lot. He said the city cut off the salon's lot for a while, but then worked out an amicable use of the space.

Then, Commissioner John Juriga said he attended a meeting between the library, DDA, museum, and Van Buren Township where there was talk about putting a LED lighted message board in front of the museum. It was explained to the township that if that was allowed by the city, others would want to have signs, too. Juriga said he told them the city council didn't seem interested in approving such a sign that goes against present ordinances.

Juriga said VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said he would use his money elsewhere and back off from the LED sign the township wanted to put in front of the museum and just put a simple sign there.

Then, an irritated commission chairman Steve Jones started talking about the renovations done to the old car wash on East Huron River Drive near Edgemont.

"They have permits for everything," DPW Director Rutherford said.

Jones said the property owners have blacktopped all around the building, where they used to have gravel, and he had hoped to have some landscaping. He wanted to know what the building was going to be used for and Rutherford said he didn't have any information on use.

Jones said they're getting to a point when anything will be approved.

Rutherford said they put a roof on it and put in doors and the hard surface was already in place.

"The use of the building is going to change ... It's not going to be a carwash," Jones continued. "We have no say in how that building is being developed... That part of the city is not as pretty and we wanted to have input ... We could get a curb, greenspace..."

"We're going down a wrong road ... We should have had a say here ... We seem to be letting stuff go," he said, then referring to a past pharmacy put in place in the fifth block of Main Street with a big front to satisfy the ordinance. Now it's a barber shop.

"I don't know how a planning commission can tell them not to do something," Rutherford said about the carwash. "They're not changing the footprint."

He said he would get some clarification on that from the city attorney and bring his opinion back to them.

Commissioner Michael Renaud said the concern is that they don't know the use.

"The city cannot deny him doing improvements on his property," Rutherford said. He said the property owners have put in basic bathrooms inside.

Jones referred to the former Chesley Odom Design building on the water on Main and when the new owner came to city hall to tell what she wanted to do, she was told what the ordinance allowed and she did it.

Commissioner Renaud thought it was important to know the use. He recalled the former dentist office that was purchased and money put into renovations so they could have a marijuana shop. Then the city told them that was against the ordinance. Now, it's another dentist office.

"They should be able to renovate their own building," Rutherford said, noting if they pay for something that they won't be able to use that is on them.

"It's not considered a renovation," Jones insisted.

"I'll get a legal opinion and bring it back to you," Rutherford repeated, adding he doesn't believe you can deny building permits on private property.

"They're changing the use," Jones insisted. "Do we have the ability to say there are things we want to see? Landscaping and parking. They covered over the wells and that's good."

Commissioner Matthew Wagner asked what if he says he wants a tattoo parlor and he can't have that. "The city should ask 'What's your intent?'" he said.

Commissioner Juriga said he wanted to put artists lofts in his barn on East Huron River Drive and he asked Keith Boc, the former DPW director. Boc told him it wasn't in the ordinance and so he didn't do it.

"Wasn't there discussion?" asked Commissioner Becky Hasen, concerning use of the former carwash.

"He came in to put a roof on it to save the building," Rutherford said. "We'd get in trouble with the state if we denied it."

Then, Jones switched his criticism to Kollmeyer with questions about the building next door that the city bought for back taxes.

Kollmeyer said the building is falling in and they have to figure out something to do with the contents. Someone suggested putting brown paper over the windows and Kollmeyer said they can't because it's against the ordinance.

"Why not take the signs down?" Commissioner Hasen asked.

Kollmeyer said since there are just two and a half people in the DPW Department they have to choose between putting up the Christmas decorations or working on the signs.

"It's been over a year," Jones said.

"Rick, will you see all the posters are pulled down?" Kollmeyer asked Rutherford.

Jones said he gets frustrated because out on the street people are saying the city is insisting they follow the ordinances and the city can't even keep their own house clean.

"We're really having a hard time, getting people to enforce ordinances," Jones said.

Commissioner Randy Priest showed a picture on his computer of the garage behind city hall that should get its door fixed. He then complained about the arcade building on South Street, near the tracks, that had awnings flying in the breeze.

"I took pictures around the city," Priest said, noting trash bins in front yards, utility trailers in drives and trash in yards. Rutherford asked him to send the pictures to his email for him to study.

He also complained about the Chapman house and its drainage into the street and trucks parking over the sidewalk. He said he's fallen in that area.

Then he mentioned that there are no sidewalks across from the Secretary of State office on East Columbia, which is hazardous for walkers. He said the Iron Belle Trail is coming through town and they have to fix the sidewalks.

Juriga said that Jets had outdoor tables all summer, with no café ordinance.

Renaud, who helped put that ordinance together, said they don't need a permit if it's on private property.

Rutherford said the city needs to replace the sidewalks it is responsible for before asking residents to fix sidewalks. He said with the library project, Doane's Landing issue with the seawall, and other things, he's been very busy.

"Now that the library is almost complete, the real work begins," Rutherford said, pointing out there will be the demolition of the old library and construction of the parking lot.

"The DPW yard is a shit hole," Juriga said. "I'd like city fathers to take a look" and Councilman Voigt said the city mothers should take a look, as well.

Rutherford said the brush piled there is used by the fire department to do training and the dirt piled there is important when surfaces have to be restored in emergencies so the citizens' services are put back in place.

Jones then moved to the cars inside a building at South Street and East Wabash. Rutherford said the owner has been issued a warning and he has 21 days to respond.

Jones said that's never going to be resolved with the way the owner moves off for a day and then goes back and does it again.

"Keith Boc was so hated he had to carry a gun," Juriga said.

"We have to enforce ordinances," Jones insisted. "This is not the first time I mentioned that building. And, the building next door [to city hall]. I love Marlene, but there are three A-frames out in front."

Rutherford suggested commissioners go to the city council and express concerns about how the city needs help in enforcing ordinances. He said Boc had a building inspector and several people to help with ordinances.

"This is not really productive," Rutherford said of the ongoing complaints. "It's turning into a gripe session. We were supposed to talk about planning."

Commissioner Priest said he had offered to do ordinance enforcement without cost because Rutherford needs help, but he was not taken up on his offer.

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Court Watching

Paul Johnson bound over after lying about name, running from PD

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After a preliminary exam before 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley, Paul Wayne Johnson, 50, of Sumpter Township, was bound over to circuit court for a Dec. 18 arraignment on the information.

Johnson is charged with two counts of assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer and one count of giving false identification to a police officer on Nov. 16 in Sumpter Township. He is lodged in the Wayne County Jail on bond of \$5,000/10%.

Court records show Johnson having 17 aliases.

Sumpter Officer Jesiah Rodriguez was the first witness in the exam, called by Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Krystal Murphy.

He testified he has worked six months for the Sumpter Township Police Department and at

6:48 p.m. on Nov. 16 he was on road patrol in uniform and in a marked vehicle at the corner of Rawsonville and Willis roads in a parking lot across from Mobil.

Officer Rodriguez testified he stopped a brown Lincoln that did not stop coming out from the service station and had no attached plate. The car contained a driver and a passenger. The defendant was the passenger.

Officer Rodriguez testified that the driver did not have a driver's license, so the officer arrested the driver and put him in the back of his patrol car and called for backup. Sgt. Joseph Balowski responded about five minutes later and they both interacted with the defendant.

"I asked for his name and he said Bobby Johnson with a birthdate of 4-11-68," Rodriguez testified. The name was checked on LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) and there were no matches, Rodriguez said.

He said both officers made contact with him again and asked dispatch to seek information.

"I asked the defendant where he grew up and where he lived," Rodriguez said, noting dispatch was looking for information.

Rodriguez said the defendant came out of the vehicle and closed the passenger door. He said the sergeant and the defendant were in conversation. He did a pat down on the defendant and began the tow process on the car.

Then, Rodriguez said, Sgt. Balowski called out, "He's running" and he was running south on Rawsonville.

"I engaged in a footrace," Rodriguez said, adding the sergeant tried to use the taser. Then the defendant ran eastbound into a driveway, Rodriguez testified. The sergeant was calling out, "Please stop, please stop," the officer said.

Then, Sgt. Balowski tased him and Rodriguez pushed him to the ground and grabbed his left hand and the sergeant got his right arm, according to the testimony.

"I handcuffed both arms while he was face down," Rodriguez said. When asked to estimate the distance, Rodriguez said it was about a football field – 100 yards – south on Rawsonville and then 30 yards in the drive.

He said they had continued to question the defendant because he had given them a false name.

Sgt. Balowski was the next witness and he said he has worked for Sumpter PD since 2013 and as a sergeant since July.

He testified the driver had a suspended license, so Rodriguez arrested him.

Sgt. Balowski said the defendant identified himself as Bobby Lee Johnson with a birthdate of 4-11-68, but there were no results in LIEN. He testified the defendant said that was his true name. "We talked at length and he said that was his true name and he was not lying," Balowski said.

"I did not believe he was who he said he was," Balowski said, adding he told him to put his hands behind his back and he ran south on Rawsonville Road.

He testified he called out, "Stop, Police," and deployed a taser, which was ineffective. He said he told him to stop multiple times, more than 10.

"Officer Rodriguez is quite the runner," Balowski said. "He [the defendant] said, 'I'm down' while still moving. He was taken to the ground."

Balowski said the defendant had a parole warrant.

Under cross examination from court-

appointed defense attorney Nanci Kastaw, Balowski testified he was on Sumpter Road south of Willis when he got the call for backup and he arrived in about five minutes. It was 20-30 minutes before the defendant ran.

"I was sure he was not telling the truth," Balowski testified. "He said he had an ID card, but it was not with him. He was arrested for false ID." Balowski said his department's policy is to tow vehicles with unlicensed drivers.

"He was looking up and down the roadway in a suspicious manner," Balowski said.

Prosecutor Murphy made a motion to bind

Johnson over on the two felony counts with the third misdemeanor count.

Defense attorney Kastaw said her client was not under arrest and free to leave.

"He was checking out the surrounding area to see where he was going to go when he ran," Judge Oakley said.

"There was no criminal conduct," Kastaw persisted. "No reason to keep the defendant."

Prosecutor Murphy said the first two counts are felonies. "He was under arrest and he ran. There was false ID."

Judge Oakley bound him over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Dec. 18.

Belleville Plan

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"Doesn't the city have money?" Juriga asked, noting the 2-mill levy is going to be collected.

Voigt said the 2 mills are dedicated funds for public safety.

"We're not doing anything productive right now," said commission vice chairman Michael Hawkins. "People can't do anything about it."

After hearing Kollmeyer's comments, Jones moved on to trustee comments on the agenda.

Priest asked others on the commission to send him their email addresses so they can communicate without this kind of meeting.

"Thanks for Diana's service to the city," said Commissioner Matthew Wagner.

Juriga said the library construction is coming along and it will take six weeks to get in the railing and they may have to delay the soft opening in February. The grand opening is scheduled for July. He said before the present library is demolished, they will have a New Orleans funeral with a band. He also thanked Kollmeyer for her work.

"Thank you, Diana," Renaud said. "I hope we end on a positive note."

Jones said he appreciates Kollmeyer's hard work, but he has frustrations.

"I apologize if you perceive it as a personal attack," Jones said.

Voigt suggested they put the ordinance officer request on the council agenda.

"Especially in the budget season," Kollmeyer agreed.

Priest wanted to know when the report on the sidewalks would be done and pressed Rutherford for a timetable. Rutherford said this is not the right season for sidewalks and Priest said it's the time to make the plans.

Vice chairman Hawkins stopped to thank Kollmeyer for her work in case he wouldn't see her before she left.

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- 1. Case 19-037:** A request by Van Buren Investors Land Holdings LLC to construct a senior housing development with assisted living and memory care units, called Hampton manor. The proposed 62,516 square foot building is to be located on the south side of Tyler Road, between Morton Taylor and Haggerty Roads on a 7.11 acre site. The site has tax parcel ID#'s: 83-054-99-0012-000, 83-054-99-0013-000, 83-054-99-0014-701, 83-054-99-0015-701, 83-054-99-0016-002, 83-054-99-0016-003.

Senior housing developments are a Special Land Use in the C (Local Business) District, and the proposed Special Land Use requires a public hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with Section 12.03 (Permitted Uses with Special Approval) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail at rakers@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development department at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.



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Sumpter Township Public Notice

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 26, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 7:12 p.m. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: Rush and Oddy. Trustees Swinson and LaPorte excused. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/Chief of Police Luke and approximately 21 residents.

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

Amend 12. New Business, Item A; three year contract to read one year contract and upon final Attorney contract approval

Add New Business, Item I. Water Report

Add New Business, Item J. Postponement of November 12, 16. New Business, Item A

Add New Business, Item K. New Hire moratorium

Add Closed Session, requested by Attorney Young

Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No Comments.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2019 as directed to amend. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Rush, supported Oddy to approve the warrant total of

\$210,237.28. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Oddy, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson:

• Parks and Recreation building addition is nearing completion.

• The grant for Parks and Recreation of approximately \$11,000 has been approved.

• Supervisor's Children's Christmas Party, December 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm. All the bags were stuffed at the last Parks and Recreation meeting. It'll be a fun time for all.

Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chamber report. Motion carried.

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy: There have been no activities for the Planning Commission but there is a scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 19, 2019. All are welcome to attend and support our Township meetings.

Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve the Planning/Zoning report. Motion carried.

9. Senior Report-Hurst:

• Thanks to all who supported the successful Senior's Crafts Show

• Thank you to all who donated socks for the RSVP program

• December 10th, 2019 is the Annual Senior's Christmas Party membership drive at 12:00 noon.

• December 10th, 2019 there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new 13-passenger SMART bus.

• Many thanks to all who have supported the Senior Programs throughout the year.

Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve the Senior report. Motion carried.

10. Board Response: No Board Comments/Response.

11. Unfinished Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the MLCC Resolution/Application for Class C License for Zino Sumpter, LLC pending final Township Planner's site plan approval. Motion carried.

12. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the one year contract with Constellation upon Attorney final contract approval. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve the bid for senior center masonry repair in the amount of \$72,405.00 plus \$5,000 additional if necessary repairs are required for radiant heat system; to be paid out of CDBG funds. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the reaffirming that Roberts Rules of Order is the parliamentary way Sumpter Township board meetings will be conducted. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Bednark, supported by Rush to approve the Correction of Township Board Members Salaries. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Guardian Alarm Security proposal of \$340.00 (installation) and \$41.20/month for monitoring billed quarterly, to be paid with Parks & Recreation funds. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to approve the expanded Expert Technologies service contract to include the Township Hall, and naming corresponding oversight for administration's IT functions. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve the purchasing of (20) new grinder pumps v. rebuilt grinder pumps. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the streetlight in the parking lot of the hexagon building at a cost of \$1,034.57. Motion carried.

I. Motion by Bednark, supported by Oddy to approve the new Water Report format presented by Finance Director Cole during the November 26 Workshop. Motion carried.

J. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to postpone the proposed start date of December 1st, 2019 related to the November 12, 2019; 16. New Business, Item A. until a full compliance review by the Attorney has been completed. Motion carried.

K. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve a moratorium on hiring new employees (excluding Police and Fire Departments) and direct the HR Director to begin the process of performance evaluations for all current Township employees. Motion carried.

13. Announcements:

A. Trustee Rush wished all Happy Thanksgiving and upcoming Holidays.

14. Open Floor: Five (5) people spoke.

15. Closed Session

At 7:50 pm, Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to move into Closed Session; pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to consider attorney-client privileged material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal law referencing pending litigation of Futernick vs. Sumpter Twp. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Oddy, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 8:06 pm, Motion by Oddy, supported by Bednark to open the Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to accept the Attorney's recommendation as advised during the Closed Session. Motion carried.

16. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to adjourn at 8:08 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;

Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk

Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

John Morgan, Supervisor

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Belleville Council

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and set a special meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, for a review of the candidates and 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, for a day-long meeting of interviews. (If more time is needed, they may set special sessions for Jan. 28 and 29.) A special meeting also was set for 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 3, for a meet and greet of candidates with the public invited along with commissions, CBC, Chamber, and DDA. The new city manager may be selected on Feb. 4. Retiring City Manager Kollmeyer reported of the resumes, several psychologists have applied along with Uber drivers and pizza drivers. Council members were invited to come in and look over the resumes in the office and make some choices to present to other members in order to whittle down the field;

• Approved the Healthcare Corrective Action Plan, required by the state, as prepared by the city's Plante Moran consultant. Kollmeyer said the plan shows the city pays as it goes for retiree health care, as done by many municipalities. The city had an extension from the due date last month and the plan is due this week;

• Heard Councilman Ken Voigt praise the work of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce on the Winterfest activities and the parade which, he said, is starting to rival the Strawberry Festival parade. Voigt also commented on how much he liked Carson Conley's remote-control box that was in the parade. Mayor Conley said she told her son as long as it was lighted it could be in the parade, so he lighted it;

• Heard Councilwoman Kelly Bates say she would like to work on cleaning up the building the city bought adjoining city hall, which she had placed on the council's follow-up list at the last meeting. DPW Director Rick Rutherford said earlier that day he first got the keys to the building and the beer signs are off the windows. Bates said she would volunteer to help clean up inside and Rutherford said he would be glad to work with a volunteer group to clean up the building and get rid of the items inside; and

• Approved accounts payable of \$98,035.82 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$11,823.24 for road replacements and \$5,190 for water main break; to Metro Environmental, \$695 for Vactor jet service; to Core & Main, \$637.80 for water main clamps; and to Superior Truck Services, \$558.65 for dump truck repair.

District Library

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When it got to Suchy's part of the meeting for her report, she stood and applauded.

"I give a standing ovation for my staff. They are so wonderful – flexible and ready to step up and do whatever needs to be done," she said.

In other business at the one-hour meeting, the board:

• Approved 2020 board meeting dates and a list of days the library will be closed in 2020, including Jan. 13 through Feb. 7 when the current library will be closed in order to move into the new library. The new library is scheduled to open Feb. 8;

• Approved purchasing four Canon copiers from Applied Imaging for a price not to exceed \$22,000, to service the main library and the branch. Six bids were reviewed, four from Applied Imaging, one from Konica Minolta, and one from MOS. Applied Imaging was recommended by The Library Network and members of the TLN Technology Committee. Their public library clients include Ann Arbor, Dexter, Northville, Saline, Southgate, Wixom, Lyon Township and Brighton;

• Approved the three-page Facilities Use Policy (with three more attached pages of an Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights) as discussed at the November meeting and prepared by Mary Jane Dawson, chairperson of the Policy Committee. Dawson could not be present at the Dec. 10 meeting. The policy had been reviewed by attorney John Day. The library meeting rooms are available "for use by Belleville, Sumpter, and Van Buren community groups for presentations of informational, educational, civic, and recreational meetings, and programs in keeping with the mission of the library."

All meetings and programs must be open to the public. Rooms available seat from 12 to 100 people. Chairperson Peters said this policy is a living document and after it is in place a while, may need to be amended;

• Discussed the change of the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Media Center branch in Sumpter from Dec. 14 to 10 a.m., Monday, Jan. 13. Building Committee chairperson Joy Cichewicz said they were waiting for Brown Dog Millwork and John Juriga said Brown Dog is expected Dec. 13. They will be installing a staff desk, counter tops, children's nook computer countertop, children's nook cubbies, and other pieces. Cichewicz said before opening the millwork needs to be done, the new chairs replacing those that burned up in a fire in a Flat Rock warehouse should be on hand, and stained glass is being put into the ceiling by Diane Eissinger. Suchy is ordering a big-screen TV for the front of the building and the drive-up book return needs to be secured. Suchy said it is still her goal to have a soft opening of the Media Center in late December or early January;

• Heard Cichewicz report that in the new main library on Fourth Street, the pretesting of the alarm and sprinkling systems has been done, the staircase steps are ready for tile and the elevator is in but not yet in use. The curtain wall will be put up soon, she said, and plaques are being made to show the legacy donors;

• Heard Peters say she signed a lot of checks and they spent a lot of money on books, which are being stored before delivery to the new library when it is ready;

• Learned the library has issued job postings for part-time librarians and part-time library assistants for the new library

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Van Buren Township
Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 428 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Dec. 8:
0122 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0136 – assist other dept., E. Sadie Ln.
0401 – operating while intoxicated, Lake Villa Dr.
0727 – domestic, Harbour Pointe Ct.
0727 – domestic, E. Archwood Dr.
0825 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0954 -- animal complaint, Morton Taylor/Ecorse
1017 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94
1037 – malicious destruction of property, Martz
1059 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Martz
1138 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1311 – property damage accident, Basswood Cir. / Beacon Trl.
1317 – hospice death, W. Huron River Dr.
1359 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1609 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
1650 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1659 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1816 – larceny, Village Green Ln.
1943 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victoria St.
2058 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd. / Lenmoore Ave.
2220 – sexual assault, Denton Rd.
2238 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, Dec. 9:
0701 – larceny from auto, Jackson Ln.
0822 – property damage accident, Ecorse
0845 – larceny from auto, Rolan Meadows Dr.
0917 – larceny from auto, Rolan Meadows Dr.
0921 – larceny from auto, McBride Ave.
0926 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1040 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.
1041 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.
1051 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1054 – larceny from auto, Locust Dr.
1103 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
1139 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1158 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1217 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1255 – larceny from auto, Parkwood Dr.
1309 – abandoned auto, Cedarhurst Dr.
1339 – assist other dept., McKinley St.
1346 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martinsville Rd.
1436 – suicidal person, Buchanan St.
1527 – assist other dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1546 – family trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.
1646 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1710 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1720 – larceny from auto, Van Buren St.
1731 – larceny from auto, Arcadia Ct.
1917 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1940 – suicidal person, Maple Dr.
1959 – suicidal person, Village Green Ln.
2029 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2037 – domestic, Maple Dr.
2104 – animal complaint, Beckley Rd.
2205 – animal complaint, Beckley Rd.
2313 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
2338 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.

Tuesday, Dec. 10:
0219 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0955 – assist other dept., Monterey Dr.
1014 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1124 – disorderly, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1319 – abandoned auto, Brookside Dr.
1407 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1545 – assist fire dept., Savage School
1626 – larceny from auto, Lancaster Dr.
1709 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1759 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1815 – threat, E. Huron River Dr.
1822 – harassment call, McBride Ave.
1854 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1910 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94 Belleville ramp
1944 – juvenile complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1958 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. /

Sunrise Ln.
2021 – animal complaint, Maple Dr.
2030 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
2119 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck
2126 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rolan Meadows / Rolan Ln.
2215 – shooting, Parkwood Dr.
2236 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2354 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

Wednesday, Dec. 11:
0000 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0506 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
0727 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rock Creek Dr.
1046 – larceny, Chandler
1223 – ordinance violation, Ponderosa Trl.
1242 – private property impound, Woodbury Dr.
1337 – threat, N. Cumberland Dr.
1421 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1514 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1620 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
1732 – larceny from auto, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1911 – suspicious person/vehicle, Samantha Ave.
2048 – threat, Arlene Ln.
2125 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2215 – suspicious person/vehicle, Winding Pond
2235 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
2316 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 12:
0038 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson Ln.
0601 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0638 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
0641 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0753 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0852 – property damage accident, S. Ponderosa Trl. / Holly Ln.
0903 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
1031 – found property/child, Denton Rd.
1204 – property damage accident, W. Schooner Dr. / Michigan Ave.
1217 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1329 – ordinance violation, Pond Ridge Dr.
1829 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Haggerty Rd.
1841 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
2102 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
2322 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
2330 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville

Friday, Dec. 13:
0157 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
0209 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0304 – domestic, Maple Dr.
0647 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.
0822 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1156 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1409 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1551 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1628 – weapons violation, Beck/tracks
1828 – family trouble, Dartmoor Cir.
1828 – mental subject, Robson Rd.
2018 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2024 – juvenile complaint, Haggerty Rd.
2023 – domestic, Savage Rd.
2120 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
2317 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River

Saturday, Dec. 14:
0536 – found property/child, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0752 – 911 welfare check, Richard Run Dr.
0830 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1206 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1303 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Independence Ln.
1357 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Hannan
1454 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1704 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1707 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
1729 – harassment call, Savage Rd.
1819 – assault & battery, W. Archwood Dr.
1908 – juvenile complaint, Independence Ln.
2057 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
2058 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2115 – suspicious person/vehicle, Truman
2130 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2214 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St.
2253 – family trouble, Victoria St.
2342 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.

On this week’s there also were 127 traffic stops, 59 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police
Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 8:
0005 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0011 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0018 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0126 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St. / E. Huron River Dr.
0826 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1038 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1338 – follow up by officer, N. Biggs Ave.
1555 – fraud, Main St.
1617 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

Monday, Dec. 9:
0056 – harassment call, Henry St.
1252 – malicious destruction of property, N. Liberty St.
1331 – vehicle lockout, Fifth St.
1540 – family trouble, San Carlos St.
1651 – property damage accident, Main St.
1656 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.
2020 – vehicle lock out, W. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, Dec. 10:
2121 – traffic offense, S. Edgemont/Greylock
2234 – disorderly, Church St.

Wednesday, Dec. 11:
0024 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0749 – follow up by officer, Church St.
1149 – motorist assist, Main St./South St.
1153 – motorist assist, Five Points
1805 – assist fire dept., Church St.

Thursday, Dec. 12:
0933 – property damage accident, Main/First
1356 – lost property/child, W. Columbia Ave.
1441 – traffic offense, high school
1523 – property damage accident, Carmell St.

Friday, Dec. 13:
1056 – miscellaneous complaint, Second St.
1322 – harassment call, Carmell St.
1514 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1604 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1612 – fraud, W. Columbia Ave.
1709 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1926 – welfare check, Robbe St.
2254 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

Saturday, Dec. 14:
1313 – traffic offense, High/Church
1356 – domestic, E. Huron River Dr.
1537 – found property/child, Main St.
1607 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
2055 – 911 welfare check, Loza Ln.
2241 – fraud, Main St.

Also on this week’s log are 16 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township
Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 8:
0050 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
0550 – fire dept. assist, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0721 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Willow
1744 – suspicious person, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz
1844 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1848 – suspicious person, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1921 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1948 – assist other agency, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1957 – assault, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
2002 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2248 – warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville/Bemis

Monday, Dec. 9:
0115 – warrant arrest pick up, 28000 bl. Haggerty
0909 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Martinsville
0959 – juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1112 – warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville/Willis
1208 – family trouble, Second St.
1306 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1439 – well-being check, Redwood
1541 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1555 – animal complaint
1720 – alarm, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1727 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1821 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1910 – 911 hang up, Wayside Dr.
2007 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Tuesday, Dec. 10:
0825 – 911 hang up, 7200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1233 – well-being check, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1538 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1907 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2155 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
2250 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 11:
0635 – suspicious vehicle, Paris/Morton
0645 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martha Ln.
1002 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1449 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1527 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1735 – fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1800 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1849 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter
2337 – trespassing complaint, 51000 bl. Willis
2342 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 12:
0044 – animal complaint, Arkona/Sherwood
1211 – down wires, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1242 – alarm, 22000 bl. Fenster
1310 – property damage accident, Judd/Sumpter
1616 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1850 – citizen assist, Oakville Waltz/Clark
2103 – property damage accident, Savage/Harris

Friday, Dec. 13:
0312 – alarm, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1043 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1213 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1857 – subpoena service, Knollwood
1907 – animal complaint, Elwell/Wear
1908 – subpoena service, out of township
1950 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2043 – suspicious incident, Bemis/Lohr
2122 – subpoena service, Timberlane Dr.

Saturday, Dec. 14:
0028 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow / Martinsville
0105 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Judd
0615 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0637 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1057 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1117 – alarm, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1534 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1555 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1651 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.
1658 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
2309 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2323 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Judd

Also, on this week’s log are four follow-up investigations, 13 miscellaneous details, 38 patrol checks, and 36 traffic stops.

BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Dec. 19:** Boys Swim & Dive vs. Roosevelt HS, 6 p.m.

• **Friday, Dec. 20:** Girls & Boys Bowling vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 3:30 p.m. at Lodge Lanes

Go Tigers!
Diane Kiessel
BHS Athletic Secretary

Birthdays

Dec. 16 – George Graveldinger
Dec. 21 – Jessalyn Graveldinger-Watson
Dec. 20 – Jenny Hawkins
Dec. 22 – Candace Myshock
Dec. 23 – Janet Federspiel-Miller, Kevin Lee
Dec. 24 – Susan Richardson
Dec. 30 – Cynthia Graveldinger

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and the application deadline for this round of hiring is Dec. 20;

• Also was informed the Friends of the Library will have their annual business meeting on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m. in the present library in order to elect officers and file annual reports, but the more festive portions of their annual meeting will be postponed until National Library Week in April. The theme for National Library Week is "Find Your Place at the Library"; and

• Heard Suchy report that Santa was at the library to talk to the children recently. She said she's been asking Santa for a new library for 29 years in a row and so this year she thanked Santa for the new library, but told him she didn't know that "some assembly was required."

Farmer

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liable for the phosphorus draining into Lake Erie because of its failure to clean county drains.

He said he put \$180,000 worth of tiles into his property on Hull Road and the water that comes off his field is drinking-water quality. But every year there are 20 to 30 acres of his property under water because it can't get away in the drain.

Wilkin said the tanker trucks people saw coming through the City of Belleville late last summer were coming to his farmland with treated human waste from Ann Arbor. He said the fertilizer is certified by the state.

(Independent calls to the Wayne County Drain Commissioner were not returned by the time we went to press.)



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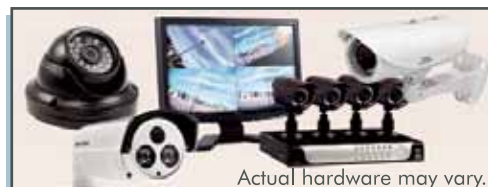
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