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Water project could bring scenic overlook to Huron River

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

If Van Buren Township could get its hands on a grant with lots of money, a \$1 million water project could turn out to be more than just a way to get a 16" water main across the Huron River.

With some funding sources the now-closed bridge over the river at French Landing Dam could become a scenic overlook and pedestrian walkway.

This also is the area the Huron River Watershed Council is seeking to have upgraded to allow for better portage as part of the 104-mile paddle trek of the Huron River.

At Monday's workshop session of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, the board discussed approval of \$32,000 for Wade Trim engineers to look into the options for the water main attached to the deteriorating bridge that has been closed to traffic for some time.

It was the old Edison Lake roadway that was abandoned when the new roadway and bridge were built just to the south.

Dave Nummer of Wade Trim said there is an 8" gas line that also crosses the river on the bridge, so MichCon will have to be consulted, along with the DNR because of the lake and FERC because of the dam.

DPW Director Tom McDonald said the water main is very important because it brings water to the township from one of the Detroit Water pits.

He said the township needed Wade Trim to look at a number of preliminary issues before a design could be determined. McDonald said there are issues with right of way, whether it should have the same alignment or, perhaps, go under the river or lake with directional boring.

There was much discussion over whether Wade Trim should get paid a lump sum of \$32,000 for the preliminary work or bill the

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BBC Striders celebrate 25 years

Feb. 11-15, nine members of the Belleville Breakfast Club (BBC) Striders cruised in the Bahamas on the *Norwegian Sky* to celebrate the 1988 founding of the local running/walking club. Pictured from left in the top row are Sue and Phil Wade, Dee Crow, and Myriam and Larry Maas. In the bottom row, from left, are Kay and Tom Rose, Marie Young, and Carrie Montgomery. The BBC Striders have been active in the community over the years, hosting the Strawberry Run, donating to local groups, running and walking in the Relay for Life, and, of course, running in many races, locally and nationally, including 5Ks, 10Ks, Half Marathons, 25Ks, Trail Runs, and Marathons. Those of all ages and abilities are invited to join the club. During the cruise, members ran and walked on as well as off the ship when they were not sunbathing, eating, snorkeling, sightseeing or shopping. For information about the Striders, email deesden@comcast.net or visit <http://www.bbcstriders.org>.

Belleville approves new dispatch contract with VBT – at old price

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Monday, the Belleville City Council approved a new dispatch and lockup contract with Van Buren Township -- at the

old price.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said after city and township people met together, "the price is held to the same amount as last year."

That is \$122,900 for dispatch of police and fire plus \$22,700 for use of the lockup for a total of \$145,600 for 2013.

The 10-page contract has pretty much the same wording as last year, Mayor Conley said.

Councilwoman Kim Tindall said she

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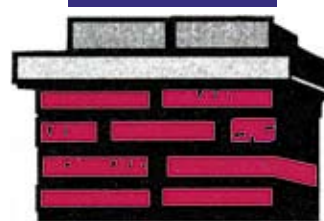
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT DDA to pay for promotion billboard on WB I-94 at Wayne Road

By Diane Madigan
Independent Special Writer

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority decided at its Feb. 26 meeting that its first choice for location of a billboard to promote the township is on Westbound I-94 at Wayne Road, which would be available in April.

The billboard could state the location as, “*Van Buren Township, 7 miles or just 7 minutes away,*” as suggested by DDA member Joe Baskin.

Second choice is Westbound I-94, 3,000 feet east of Haggerty Road.

The billboard price is \$3,000 a month and the DDA agreed to 12 weeks. Communication Associates was hired by the DDA to promote VBT and suggested the signs and the locations.

The 90-minute, regular meeting of the DDA was held during a heavy snowstorm with five members absent.

Arthur Mullen

DDA Director Susan Ireland introduced VBT's new interim Planning and Economic Development Director Arthur Mullen. Mullen told of his work in Detroit in the city's Planning and Development Dept. and with the Mount Clemens DDA.

He is also currently on the board of the Michigan Downtown Association, which is where he met Ireland.

Mullen said, “Our previous Development Director, [Terry Carroll] is now with the Michigan Association of Planning, MAP.”

According to Mullen, when VBT Supervisor Linda Combs was thinking about making some changes, she called the MAP asking for recommendations. Amy Miller, from MAP suggested Mullen knowing that the township needed someone quickly.

“Coincidentally, Mullen had collaborated with Ireland on the letter about the zoo millage,” Supervisor Combs told the DDA. “It looked like it was a set-up, but honestly, I got his name from Amy Miller.”

Old Glory Flags

Rich Keenan, owner of Old Glory Flags, discussed problems with the banner arms and the balls on the end of the arms (end caps) on the street lights in the streetscape.

He said the heavy steel banner arms attached to the poles break away from fatigue, especially from the weight and extreme winds coming across the lake.

Working with Van Buren Steel, Keenan said he has designed a steel plate to secure the arm, costing \$10-\$11 per plate, replacing the current aluminum plate. Keenan also suggested that the steel arms be replaced with fiberglass arms that would have less vibration and leave off the heavy steel end caps which could become a safety

issue if they fell on someone's head.

Fiberglass arms would cost between \$65 and \$100 compared to steel at \$200. Ireland said that replacing the 10-year-old banners is in the budget and she will get a quote for fiberglass arms and steel plates for the DDA's consideration.

Old Glory has been servicing the 72 poles in the DDA district for the past six years.

Keenan asked for police presence when Old Glory swaps out the banners. He said he shows up with a huge arrow sign placed 150 feet behind the pole and two flagmen, but because of people texting, the crew has had four close-calls.

Update on Ecorse corner

Sally Hodges, of McKenna and Associates planning consultants, updated the DDA on gateway treatments at Ecorse and Belleville roads.

Through discussions, Wade Trim engineering consultants have modified the design for the Southwest corner, moving the curbing in front of Stack's Liquor & Deli and moving the hammer heads (dead-end turn-arounds) 20'-30' back from Belleville Road.

Hodges said she recently met with the owner of Stack's about additional changes. This included closing the ditch, moving the turn-around back further, and helping the property owner to petition Wayne County to get the service drive vacated to the property line at Stack's.

Comments were made about improvements made to the Stack's building over the years and its “great sandwiches”.

If approved by Wayne County, Stack's would have more parking, loading and unloading space, and there would be space on the SW corner for a township “entry focal point,” Hodges said.

At this point, changes to this corner would be field changes and would not have additional engineering charges, Hodges said.

Zoo Millage lawsuit

Ireland updated the DDA on the Wayne County Zoo Millage lawsuit that was filed Feb. 1. On Feb. 14, a status conference was held at Wayne County Circuit Court before Judge Daniel Ryan.

Attending were attorneys from what Ireland called “our side”, plus the Zoo Authority and the Zoological Society, along with an attorney representing the Wayne County Treasurer, Tim Killeen from the Wayne County Commission and a member of the Wayne County Art Authority.

Judge Ryan would like to issue his opinion by June 1, 2013 and ordered all parties to file their responses to the Complaint for Declaratory Judgment by March 5.



Here are the Keystone Academy Students of the Month for February. They earned the honor by showing Courage. The students also showed a lot of courage to be in this picture as it was Pajama Day at Keystone Academy. From left in front are Adam VanAssche, Emima Francius, Riley Humeniak, Brookelyn Desselles, Gavin Kotlarczyk, Brianna Thick, Laeota Ridick and Jacob Strine-Karcher. In the middle row, from left, are Cameryn Fallon, Jianna Prevedel, Madison Buxton, Keely Brothers, Shiloh Beaton, Andrew Kuehnel, Raif Bogardus and Jack Winter. In the back row from left are Ivy Eifert, Aja Gaines, Ariel Gregory, Sean Dobbins, Elijah Haddon, Danielle Ball, Shelby Smith, Drew Richard and Noah Copeland.

The Attorney for the Zoological Society stated that she would be filing a motion to intervene as a party and a counter claim. Judge Ryan set March 7 for a follow-up status conference.

Ireland stated that she had heard the judge is adamant about keeping comments down and not discussing the case or making a big media blitz.

Emergency Sirens

Ireland said she received information from Fire Chief Dan Besson that once Wayne County Emergency Management has finished updating the 2006 Plan, they would determine if and when any grant money would be available for emergency sirens.

Township Hall Roof

Ireland said the bid award will occur in April for the township hall roof. Director Ed Miller said that they need to be sure to put a T-pipe on the roof to stop vibrations when the pipe lays on the roof.

Aerotropolis

Because Combs and Ireland have previous commitments, Mullen was asked to attend the upcoming Aerotropolis quarterly meeting and report back.

Ireland also reported that new personal property tax legislation will result in an annual reduction of approximately \$9,356 to the VBT DDA district.

The DDA voted to support the 2013 Public Safety Day on Aug. 10 with expenses not to exceed \$10,000. This year there will be digital finger-printing.

Director Mark Laginess reported on a meeting he and Carol Bird had to develop a performance review for Ireland and he hopes to bring a formal report to the DDA

board in the near future.

Absent and excused from the Feb. 26 meeting were Chairman Jere Dolph, Vice Chairman Kurt Atchinson, Secretary Sophie Zoller, and Directors Robert Bechtel and Ron Blank.

Director Carol Bird, the longest-serving member present, chaired the meeting, which included Directors Mark Laginess, Ed Miller, Jim Richter, and Joe Baskin, along with Supervisor Combs.

VBT DDA considers what to do about unsightly fencing

By Diane Madigan
Independent Special Writer

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority has had many complaints recently about the unsightly fence from the '60s with the barbed wire on top that was put up by the developer of a subdivision.

The fence runs along Belleville Road from Harmony Lane to Sunset.

The DDA wants to do something about it and at its Jan. 22 meeting several propositions were discussed.

Sally Hodges from McKenna Associates planning consultants distributed an aerial photo and unofficial drawing of the fence and its position in relation to the Wayne County right of way.

Wade Trim engineers performed a survey and determined that the fence is largely

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OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT Board to rethink new bylaws

Apparently, it all started with a class for new Van Buren Township board members taught by Dr. Lou Bennett through the Michigan Township Association. The MTA is a body that lobbies for townships, offers classes, information, and opinions. It promotes ideas like putting legal notices only on line and taking them out of newspapers to save money.

So, the VBT Board was inspired to update its Board Meeting Rules of Conduct to include cutting back public comment time to 3 minutes (down from the current 4.5 minutes) each – period. Two minutes was considered.

Also, the MTA line is that the meeting belongs to the board and members of the audience can comment (for 3 minutes) but not participate.

The proposed changes were attacked at the work/study session on Monday with John Delaney leading the charge, calling on friends from the City of Belleville and VBT to join him to object to cutting back on time for people to speak. Delaney said you don't have to live in VBT to speak. He said he lives mostly in Canton.

By the time Tuesday's regular board meeting rolled around the board had informally decided to reconsider some of its proposed changes and the item was pulled from the agenda, with Supervisor Combs saying that the board members were listening to the citizens.

But 8 people who were alerted by Delaney got up anyway to oppose cutting back to 3 minutes and Delaney claimed victory because "the brakes got put on."

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has released its proposed new water rates for 2013-14 to its customers in and out of the city.

According to the figures, Belleville's new water rate will decrease 6% and Van Buren Township's new rate will decrease 10%. Sumpter Township, however, has a reported rate increase of 4.4%.

Belleville officials have stressed that water customers in the city should not look for a reduction in their bills, since cuts aren't passed on. Increases are.

In VBT, it was reported at a recent meeting that Detroit raised VBT water rates when VBT's water tower didn't get on line when they thought it would. Detroit had given the township a cut in rates and then took it back.

The raised rate now has been put back at the reduced rate that was in place when the tower was being built. So, the rate just went back to the reduced rate. Confusing.

VBT water customers should not look at a reduced rate on their water bills, either. But, VBT water customers do get the lowest water rate in the tri-community.

The proposed average increase in Detroit water rates for those in the suburbs is 3.9%, but in Northville the increase is 22.7%. Ouch.

If approved by the Water Board of Commissioners and then the Detroit City Council, rate increases would go into effect July 1.

According to our VBT Police Dispatch Log, on Valentine's Day at 8:19 p.m. there was a robbery reported at 46070 Lake Villa Dr. Lt. Floro said during the course of the

EVERY DAYLIGHT SAVINGS WEEKEND, DAD SETS THE CLOCK, MOM CHANGES THE BATTERY IN THE SMOKE ALARMS AND I GET TO SCOOP POOP OFF THE LAWN...



initial investigation, police discovered there was no robbery and the man was actually filing a false police report. He was cited for filing a false police report and was released after posting a cash bond.

Lt. Floro said he was in training the day I asked about the robbery (Feb. 20) so he didn't have all the information in front of him, but he did know the incident will be handled in district court and the penalty is up to a \$500 fine or 90 days in jail.

I asked him, after he got back to his desk, to get me the name of the offender and when he was next going to court, so I could go, too. I have yet to hear back.

I think lying to a police officer is a serious offense and people should know you can't get away with it.

I received a call Friday afternoon from Ray Zatirka, who lives on Belleville Lake in the City of Belleville. He said he wanted to comment on the complaint I received from a lady who didn't like the picture of the eagle eating his lunch on the lake.

He said we should give a message to Richard and Phyllis Smith, who furnished a beautiful picture of a pair of eagles that we published Nov. 29. Ray really liked that picture and cut it out and saved it.

Ray said we should tell the Smiths to tell their eagles, who they named Edge and Mont, not to do that again because it distresses the locals.

I told him I thought the lunch eater was a younger eagle than the ones in the Smiths' picture.

Ray reminded everyone that 50 years ago eagles were almost extinct in our area and now they are doing well and we are so glad to see them.

He suggested running the lady who didn't like the picture to a slaughterhouse where she could see how they kill what she eats.

Ray said there are a lot of seagulls at Visteon's lake who spend the night near Rawsonville Road on the west end of the lake. He said golden and bald eagles are the only birds that will eat a seagull, because of their fishy taste. Eagles can be seen around Visteon's lake, he said.

Ray said he's seen lots of robins in the last month and last week he saw yellow-winged and red-winged blackbirds, which always signals the end of the bird migration. Nice talking to you, Ray.

The Bugles Across America event finished its eighth year on Sunday and will begin its ninth year on April 7. Bugles, which honors those in the military, meets at 7:15 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park in Belleville. Everyone is welcome.



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Letters

VBT's Zoo/DIA millage capture is confusing

To the Editor:

After reading Second Front Page, Feb. 28, 2013, I am confused about what the Township DDA plans regarding Zoo/DIA millage. I did not read the *Freep* or the *News* so referencing those articles does not help me understand "capturing" taxes intended for the Detroit Zoo or the Detroit Institute of Arts.

I supported and voted to be personally taxed to support the Zoo and the DIA. If I had wanted that tax to be used to support Van Buren Township, I would not have voted to be taxed to support the Zoo or the DIA. If the DDA needs that money why didn't they have a millage on the ballot?

In plain English: I did not vote for a millage for the VBT DDA. I did for vote for a millage to support the Zoo and the DIA. Why is my vote being negated?

I do not believe the township should be withholding (sequestering) taxes the voters choose for a specific purpose, the Detroit Zoo and the Detroit Institute of Arts. If this is not what is meant by the article then please clarify.

This article has left me confused and upset.

I really would appreciate clarification about this particular millage and this article in short simple English. Looks like someone is rattling a hornet's nest to grab my money for a purpose I did not intend.

Gloria Gardner

Van Buren Township resident

Editor's Note: Short and sweet, the VBT DDA and LDFA (Local Development Finance Authority), as well as the City of Belleville DDA are capturing the Zoo and the DIA millages to keep for local uses. A lawsuit seeks clarification over whether they can do this. They think they not only can, but SHOULD do so, given current state law.

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Time to register for new Sumpter T-Ball League

To the Editor:

On behalf of the newly forming Sumpter Little League, we would like to announce the registration dates for our Inaugural Boys and Girls "T-Ball" League.

Registration is open to Sumpter Township children 3-5 years of age. Registration dates are March 15 at 6:30 p.m. and March 16 at noon at the Graham Park Recreation Building, Sumpter at Wear Road.

We are also looking for parents and interested adults to help in a number of ways. Please come during the registration dates and times to sign up to volunteer.

Remember, Sumpter Township T-Ball players will only be able to play T-Ball under the Sumpter Township Little League Charter.

So, please join us on March 15 at 6:30 p.m. and March 16 at noon.

Thank you

Craig Moody

Don Swinson

Sumpter Township

President's policies help Egyptians, not Americans

To the Editor:

Sequester -- can't find cuts that would solve the nation's ills.

That oracle of all things conservative, Newt Gingrich, said Obama's policies have not helped Black Americans. What the HX? They haven't helped White, Brown, Red, or Yellow Americans, but they have helped Egyptians to the tune of \$250 million.

The President's legacy will be that he wore out Air Force One and played more golf than Tiger Woods.

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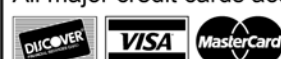
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Sumpter Black History celebration huge success

To the Editor:

Sumpter Senior Center would like to recognize the sponsors and volunteers which made our Annual Black History Celebration a huge success. Many guests contributed by bringing a dish to pass to add to the delicious occasion.

Some outstanding volunteers spent hours decorating, organizing, and cleaning. We appreciate the following individuals for all their precious time:

Karen Mickens, Leona Mixon, Lettie Sanders, Barbara Thomason, Kenneth Stewart, Wanda Watkins, Chrissie Darty, Victoria Walker, Argo Walker, Traci Maupins, Veronica Peterson, Jeanene Hollins, Margaret Rochon, Rick Fairbairn, Jackie McKenzie, Esther Hurst, Rev. Ozell McCarter, and Public Service Credit Union Mary Foster.

Sumpter Seniors want to give Supervisor Johnny Vawters a huge THANKS for inviting the Gospel Express and also taking care of their expense. Anthony Lucas' Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. presentation made us feel like we were back in time. When Kenneth Stewart began "Lift Every Voice and Sing" so moved the audience to stand for the Black National Anthem and I was proud to be by Kenneth. He has an exceptional voice, many talents.

Thanks to all! We hope to see you again next year.

Maryann Watson, Sumpter Senior Center



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Obituaries



Alice Herkimer

ALICE MARTHA HERKIMER

(April 18, 1917 - February 27, 2013)

Mrs. Herkimer passed on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at the age of 95 surrounded by her loving family. Alice was born April 18, 1917 in Belleville, Michigan to the late Elmer and Helen (Richardson) Riggs.

Alice is survived by three daughters Marilyn (Bill) Watson of Pottsville, Michigan, Joanne (Mark) Williams of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Debra (Paul) Cartwright of Belleville, Michigan; ten grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Henry Herkimer, second husband Chauncey Schweigert, daughter Janet Loria, three brothers Albert Riggs, Lloyd Riggs, Emerson Riggs, and her sister Francis Genevieve Riggs.

Alice was a life-long resident of Belleville. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Alice's greatest joy involved being around her family and many friends. Some of her hobbies were doing crafts, traveling, and gardening. She was an avid Detroit Tigers fan, never missing a game.

Mrs. Herkimer's family received guests on Friday from 2-8 PM. Her funeral service was held on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 10 AM in the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery. Donations in Alice's memory may be made to Angela Hospice or Belleville First United Methodist Church. Please sign her on-line guest book at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

JAMES STEPHEN HEGARTY

(May 5, 1955 - February 26, 2013)

Age 57, of Belleville. Survived by his wife Colleen Jean; 4 children; 8 grandchildren; his mother; a brother; 2 sisters. Memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. March 7 at David C. Brown Funeral Home Temporary Chapel.

Man cut from wreckage after car vs. semi collision on I-94 freeway

A 54-year-old Canton Township man was cut from the twisted wreckage of his Ford Taurus after a collision with a semi tractor-trailer at about 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23.

Van Buren Township Fire Chief Dan Besson said fire fighters were dispatched at 7:39 p.m. to eastbound I-94 east of Belleville Road for an injury accident, but it turned out to be west of Belleville Road and the driver was trapped in the car.

Chief Besson said due to the damage to the car, fire fighters could not rapidly access his condition but did determine he was conscious and suffering from a head injury.

It was learned his vehicle had struck part of a semi which had been travelling next to him before careening into the median's cable barrier system.

Travelling along the slippery roads, Engine 2 and Rescue 1 arrived eight minutes after dispatch and fire fighter Doug Doty established the Incident Command System.

As other fire trucks arrived, fire fighters worked to remove the twisted metal from around the driver – first by cutting the roof off of the car, then the driver's door. While he was being extricated, Huron valley Ambulance paramedics provided patient care and set up Advanced Life Support care.

Chief Besson said after the man was freed he was quickly moved to the ambulance to be taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's Trauma Center. He was alert and conscious during transport and is expected to make a full recovery, Chief Besson said.

The cause of the accident is being investigated by the Michigan State Police. Twelve fire fighters responded to the scene and the last unit cleared at 9:03 p.m.

Vehicles at the scene included Engines 1, 2, 3, 4, Rescue 1, Tac-1, and Chief 1.

A resident on Quirk Road, north of the I-94 freeway, reported seeing big "movie"

lights surrounding the accident scene.

Besson said those were the light towers on top of Rescue 1 and Engine 4 (the newest trucks) which "work fantastic" in lighting scenes for rescues.

Canton Landscaping fire was electrical in nature near dog house light

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

A lightbulb in a dog house may have shorted out, causing an electrical fire at Canton Topsoil, 48631 Michigan Avenue, the morning of Jan. 29.

Van Buren Township Captain/Fire Inspector Anthony Karver said the fire is not suspicious in nature and was possibly caused by electricity.

He said the dog had access to a 4' wide run along the side of the building and also could go into a dog house in the corner with bedding. There was a light bulb in the dog house that was used when feeding the dog. He said that may have shorted out.

Other recent fires covered by VBT Fire Department included:

- Jan. 28 at about 6 a.m. a pole barn was destroyed at 50305 South I-94 Service Drive, near Van Buren Park. It was an accidental fire apparently caused by combustibles stored too close to a wood burner in the garage. When the owner opened the door, the fire erupted.

- Jan. 23 there was a mobile home fire on Country Lane in Capitol Hills, apparently caused by a cigarette.

- Jan. 10 a dryer fire erupted at 15040 Lenmoore Road. The dryer was vented out the roof and an excessive amount of lint was found in the attic, Karver said.

On its township website, the VBT Fire Department offers access to "Van Buren Fire & Rescue Live Scanner Audio Feed" that allows the public to listen to fire calls on a computer.

Worker falls from boom truck at DTE warehouse

An unresponsive male was flown to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital via Survival Flight early Saturday. He had fallen from the back of a boom truck he was working on at the DTE warehouse on Haggerty Road.

Van Buren Township Fire Fighters responded to the call to the accident and Chief Dan Besson said the man suffered a significant brain/head injury.



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Misdemeanor jury trial set May 3 in Romulus for VBT vs. Delaney

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

It is yet to be decided whether hours of video clips will be allowed to be presented at the jury trial of John Delaney who faces a misdemeanor charge of disrupting a Van Buren Township meeting.

At a court session on Feb. 28, 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley set the jury trial for May 3, but asked for a conference to be set up before then between him, the prosecutor, and the defense attorney to deal with the tapes to avoid drawing out the trial.

Judge Oakley said he wants the trial to be done in one day.

The court session on Feb. 28 was to discuss the 404(b) motion, made on behalf of Delaney, that would allow the tapes.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ryan Lukiewski was standing in for Assistant Prosecutor Carole Murray to represent Van Buren Township. Former Township Supervisor Paul White and former Director of Public Safety Carl McClanahan were in the courtroom.

Former Supervisor White had Delaney removed from a township board meeting and arrested last Sept. 18 for disrupting a public meeting, a misdemeanor.

Delaney's attorney James Fifelski said the 404 (b) motion puts the prosecution on notice that there will be extended testimony and video clips at the trial.

Fifelski said the Sept. 18 video will show White glaring at Delaney and calling him out of order when he wasn't at the podium. Fifelski said Delaney was sitting in the back of the room speaking with someone that was sitting next to him.

Fifelski said the tapes will show that on June 21, 2011, White also had Delaney arrested for a difference of opinion, claiming that what Delaney was trying to state was inappropriate.

Fifelski said he will prove that there is *modus operandi* evidence to show White censured Delaney's opinions, ability to speak, and had a pattern of trying to get Delaney removed from meetings.

Fifelski went back to tapes of meeting during the attempted recall of White

and others, saying there are segments of meetings where people are in "a wild hoorah". Fifelski said White gave warnings, but no one was arrested, even when people claimed that White stole newspapers from stores.

Fifelski told the court that he believes the 404(b) motion will point to a clash of ideologies and a system of censorship of Delaney's right to free speech.

Prosecutor Lukiewski disagreed with the 404(b) motion stating that actions on Sept. 18 should not be shared with actions of other people. He gave an analogy of someone getting caught speeding.

Judge Oakley interjected that inciting a riot is less subjective than speeding.

Lukiewski said that either Delaney caused a disturbance or he did not. In his opinion, the defense is trying to show from past meetings that White schemed to censor Delaney and that the 404(b) motion is not relevant.

Lukiewski cited Rule 404(a), Evidence of character and conduct of witnesses. According to Cornell Law, "...*Evidence of a person's character or character trait is not admissible to prove that on a particular occasion the person acted in accordance with the character or trait.*"

Judge Oakley stated to Lukiewski, "Your argument was that your evidence is going to stand or fall from the day of the meeting," asking why the prosecution would care if the jury knows that there is some past history?

"You want to use past things to show that Supervisor White was a jerk," Judge Oakley said to Fifelski. "How can he [White] have a motive to get him to commit crimes? Is this entrapment?"

Fifelski countered that the motive was to shut Delaney down, asking, "Where is the *why* behind the charge? He [White] has to establish what he did and why he did it. He was responding to Mr. White basically

calling him out of order with no basis at all. You can't even hear anything in the background until at that moment Delaney responds because all of a sudden Mr. Delaney is being singled out."

"The People don't have to prove motive," Prosecutor Lukiewski said. "Motive is not relevant."

Fifelski responded, "Causation is important. In murder cases where self-defense is entered, maybe there was a prior problem or issue between the victim and the defendant. Courts will generally allow

prior bad acts of the victim to explain the self-defense act."

Judge Oakley reserved his decision on the 404(b) motion, asking for the conference meeting to sort it all out before the trial.

If found guilty of the misdemeanor charge, Delaney could be fined \$500 and/or spend 90 days in jail.

Delaney has said he is seeking a jury trial on the charge because in his opinion this actually is an important freedom of speech issue.

District Library Board turns down proposed term limits for offices

By Diane Madigan
Independent Special Writer

On a 4-3 vote, the Belleville Area District Library Board turned down a proposed bylaws change to limit a board member to holding the same office for three consecutive terms.

Offices are voted upon each January for one-year terms.

Voting against the change were Michael Boelter, Joy Cichewicz, Mary Jane Dawson, and John Juriga. In favor were Christina Brasil, Elaine Guterrez, and Joe Monte.

The vote was taken at the library board's regular meeting on Feb. 12 as it was reviewing updates to the bylaws. All changes were voted on separately.

This proposal to limit terms of office brought lengthy discussion and many opinions.

"I totally disagree to term limits. I think we are all gifted in certain areas," said Juriga and Boelter agreed.

"I totally disagree," said Guterrez, who is treasurer. "Once somebody gets in, it's hard sometimes for that person to let it

go."

"I see your point with treasurer," agreed Cichewicz.

Monte, a member of the Bylaw Committee that proposed the change, said, "Of course, a person could refuse. I thought it would give more people an opportunity, not that I'm interested in certain positions."

"If you don't want the position next time, you really need to have an apprentice working with you so they can glean that knowledge," Juriga added.

After the vote, Cichewicz wanted to talk about term limits for the treasurer which Guterrez supported. Guterrez reluctantly agreed to be treasurer for another year at the recent election of officers.

"Fraud can be so fragrant," Guterrez noted.

The wording for treasurer term limits will come back for consideration at the April meeting.

Since the beginning of the appointed board April 17, 2010 through the official board elected in November 2010, Dawson has been the only board president and

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City Council

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still doesn't like the part of the contract on page 7 that says if the actual costs to the township to provide the service is more than estimated, the city will also pay the extra cost, which will be documented.

"They can bill us for any additional cost as they see fit," she said, noting she had said this same thing last year regarding the contract wording, which didn't get changed.

"I know they never have [billed extra] and I hope they never do ... but it is open-ended," Tindall said.

Mayor Conley asked Fire Chief Brian Loranger if he had any issues with the fire dispatch.

He said there are issues, but some have to do with the new 800 MHz system. He said, also, he would like more information given on his department's way to a run. He said, for instance, they had a run to the middle school for a female with difficulty breathing. He said it would have helped if the responders knew going in whether it was a student or adult, if there were other medical problems, and other information.

There also is an ongoing problem with the dispatchers not looking at Belleville's "I Am Responding" information that tells the fire chief who is coming to the fire so the knows whether to call for mutual aid.

"Some dispatchers look at it, some don't," he said.

Tindall said last year the council members who visited the dispatch center were

assured by Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan that every dispatcher in that room would look at the "I Am Responding" every time.

Mayor Conley said there are provisions in the contract for communications and she didn't know if the city was following through as it should to tell the township of its issues.

She said this was not a contractual issue. Loranger said sometimes issues are not a big deal and he blows them off.

As to additional charges, Mayor Conley said, "They are required to send documentation. They can't just send us a bill."

Former Mayor Tom Fielder said that the first year the city had VBT dispatching, the city and township had a standing committee that met monthly, when needed. He said they could discuss issues in a less invasive way, in a less formal session.

In other business at the March 4 meeting, the council:

- Set a public hearing for 7:30 p.m., March 18, on an amendment to the utilities part of the Code of Ordinances that would allow charging for water or sewer by the gallon or thousands of gallons. Also, an amendment is proposed to allow the city to turn off the water if the property owner doesn't allow the city in to change the meters;

- Set a public hearing for 7:30 p.m., March 18, to discuss repealing part of the the Buildings and Building Regulations of the Code of Ordinances that will make certificates of occupancy required any time a building is occupied or reoccupied.

Multiple dwellings are the only category not affected by this change;

- Approved a schedule for preparing the 2013-14 city budget so that it can be accepted at the June 3 meeting. The schedule calls for the city manager to present a proposed budget to the council on May 6 and then it will be publicly discussed at 6 p.m., May 13; 6 p.m., May 15; 7:30 p.m., May 20; and 7:30 p.m., June 3 at the required public hearing. Council members will be assigned departments to study during this period;

- Approved a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, as recommended by the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, which has committed to paying 30% (\$51,720) of the project cost of \$172,400 for Horizon Park improvements;

- Approved \$202,645.46 in accounts payable and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Barrett Paving, \$506.01 for cold patch from the water dept.; to Goodyear Tire, \$523.96 for tires from the police dept.; to Hennessey Engineers, \$569.50 for sewer lining work, from the water dept.; and to R.L. Evans, \$1,895 for Main Street Lights, from the general fund/DDA;

- Learned a contract with a company that will allow credit card payments for city services will be considered at the next council meeting on March 18. Budget amendments for the 2012-13 year will also be considered at that meeting; and

- Heard Fire Chief Loranger report that with the Sequestering by the federal government chances of getting any fire department grants are "pretty slim."

City Council approves Strawberry Festival, CBC events this summer

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At a 34-minute meeting on Feb. 19, the Belleville City Council considered details of the Strawberry Festival and seasonal events being put on by the Central Business Community and unanimously approved them all.

The Strawberry Festival will run from

Friday, June 14, through Sunday, June 16, with the annual parade at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Main Street from Fifth Street to E. Huron River Drive will be closed beginning at 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, to allow set up of the carnival. Vendors will begin setting up at 6 a.m. on Friday and the festival will open at 4 p.m. on Friday, instead of noon as in previous years.

Although several businesses on Henry Street asked the Strawberry Festival Committee about setting up booths on South Street, the city council decided to stick with the past practice of not extending the festival grounds onto South Street. Those wishing booths can have them on Main Street, they said.

The festival area is Main Street, from 5 Points to Liberty, St. Anthony's Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville Presbyterian Church and Victory Park for a car show on Sunday only from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting.

The council approved a Responsibility Policy and an Administrative Policy.

DPW Director Keith Boc said last year there was a problem with festival dumpster removal. The dumpsters were not picked up for over a week and had strong odors. The city got complaints.

Sharon Pokerwinski of the festival committee explained how the dumpster company failed to put the pickup on their list and there were delays in getting responses from them, but it is taken care of this year.

The council also discussed the rule against flyers being handed out at the festival and the "balloon guy" who lives in Belleville and shows up at every city event, but is only permitted to sell door to door or from a booth.

As to the CBC events, the council approved the Flopp E. Bunny Candy Hunt on March 30, the new Belleville Boat Show on July 20, the Taste of Belleville on Aug. 15, and Halloween Trick of Treat Downtown on Oct. 31.

The CBC had shown interest in having the "balloon guy" at the free Easter Bunny event since the children liked the balloons last year, though the balloon sales were kept in the parking area.

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Strawberry Fest

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There was concern over parents having to pay out money for balloons at a free event.

In other business at the Feb. 19 meeting, the council.

- Held a three-minute public hearing during which no members of the public spoke on the proposed 2013 budget for \$57,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds;

- Unanimously approved the CDBC 2013 budget that allocates \$1,000 for Senior Chore Services, \$9,830 for Senior Transportation, \$40,470 for Barrier-Free Improvements citywide; and \$5,700 for Program Administration, for the total of \$57,000. Although radios were suggested earlier for an allocation, they are not a part of the approved budget. A senior citizen had written in to ask for more money for transportation since he has dialysis treatments three days a week, but City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said the city has put aside as much for seniors as it can under the CDBG guidelines and she will call the writer to explain;

- Approved the mayor's appointment of Conrad Welsing to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2015;

- Approved Accounts Payable of \$150,703.86 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Burhop's Collision, vehicle repair from the Police/Drug Fund, \$1,812.53; and to Priority One Emergency, vehicle equipment, from Police Capital Outlay for \$7,555;

- Learned the new dispatch contract with Van Buren Township will be on the agenda of the next city council meeting, March 4;

- Heard Councilwoman Kim Tindall say the Belleville Area Council for the Arts made a presentation to the Parks and Recreation Commission, at its Feb. 19 meeting, on the Bunnies on Main event and the commission informally agreed to a partnership. There was no vote taken since the commission did not have a quorum. BACA wanted city services to help with putting up the Bunnies and advertising. City Manager Kollmeyer said the DPW already installs the Bunnies; and

- Heard Councilwoman Tindall announce the Belleville Fire Department and Auxiliary will hold another open house/fund raiser on Sunday, March 10, from 12 to 4 p.m. Besides the Challenge Coins and T-shirts, they will be selling wickless candles.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jack Loria presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Kerreen Conley, who is taking a class that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Feb. 19 meeting was on a Tuesday because of Presidents Day on the regular meeting day on Monday.

Belleville DDA approves 30% in matching funds for \$172,400 project

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

The proposed Horizon Park lakeside upgrade project now is expected to cost about \$172,400.

At its Feb. 20 meeting the Belleville Downtown Development Authority unanimously voted to offer matching cash funds of 30%, to help get the state grant.

The lakeside project wouldn't be ready for construction until 2014 and DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson said they could put the matching amount of \$51,720 in the 2013-14 budget or take it from the fund balance at that time.

After the DDA made this commitment to matching funds, the project now will go back to the city council which has to be the entity filing the grant application with the state.

The grant being sought comes through the Natural Resources Trust Fund.

The proposed improvements call for an ADA-accessible, ramped floating pier attached to a fixed boardwalk, 10 new day slips for boaters/shopper docks, an ADA-accessible canoe/kayak launch, and amenities such as a canoe/kayak slide, an additional ADA parking space, signage, landscaping, benches and trash receptacles, and a concrete pad for an ADA-accessible picnic table.

Spicer Engineering was paid \$3,500 to design the grant project.

Chris Matson of Spicer said the project has been upgraded to have a fixed platform attached to the floating platform, and now it is all ADA-accessible. The proposed personal watercraft slips have been removed, he said.

He said they hope to have project collaborations with the Huron River Watershed Council's Water Trail and River Up! programs and with Van Buren Township.

Some \$6,900 worth of upgrades to the structure of the present kiosk also includes a Huron River canoeing and kayaking map.

Thompson said if Belleville doesn't get the full grant from the state, the DDA will reduce the amenities proposed. She said those seeking grants get higher up on the funding

list by offering more in cash-matching. The minimum for the grant is 25% cash match and Spicer suggested going with 30%.

In other business at the Feb. 20 meeting, the DDA:

- Approved paying \$100 each for City Manager Diana Kollmeyer and DDA Coordinator Thompson to attend the April 9-10 Michigan Municipal League Capital Conference in Lansing. Since the city is a member of the Liability Pool & Workers Comp Fund, the two are registering through the city membership and getting the reduced rate being paid by the DDA;

- Heard an update on the downtown zoning ordinance being updated by the planning commission. Thompson said she attended the Feb. 14 meeting and the work is continued to the next meeting. Also, the new, proposed sign ordinance is expected to be presented at the March 14 commission meeting;

- Approved moving from Charter One, where interest was low, to Multi-Bank Securities for re-investment of a CD which matured at the end of January. Thompson said Multi-Bank Securities has served the DDA well in the past and when investments mature they conduct the research and provide best options for reinvestment;

- Discussed the brick crosswalk at Main and Denton that continues to deteriorate after being redone last year. DDA Chairman John Hoops said maybe they should just replace it with poured concrete to eliminate the push effect on the bricks of the heavy traffic and the water ponds;

- Heard DDA member Tom Fielder report he went to Fishermen's Village in Punta Gorda, FL to look at all the murals there that had been seen by City Manager Kollmeyer. Fielder said the murals were beautiful and Belleville should research the possibility of doing that here. City Councilwoman Kim Tindall said from the audience that at the last Sign Committee meeting the planning commissioners looked into murals and more information will be coming. Fielder said that the community enjoyed the art that was displayed by the Detroit Institute of Arts and,

maybe, the city could feature some local artists;

- Noted the \$9,172.24 check to Howell Airport Lighting on the accounts payable list is the last payment for the LED streetlight project;

- Heard DDA member Jim Higgerson say a local man asked for trash receptacles at the south end of town so people don't throw trash in the street when the ice cream shop opens; and

- Was told the flag company was called on Feb. 18 concerning the tattered flag at Five Points. The company comes out regularly to change the flag, but this time it has to come sooner than planned because of all the unusually strong winds that have torn the flag, Hoops said.

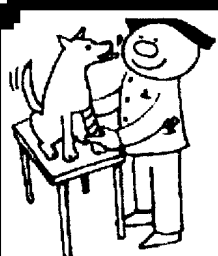
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Brayden was born at 12:22 a.m. on Dec. 25, 2012 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 21.5 inches long.

Godparents are Michelle Thomas and Alan Gibson. Grandparents are Joyce and the late Bruce Willard and Leonard and Antoinette Szweda.

Brayden is part of the fourth generation

of children to be baptized in a special heirloom baptismal gown.

To date, 53 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren have been baptized in the gown.

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District Library

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Gutierrez the only treasurer. The other officers have changed over the years.

In other business at the Feb. 12 meeting, the board:

- Set up a Building Committee, as a standing committee, that will develop and implement a plan detailing the facilities needed for present and future library services, as well as identify locations to construct a new main library and satellite facility as outlined in the Belleville Area District Library Agreement;

- Passed an Investment Policy, based on the City of Belleville's policy, and passed a resolution designating JPMorgan Chase Bank as the library's depository;

- Discussed a financial statement that showed \$192,777 cash in the bank, which would be subject to custodial credit risk because it is over the \$100,000 FDIC insurance limit. Financial consultant Ron Traskos will meet with Chase Bank to set up the account for over limits to be put into securities, which was how the account was meant to be set up;

- Approved additions to the Personnel Policy dealing with conduct: *An employee shall not represent his or her personal opinion as that of the library or its administration or speak on behalf of the library or library board in an official capacity unless directed to do so by the library director;*

- While receiving a six-month review of the budget, heard Traskos say the total expenditures are running true to form with the budget and "we are running ahead of budget by \$45,000";

- Approved a Gift/Donation policy, including a receipt policy, for donations of print material, cash, gifts and bequests; and

- Heard a report on a new initiative under way that will teach local adults (those aged 16 and up) to read. Part-time librarian Dan Lodge is coordinating the project with Washtenaw Literacy's Program Administrator and tutors for the Belleville program should begin training in March. Tutors will pay \$25 for materials to get trained; learners will learn without charge.

More Letters

Politicians and money

To the Editor:

Historically speaking, politicians who mess up the money or get funny with the money end up on the wrong end of the rope.

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Water project

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township at its regular hourly rates. Wade Trim said it would be glad to do the project either way.

Trustee Jeff Jahr called the project interesting but necessary because the old bridge is in need of repair. He said it was a historic bridge and popular fishing site.

Trustee Jahr said he had talked to the DNR and was told there should be more promotion of the fishing in that area because salmon are coming upstream to the area of the dam.

Jahr also said the water main runs through the levee that FERC required the township to make.

McDonald said Wade Trim is highly unlikely to get a simple answer for the project.

"We have a liability ... and have some critical customers," McDonald said, noting that Huron Valley Steel has water mains going through their property and the township has to determine "how to not cause them problems."

Nummer said if the township could get a grant, they could make the bridge really something special for the public to use.

Fencing

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located in the right of way. That distance varies, ranging from pretty close to three to four feet in the right of way.

The chainlink fence which also has an illegal row of barbed wire on top was originally installed by the developer of the subdivision. In many locations there are two fences. Many property owners have added their own privacy fence behind the chain link, which is probably in a legal location, Hodges said.

Hodges said she thinks the DDA should work with the township attorney to determine ownership of the fence.

She said she believes, at this time, that there are three alternatives. The first is that the DDA could repair or possibly require the fence to be repaired. Hodges also said that if it is determined that the fence is in the county right of way, the county

will require the DDA to remove the fence. And, the DDA will need a permit from the county to do that.

Secondly, the DDA could remove the fence and replace it with something better in a conforming location, which means working with all 11 property owners.

One of the properties is vacant and owned by a bank. It was agreed that Hodges will work with the attorney to identify ownership.

The third alternative is to not replace the fence and plant trees and shrubs as a buffer.

A heavy-duty vinyl fence with narrow footings that would not impact a lot of the vegetation was also suggested.

At the Feb. 26 meeting of the DDA, Ireland gave an update.

"The county is not going to pay for anything," Ireland reported. "If anything gets done, we are going to foot the bill for it."

Ireland said she sent a letter to all property owners that about the fence, stating that they have looked into it with Wayne County and determined that the fence is not on their properties.

A group meeting for resident input will be set up once they find out from the county what the township is allowed to do. Ireland said she received no response from the letters that were sent out.

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• **Saturday, March 9** – Friends of the Library meet 10-11:30 a.m. at the library to discuss business and learn what the Friends are all about.

• **Sunday, March 10** – The Belleville Fire Department and Auxiliary invites the public to an open house and fund raiser from 2 to 4 p.m. at the fire hall. Besides Challenge Coins and T-shirts, they will be selling wickless candles.

• **Sunday, March 10** – At 3 p.m., Belleville’s Community Chorus presents a Cabaret concert of solos, duets, and trios at Open Arms Lutheran Church on Belleville Road. Free.

• **Thursday, March 14** – Author Susan Whitall will discuss “Fever: Little Willie John, a Fast Life, Mysterious Death and the Birth of Soul” at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library as part of the Homegrown Knowledge Series. Free.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, March 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

• Tuesday, March 12 – VBT September Days Senior Center Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, VBT LDFA, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, March 13 – Van Buren Township Cemetery Advisory Committee, 11:30 a.m. Also, VBT Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, March 14 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., township hall, public hearing on new Zoning Ordinance. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, March 18 -- Van Buren Township work-study, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work-study session, 7 p.m., Administration Bldg.

• Tuesday, March 19 -- Van Buren Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT AND DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS THROOP DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I, Kenneth Kucel, P.E., County Drain Commissioner of the Charter County of Wayne, State of Michigan, will, on **Thursday the 21st day of March, 2013**, at the Downriver Wastewater Treatment Facility, 797 Central St., Wyandotte, Michigan 48192, in said Charter County of Wayne at 10:30 a.m. in the morning of that day receive sealed bids, when bids will be opened and publicly announced for the maintenance and improvement of a certain drain known and designated as “Throop Drain,” located and established in Van Buren Charter Township and the Township of Sumpter, in said County. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Office at (734) 285-7233 at least one week in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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Said drain maintenance and improvement will be let in accordance with the plans and specifications now on file with the other documents pertaining to said drain, in the office of the County Drain Commissioner of the Charter County of Wayne located at 400 Monroe, Suite 400, Detroit, Michigan 48226, to which reference may be had by all parties interested. Complete copies of the plans and specifications with required bid forms are available to prospective bidders upon request.

Contract Documents may be obtained from Wade Trim’s website at www.wadetrtrim.com/resources/bidlist.htm. Bidders are responsible for purchasing official Procurement Documents and full size Plans from Wade Trim at 25251 Northline Road, Taylor,

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MI 48180 at a cost of Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) if picked up or Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) if mailed. The cost of the Procurement Documents and Plans is nonrefundable.

Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder of each division, giving adequate security for performance of the work, in the sum then and there to be fixed by the office of the Wayne County Drain Commissioner, reserving the right to reject any and all bids, and if no satisfactory sealed bids are received, we reserve the right to proceed immediately after the rejection of sealed bids and at the same time and place and without further notice to let the contract by open bidding, likewise reserving the right to reject any and all such open bids and to adjourn such letting to such time and place as shall be publicly announced.

The date for the substantial completion of such contract is August 31, 2013. Any persons desiring to bid on the above mentioned work will be require a 5% bid bond deposit (certified check or money order - cash is not acceptable) as a guarantee that they will enter into a contract and furnish the required bond as prescribed by law. The checks shall be drawn payable to "Throop Drain Drainage District". The checks of all unsuccessful bidders will be returned after contracts are awarded. The payment for the above-mentioned work will be made as follows:

In accordance with Payment Schedule No. 1 of Act No. 524 of Public Acts of 1980, payment requests shall be made on a monthly basis. All such payments will be measured by the schedule of values established in Article 14 of the General Conditions (and in the case of Unit Price Work based on the number of units completed) or, in the event there is no schedule of values, as provided in the General Requirements.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 4th day of April, 2013, at the Downriver Wastewater Treatment Facility, 797 Central St., Wyandotte, Michigan 48192, or at such other time and place thereafter, to which I, the County Drain Commissioner of the Charter County of Wayne aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "Throop Drain Special Assessment District," and the apportionments thereof will be subject to review for one day, from 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon. At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, the Drain Commissioner will have available to review the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the drainage district. The computation of cost of construction of the drain will also be open for public inspection by any parties interested. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Office at (734) 285-7233 at least one week in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

The drain assessments against land in the drainage district will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges. Please contact the office of the Wayne County Drain Commissioner with any questions about payments of drain assessments.

Pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code, any owner of land within the drainage district or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Wayne County Drain Commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the day of review of apportionment by making an application to the Wayne County Probate Court for the apportionment of a board of review.

The following is a condensed description of the land constituting the Throop Drain Drainage District. The description of area that is served by the Throop Drain consists of lands situated in Sections 29-33 of Van Buren Township, T.3S.-R.8E.; Sections 4-5 of Sumpter Township, T.4S.-R.8E. in Wayne County, Michigan.

Van Buren Township – T.3S.-R.8E.

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Sumpter Township – T.4S.-R.8E.

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The following public corporations will be assessed at large to pay part of the cost of the drain:

Charter County of Wayne
Van Buren Charter Township
Township of Sumpter

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‘Patches and Patterns’ quilt show under way at museum through March

The 17th-annual "Patches and Patterns: A Celebration of Quilts" exhibit will run at the Belleville Area Museum through March 28.

The quilt exhibit is sponsored by the museum and the Western Wayne County Quilting Guild. It features a variety of antique and contemporary quilts from throughout the area.

Presentations by various quilters are planned during the course of the exhibit including a free special lecture at the Belleville Area District Library at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 21, entitled, "Crazy Quilting with Sherry Jones".

A Children's Sewing Workshop will be held at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on March 23 and other presentations will be held on the first four Saturdays in March.

At the workshop, each child will make a needle-and-thread project to take home. Cost of the class is \$1. Both boys and girls seven to 12 years of age are welcome. To register, call the museum.

The museum is located at 405 Main Street in downtown Belleville and is open Tuesdays: 3-7 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday: noon to 4 p.m. Museum admission is \$2.

For more information, contact the Belleville Area Museum by phone at 734-697-1944 or email: kdallos@provide.net

Community Chorus invites you to come to the Cabaret March 10

The public is invited to hear the Belleville Community Chorus stepping out with its fifth-annual cabaret performance at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 10, at Open Arms Lutheran Church, 7865 Belleville Road.

The cabaret program features adult and youth chorus members in solo, duet and ensemble versions of pop, oldies, show tunes and more. Although the concert is free, donations to support the chorus are encouraged and welcome. Food and refreshments will be available.

For more information, call 734-660-0797.

Cornerstone Christian sewing class in Sumpter

Cornerstone Christian Church announces its "Sewing in no Time" class for beginners that will start next week. The free, three-week course will start from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday, March 14, at the church at 44500 Willis Road, Sumpter Township. Sewing machines and all materials will be provided for students to make their choice of: teapot cozy, placemat, pot holder, or book cover (bring the book). Students are invited to bring their own sewing machines, if available. For reservations or more information, call Asondra at 313-460-7491.

Church celebrates the deaf community with events March 16, 17

POWER Centre Church International, 16650 Sumpter Road in Van Buren Township, will hold a free Deaf Awareness Weekend March 16-17 where the goal is to celebrate and educate.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, they will celebrate the deaf community by having deaf presenters to share, via American Sign Language, various topics, including Deaf Culture, Growing up Deaf, and the Deaf Community and Music.

ASL interpreters will be on hand to voice what each of the deaf presenters signs. The Deaf Ministry will also educate the hearing attendees by helping them to understand that "Deaf people can do anything except hear," including own a business, be a doctor, lawyer, teacher, drive, etc.

At 11 a.m. Sunday, March 17, the celebration continues with a presentation by Soulful Expressions, an inspirational choir that consists of about eight deaf members and eight hearing members.

The speaker for this event is Minister Curtis Young, the first African-American deaf man to be ordained in the State of Michigan. A powerful young man, Minister Young signs and speaks at the same time.

The two-day event will end with a celebratory lunch after the morning service on Sunday. There is no charge for any of the events or the lunch.

Storytimes set for elem., preschool, toddlers at District Library

The Belleville Area District Library announces its next session of Storytimes for elementary students, preschoolers, and toddlers.

The library will be closed on Good Friday, March 29.

Family Storytimes will be at 6:30 p.m., Mondays, March 11 to April 22.

Preschool Pals Storytimes, for ages 4-6, are at 10 a.m., Wednesdays, March 13 to April 24.

Terrific Toddlers' Storytimes, for ages 2-4, are at 11 a.m., Wednesdays, from March 13 to April 24.

Science Workshops

The library also will be holding hands-on Science Workshops, "SCIENCE KIDZ" with Jessamy for children ages 6-12. SCIENCE KIDZ will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesdays from Feb. 27 through March 27.

The remaining programs, all at 7 p.m., are:

- Kings of Night -- OWLS, March 13
- Recycling Art, March 20
- Paper-making, March 27

Children can be registered for all programs at the Circulation Desk in the Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville.

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NOW, THEREFORE, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above-described lands, and you:

Supervisor of Van Buren Charter Township, Linda Combs
Supervisor of Sumpter Township, Johnny Vawters
Clerk of Wayne County, Cathy M. Garrett
Director of Wayne County Department of Public Services, Terry Spryszak

are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said letting may be adjourned, I shall proceed to receive bids for the construction of said "Throop Drain," in the manner hereinbefore stated; and, also, that at such time and place as stated above from 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Throop Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

AND YOU AND EACH OF YOU, Owners and persons interested in the aforesaid lands, are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such reviewing of apportionments as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

This review of apportionments is consistent with Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956.

Dated the 1st day of March, 2013.

Kenneth Kucel, P.E.
Wayne County Drain Commissioner

Published: March 7, 2013; March 14, 2013

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Sumpter Township Board promotes Joe Januszyk to Fire Chief

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Last September, Joe Januszyk was named interim fire chief for Sumpter Township after the sudden resignation of his brother-in-law, longtime Fire Chief Leslie Powell.

The Sept. 11 township board agenda had listed the renewal of Powell's contract as chief, when at the last minute, at the meeting, it was turned into a retirement instead. Powell signed a non-disclosure agreement with the township and so he has not discussed his abrupt departure.

On Feb. 26, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to promote Januszyk to the full fire chief position.

Trustee Peggy Morgan, board liaison to the fire department, said she put the item on the board agenda and wanted to say a few words on Januszyk's behalf.

"I feel Chief Januszyk has done a fine job for the past six months ... and he will bring a lot to us," Trustee Morgan said. The rest of the board agreed.

A ceremony planned for the sudden retirement of another longtime firefighter, Marty Kalasz, was expected at the Feb. 26 meeting, but it was not held that night. At the Feb. 12 meeting Kalasz, a 40-year volunteer fireman who was fighting a disciplinary action for not signing a negative evaluation, instead agreed to retire instead.

In other business at its Feb. 26 meeting, the board:

- Approved two amendments to the Parks and Recreation Commission Constitution, as recommended by financial consultant Ron Traskos, paving the way for its move to become a 501c3 non-profit organization. A lot of paperwork has been done to send to the IRS and the final paperwork was expected to be sent out the next day;
- Approved plans by Joe Nasser for a medical clinic at the property he is in the process of buying from the township for \$125,000 at 19130 Sumpter Road.

Township attorney Rob Young said the final agreement will be brought back to the board before the official closing on the property. "It's going to be a medical center and nothing but a medical center," Nasser told the board. "... no retail, no medical marijuana..." Trustee Alan Bates said if he takes care of the medical center like he does his market at the corner of Willis and Sumpter roads, there won't be a problem;

- Approved participating in the 2013 Senior Olympics, at a cost of \$200;

- Approved selling at auction the "all-rusted-out" 1996 senior van;

- Approved the rezoning of 25891 Sumpter Road from R-2 Single Family to C-2 Commercial, as recommended by the Planning Commission. This is the property owned by John Chapman that has a 60-year-old commercial garage on it and adjoins other commercial property;

- Held a public hearing and then, during the regular meeting, approved a revised Community Development Block Grant budget for 2013-14 of \$106,400 that includes: \$6,384 for administration, \$48,377 for Senior Service/Chore Programs (grass cutting, snow removal, plumbing/heating repairs), \$11,639 for Senior Center Improvements (replacing doors that are rusting out); and \$40,000 for demolitions. A letter from Peggy Peterson suggesting the township use CDBG funds to help residents move out of a deteriorating trailer park where she lives was read and placed on file, with township attorney Young commenting, "The letter is from a citizen and is not necessary the opinion of the township";

- Heard a presentation from Larry Fix during the workshop concerning bringing Little League to Sumpter Township;

- Heard a presentation from Greg Keith, also during the workshop. Keith wants to use township-owned property for his Young Stars LLC program, that includes aerosol (paint ball) activities, which he

said is very popular. The program also exposes kids to business, he said, and they start a business as part of the program. It is a for-profit business and was operating in Ypsilanti Township for eight months before it had problems that forced it to shut down. He said the township wanted permits for pallet structures. Attorney Young said other businesses that use township property (such as the credit union) pay a fee and Keith wants the property without charge. Young said they would have to look into safety and liability issues and invited Keith to present his paperwork on the business to the township offices for review. Supervisor Johnny Vawters said there is a church that has 10 acres down the street from its building that is willing to let Keith use it;

- Approved paying warrants totaling \$826,218.57 with a roll-call vote;

- Heard Trustee Don Swinson announce that the Parks and Rec. annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be at noon Saturday, March 23, (with a rain date of March 24) at Graham Park. The Easter Bunny may drop by;

- Heard Supervisor Johnny Vawters announce that a meeting was set for 9 a.m. Feb. 27 at the Van Buren Schools Administration building to discuss school and community safety. Representatives of the fire and police departments and elected officials from Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter were invited to the meeting by James Williams, head of building and grounds for the school district. The meeting had to be rescheduled because of the snow storm that closed the district on Feb. 27;

- Learned the second session of the annual dog clinic will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at the pole barn at the community center. The first session was March 2; and

- Heard Sharon Pokerwinski discuss debris in ditches and the letter received by her neighbor which was not deserved. She said Trustee Bill Hamm turned in the complaint. Supervisor Vawters said "The letter went out accidentally. Maybe somebody jumped the gun." Pokerwinski also wanted to get information on how much money is left in the 2010 and 2011 Wayne County Park Grants allocated to Sumpter. She wanted to

know if the township would be losing any of the money not spent on projects. Trustee Peggy Morgan said Deputy Supervisor Craig Moody, who had left the meeting, wouldn't have a problem with attending a meeting of Parks & Rec. to account for the funds and projects, as he did about a year ago.

Belleville City Council opens four sealed bids for pipe-lining project

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the Feb. 4 regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, City Clerk / Treasurer Lisa Long publicly opened four sealed bids for the city's 2013 Full Length Cured in Place Pipe Lining Program.

DPW Director Keith Boc said the bids were expected to come in slightly lower than the \$200,000 estimate.

The bids opened were:

- Insituform Technologies, Detroit, \$152,826.80

- Insight Pipe Contracting, Harmony, PA, \$154,572;

- Lawrence M. Clarke, Inc., Belleville, \$224,372.50; and

- Liquiforce Sewer Services, Romulus, \$168,655.

The council voted unanimously to turn the bids over to Boc, City Manager Diana Kollmeyer, and Hennessey Engineers for review. The council also approved having these reviewers select the contractor for the work so it could move forward.

The proposed project consists of about 3,618 linear feet of full-length, cured-in-place pipe lining along Main Street from Denton Road to Huron River Drive and along a rear yard utility easement from Angola to Madelon streets south of Huron River Drive.

The cured-in-place pipe would be installed within sewers ranging from 8 inches to 15 inches in diameter.

The anticipated start date, weather permitting, is Feb. 25 and it should be substantially completed by March 28 with final completion by April 12.

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Wayne County Fairgrounds is gearing up for its annual **Irish Dinner** on Saturday, March 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Fairgrounds on Quirk Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for children 12 and under. Call (734) 697-7002.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church on Ecorse Road in Belleville will be holding its **5th Annual Sportsman's Banquet** on Saturday, March 16, beginning at 4 p.m. There will be an archery contest, their yearly Big Buck Contest and kids will be able to enter a drawing to win a Cabela's gift card by simply bringing in a trophy or photo of them camping, hiking, hunting, or fishing taken over the past year.

There will be other great prizes to win too. Tickets are \$15. To learn more call **Jason Crawford** at (734) 732-6492.

The **BHS Tigers Baseball team** will be holding its **Pancake Supper Fundraiser** Friday, March 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the BHS Cafeteria. Tickets are \$7 and there will be silent and live auctions and 50/50 raffle with cash prizes. For tickets and information, call Coach **Dave Stamper** at (734) 740-1716.

Marti's Gift Gallery on East Huron River Drive in Belleville has a great assortment of St. Patrick's Day gifts for everyone. Take 25% off any one item with their colored ad in today's paper. Call (734) 699-GIFT.

The **Patches & Patterns Annual Quilt Show** is under way through the month of March at the **Belleville Area Museum**. The exhibit is open Tuesdays from 3 to 7 p.m., and Wednesdays through Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. Workshops take place every Saturday. Call (734) 697-1944.

If you are a restaurant, business, or church that is scheduling special events during Easter, then there's still time to get the word out through display advertising. Call (734) 699-9020.

Our color giveaway promotion here at the *Independent* continues through the month on March. Simply advertise in color with us this month and get free color for all of April. We're also offering free color for an entire year if you sign up for a 52-week run, not to mention you'll also get 35% off the entire series. Call (734) 699-9020.

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

Birthday

March 12 – Sue Kotlarek

Do you have a birthday in March? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

Ask Angela

By Angela Nettro

I am here to answer questions pertaining to buying or selling real estate. Send your questions to "Ask Angela", c/o *Belleville-Area Independent*, 152 Main Street, Ste. 9, Belleville 48111 or send me an email at nettroandco@comcast.net. I'll answer questions in this column.

Question from Clifford in Sumpter Township: I had some setbacks a few years ago and am ready to buy a home now. My credit is just less than the score needed to get a new mortgage. I have found a house I like offering land contract terms. I understand that I make payments directly to the seller and that I don't get the deed until I pay off the land contract. The seller called the land contract a balloon land contract. What is a balloon land contract?

Answer: A balloon land contract is when the monthly payments paid during the term of the land contract do not pay off the land contract and there is still an amount due – which is called a balloon note, which is due and payable in one lump sum at the end of the land contract term to the seller.

If the balloon amount owed is not paid, the seller will not provide the deed to the home and you could lose all you have put

into the home and the home is redeemed by the seller.

Find out what interest you are paying and what amount of the total payment is going down on the balance owed each month to find out the balloon amount you will owe at the end of the L.C. term. If the amount is quite substantial, I would renegotiate for lower interest and/or a longer term of years on the contract so that the balloon note due will be an amount you can afford to pay off or finance in order to receive your deed to the home.

-- Angela

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Seaman Anthony McCune completes basic training

Navy Seaman Anthony M. McCune, son of Angela M. and Cary E. McCune of Belleville, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During the eight-week program, McCune completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, PLUMBING PLAN REVIEW & INSPECTION SERVICES

RFP RESCINDED

The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI is rescinding the above mentioned Request for Proposals. The request was originally advertised on February 7, 2013.

Questions relative to this announcement may be directed to Arthur Mullen, Interim Director, Planning and Economic Development, (734) 699-8913, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Published: March 7, 2013

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS GRASS CUTTING AND RELATED SERVICES

The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI is requesting proposals for grass cutting and related services for the enforcement of the Township's Grass and Weeds Ordinance. Bid forms are available at the Township Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 7:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, April 2, 2013, and should be submitted to the Clerk's office. Bids may be submitted by U.S. Mail, personal service, or courier service, and no bids submitted by facsimile or electronically will be accepted. The bids will be publicly opened following the bid deadline. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and is not required to accept the low bid. The Township is an equal opportunity contractor, which does not discriminate based on race, sex, creed, or physical ability. If you have any questions regarding the bid specifications, please contact Development Services at (734) 699-8913.

Published: March 7, 2013

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Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 12, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Vawters showing present Supervisor Vawters, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, Swinson, & P. Morgan. Excused absence Clerk Hoffman. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 20 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve the agenda with items C & D added. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comments only on agenda items

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve regular board meeting minutes January 8, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Bates, supported by J. Morgan to accept minutes of Parks & Recreation December 12, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to accept minutes of Planning Commission December 13, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to accept minutes of Fire Meeting October 7 & December 2, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by J. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the warrants totaling: \$861,705.62. Roll call vote: Yes: Vawters, J. Morgan, Bates,

Hamm, Swinson, and P. Morgan. Nay: None. Absent: Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the water & sewer report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Police: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve the police report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Building/Ordinance: Motion by Swinson, supported by J. Morgan to approve the building/ordinance report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Fire: Motion by J. Morgan, supported by P. Morgan to approve the fire report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Treasurer: Motion by Swinson, supported by P. Morgan to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Supervisor: Motion by Swinson, supported by P. Morgan to approve the supervisor report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Attorney: No report.

14. Board Response

15. New Business

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to appoint to the board of review for 2 years, Brian Buntine, Jennifer Massel & Karen Woodington. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Bates, supported by Hamm to set a hearing for CDBG 2013-2014 budget for February 26, 2013 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

C. a. Motion by J. Morgan, supported by P. Morgan to go into closed session regarding disciplinary hearing on firefighter Marty Kalasz at 6:44 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to go back into open session at 7:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to accept the retirement of Marty Kalasz 40 yrs of service to the Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to set a special board meeting for February 14, 2013 at 5:30 pm to consider the ratification of collective bargaining for the Michigan Association of Firefighters of Sumpter. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Announcements

17. Open Floor

18. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to adjourn at 7:34 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on February 12, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and

public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Publish: March 7, 2013



Sumpter Township Special Board Meeting Minutes February 14, 2013

Meeting called to order at 5:43 pm showing present: Supervisor Vawters, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, Swinson, & P. Morgan. Excused absence Clerk Hoffman. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 6 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Motion by Swinson, supported by P. Morgan to approve the ratification of collective bargaining agreement for the Michigan Association of Firefighters of Sumpter with necessary corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Open Floor

5. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to adjourn at 5:45 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Special Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on February 14, 2013 at 5:43 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Publish: March 7, 2013

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Sumpter Township Public Hearing

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 6:35 pm on March 14, 2013 in the Sumpter Township Hall 23480 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI 48111. The purpose of this hearing is to consider approval of a comprehensive Zoning Ordinance text amendment encompassing all Articles of the Zoning Ordinance.

Information and complete draft of the Ordinance language regarding this matter may be inspected at the Township Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. If you are unable to attend this hearing but wish to comment on this matter you may submit written comments to the Township Clerk's office prior to the time and date of the public hearing.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Sumpter Township

Publish: February 28, 2013; March 7, 2013



SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING NOTICE

The Sumpter Township Board of Review will meet at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 on the following dates and times:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

TUESDAY MARCH 5, 2013 6:00 P.M.

APPOINTMENTS BEGIN:

MONDAY MARCH 11, 2013 3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2013 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
THURSDAY MARCH 14, 2013 3:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

Review of assessments is by APPOINTMENT ONLY. To set an appointment, please call 734-461-6201, ext. 2229 or ext. 2236. The burden of proof for a successful appeal is with the Property Owner. Sales reports will be available for review in the Supervisor's office. TENTATIVE RATIOS AND MULTIPLIERS, as determined by the Wayne County Equalization Department are:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	ESTIMATED MULTIPLIER
Agricultural (101)	49.05%	1.0000
Commercial (201)	49.89%	1.0000
Industrial (301)	49.47%	1.0000
Residential (401)	46.76%	1.0693
Developmental	NC	NC
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Agents for petitioners MUST submit letters of authorization from their clients. NON-RESIDENTS ONLY MAY APPEAL BY MAIL. Mail appeals must be received by MARCH 15, 2013. Poverty exemption guidelines and applications are available at the Assessor's Office, pursuant to MCL Sec 211.7u.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

Clarence Hoffman, Jr., Clerk
Sumpter Township

Publish February 21 and 28 and March 7, 2013

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Charter Township of Van Buren Annual Cemetery Cleaning Notice

The Department of Public Works will be conducting its annual spring cleaning at all township cemeteries.

Spring cleaning will begin March 18, 2013 and run through March 28, 2013

Receptacles placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious items and similar objects will be discarded if not removed by March 15, 2013

New items may be displayed beginning March 29, 2013

Van Buren Township provides maintenance for the following cemeteries:

Denton - 49780 Cross St. (Michigan Avenue and Denton Road)

Soop - 49250 Denton Road (South I-94 Service Drive and Denton Road)

Tyler - 39820 Tyler Road (Tyler and Hannan Roads)

Otisville - 41875 Riggs Road

For additional information contact
DPW Leader Jeff Fondaw at 734.699.8925 ext. 9228

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Published: February 7, 2013

Van Buren Township
Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected runs for VBT Police.

Sunday, Feb. 24:
0421 – noise complaint, W. Cherry/S. Ponderosa
0833 – assault & battery, 6720 Rogers Ave.
0913 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, 10766 Oak Lane
1401 – missing person, 6190 Dellor St.
1448 – larceny from auto, 48651 S. I-94 Service
1601 – disorderly conduct, Meijer
1711 – trespassing, 42040 Hayes St.
1859 – assault & battery, Ecorse/NB I-275

Monday, Feb. 25:
0112 – noise complaint, 46141 Village Green Ln.
0111 – disturbance, 41462 W. Archwood Dr.
0700 – private property accident, Meijer
0820 – disturbance, 48870 Denton Rd.
0938 – fraud, 10816 Belleville Rd.
1135 – fraud, 142 Cherry Lane
1140 – harassment call, 9645 Belleville Rd.
1235 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville
1243 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1301 – private property accident, Prime Time Fitness
1406 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1431 – child abuse, 10820 Belleville Rd.
1554 – breaking & entering, 261 S. Ponderosa Trl.
1734 – fraud, Walmart
1737 – fraud, Walmart
1748 – assault & battery, 43420 Tyler Rd.
1848 – disorderly conduct, 45601 S. I-94 Service
2035 – fraud, Walmart
2210 – intimidation threat, 42034 Filmore St.
2240 – property damage accident, Belleville / N. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, Feb. 26:
0019 – assault & battery, 46145 Village Green Ln.
0706 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 11681 Meadows Lane
0847 – fraud, 46780 McBride Ave.
0949 – holdup alarm, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1112 – child abuse, 125 S. Edgemont, school
1233 – assault & battery, 11675 Meadows Cir.
1531 – larceny, 47097 McBride
1547 – mental, 9050 Parkwood Dr.
1654 – private property accident, 47097 McBride
1659 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Riggs
1719 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville
1723 – harassment call, 12864 Nautica Dr.
1742 – missing person, 46048 Chatsworth Dr.
1746 – property damage accident, I-94 N. Service Dr. / Camping World
1753 – fraud, 10890 Lighthouse Dr.
1928 – assault & battery, 9810 Lancaster Dr.
1938 – property damage accident, 49364 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1957 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Quirk Rd.
2056 – property damage accident, S I-94 Service Dr. / Ryznar Dr.
2119 – wires down, Bak Rd./Hull Rd.
2348 – wires down, 14243 Lenmoore Ave.

Wednesday, Feb. 27:
0309 – assault & battery, 11530 Belleville
0332 – hospice, 46845 Denton Rd.
0635 – property damage accident, Ecorse / Hydromatic
0731 – property damage accident, Van Born / Thornwood
1332 – fraud, 8700 W. Walden
1420 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty
1421 – retail fraud, 9701 Belleville Rd.
1425 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Huron River Dr.
1704 – assault & battery, 11615 Meadows Ct.
1725 – personal injury accident, Hannan/south of Ecorse
1742 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1802 – fraud, 6784 Edwards Rd.
2041 – property damage accident, Haggerty / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2354 – narcotics crime, 48961 Denton Rd.

Thursday, Feb. 28:
0747 – malicious destruction of property, 50953 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0746 – assault & battery, 6191 W. Adams
0747 – disorderly conduct, Walmart
0806 – juvenile complaint, 47037 Ruthan Dr.
1245 – weapons violation, 47097 McBride
1259 – disorderly conduct, 9185 Parkwood Dr.
1648 – private property accident, Meijer
1657 – private property accident, Meijer Gas
1710 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Savage
1816 – harassment call, 6191 W. Adams
2001 – fraud, 41358 Ecorse
2009 – disturbance, Walmart
2140 – larceny, Belleville/Meijer
2205 – fraud, 48440 Denton Rd.
2208 – assault & battery, 341 Redwood

Friday, March 1:
0016 – mental, 10667 Oak Ln.
0051 – disorderly conduct, Walmart
0153 – malicious destruction of property, 11793 Meadows Circle
0255 – suspicious person, Valero
0605 – malicious destruction of property, 46425 Tyler Rd.
0657 – larceny from auto, 10960 Lighthouse
0714 – assault & battery, McBride/Quirk
0734 – assault & battery, 10819 Oak Ln.
0830 – larceny from auto, 11123 Oak Ln.
0922 – larceny from auto, 10574 Oak Ln.
1101 – larceny from auto, 11123 Oak Ln.
1148 – larceny, 1 Daisy
1155 – private property accident, 287 Industrial
1159 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1215 – fraud, 49041 Denton Rd.
1223 – trespassing, 45707 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1259 – larceny from auto, 41472 E. Archwood Dr.
1343 – property damage accident, Hannan/Van Born
1756 – property damage, Rawsonville/Martz
1814 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 9692 Sawgrass Ct.
1856 – water leak found, 11747 Meadows Ln.
2052 – noise complaint, 46280 N. I-94 Service Dr.
2229 – assault & battery, 51269 Landmark
2232 – fraud, Walmart

Saturday, March 2:
0713 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Rawsonville
0916 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0959 – animal complaint, 10655 Buchanan St.
1104 – juvenile complaint, 48721 Denton Rd.
1108 – breaking & entering, 6020 Denton
1122 – suspicious person, 7766 Mida Dr.
1229 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1240 – larceny, 46145 Village Green Ln.
1503 – property damage accident, 6366 Briarcliff
1645 – assault & battery, 9214 Parkwood Dr.
1924 – disturbance, 11649 Meadows Ln.
2102 – intimidation threat, 9122 Parkwood Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 175 traffic stops, 38 of which were on the freeways.

Belleville Police
Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 24:
0026 – parking complaint, 21 Carmell St.
0132 – property damage accident, 22 Carmell St.
0213 – assist fire department, 189 Belle Villa Blvd
0904 – intrusion alarm, 45201 Owen, school
1106 – malicious destruction of property, 300 Sumpter
1226 – civil matter, 6 Main St.
1725 – parking complaint, 21 Carmell St.
2055 – intrusion alarm, 501 W. Columbia, BHS

Monday, Feb. 25:
0033 – follow up, 6 Main St.
0943 – warrant arrest, 230 Henry St.
1402 – civil matter, 178 N. Liberty St.
1412 – trespassing, Henry/Church
1705 – family trouble, 24 San Carlos St.
1807 – follow up, 181 Potter Dr.
1907 – suspicious vehicle, 723 Harbour Pointe Ct.
2056 – agency assist, 220 Montague

Tuesday, Feb. 26:
0123 – parking complaint, 458 W. Waterbury Ct.
0843 – animal complaint, 151 Main St.
0855 – fraud, 6 Main St.

0857 – intrusion alarm, 25 Owen
1010 – miscellaneous complaint, 297 Bay Pointe
1446 – private property accident, 6 Main St.
1956 – motorist assist, Church/High
2138 – welfare check, 222 Belle Villa Blvd.

Wednesday, Feb. 27:
0451 – suspicious situation, 36 Carmell St.
1026 – property damage accident, 6 Main St.
1241 – warrant arrest, I-275/8 Mile
1610 – assist fire dept., 86 Menlo Park Dr.

Thursday, Feb. 28:
0056 – shots fired, 400 N. Liberty St.
0832 – warrant arrest, Michigan/I-275
0958 – motorist assist, Hayward’s
1042 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1413 – property check, Owen Middle School
1515 – mental, 57 Loza Lane
1722 – missing person, 101 Carmell St.
2041 – follow up, 400 N. Liberty St.
2235 – E-911 hang up/investigation, 50 Clarence
2236 – E-911 cellular, 50 Clarence St.
2325 – warrant arrest, 6 Main

Friday, March 1:
0844 – larceny, BHS
0845 – juvenile complaint, 6 Main St.
0850 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
0851 – assist fire dept., 3 San Carlos St.
0854 – found property, 6 Main St.
1116 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1133 – assist fire dept., 125 Biggs Ave.
1250 – background investigation, 6 Main St.
1947 – domestic assault, 285 Victorian Lane
2159 – trespassing, 546 High St.
2317 – intrusion alarm, 265 Sumpter

Saturday, March 2:
0001 – malicious destruction of property, 506 Harbour Pointe Dr.
0913 – malicious destruction of property, 50 South
1138 – assist citizen, 6 Main St.
2141 – suspicious situation, 164 Belle Villa Blvd.

Also on this week’s log are 85 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township
Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 24:
0435 – property damage accident, Willow / Haggerty
1004 – citizen assist, Willow/Haggerty
1339 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1530 – threats complaint, 27000 bl. Martinsville
1548 – found property, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
2006 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville/Wear

Monday, Feb. 25:
0043 – odor investigation, Mulberry
0514 – fire dept. assist, Arizona
0933 – fraud complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1252 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1429 – breaking & entering report, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1622 – traffic hazard, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
1653 – citizen assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1746 – threats complaint, Rustic Ln.
1854 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2016 – juvenile complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2211 – fire dept. assist, Country Club
2229 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2302 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter

Tuesday, Feb. 26:
0057 – shots fired, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0627 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
0727 – well-being check, Willis/Elwell
0920 – mental health commitment, 48000 bl. Judd
1051 – well-being check, Carriage Ln.
1249 – civil dispute, Utah
1602 – 911 hangup, Wayside
1605 – assist other agency, Sumpter/Bemis
1656 – citizen assist, Willis/Lohr
1744 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1746 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2051 – alarm, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.
2124 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
2127 – citizen assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2219 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
2257 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2309 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 27:
0047 – alarm, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.

0356 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
0405 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Martinsville
0512 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis
0609 – traffic hazard, Sumpter/Willis
0617 – property damage accident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1453 – animal complaint, Willow/Sumpter
1550 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz / Haggerty
1615 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1620 – suspicious incident, Montana
1825 – animal complaint, Judd/Sumpter
2102 – suspicious incident, Willow/Rawsonville
2118 – property damage accident, Rawsonville/Willis
2153 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Lane

Thursday, Feb. 28:
0259 – suspicious vehicle, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1007 – suspicious incident, Sumpter/Willis
1020 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1312 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1658 – 911 hangup, Carriage Lane
2332 – death investigation, 10000 bl. Rawsonville

Friday, March 1:
0727 – animal complaint, Willow/Martinsville
1140 – lost property, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1517 – citizen assist, Willow/Elwell
1549 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2116 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, March 2:
0804 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0946 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1028 – missing person, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.
1218 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1339 – disorderly person, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1400 – down wires, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1421 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1514 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1627 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1652 – civil dispute, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1748 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Sumpter
1751 – civil dispute, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
1802 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1958 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2008 – juvenile complaint, Pecan
2144 – animal bite, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 26 miscellaneous details, 123 patrol checks, and 81 traffic stops.

Attention BHS Seniors:
Belleville Rotary seeks
scholarship applicants

The Belleville Rotary Club is encouraging graduating Belleville High School seniors intent on furthering their education at college or vocational schools to apply for one of the club’s scholarships.

Belleville Rotary annually provides ten scholarships to graduates of BHS who demonstrate qualities of leadership, scholarship, service, and financial need. Grants, currently at \$1,500, are for one year and are renewable for an additional year upon request and evidence of satisfactory progress by the student.

Students should contact their guidance counselor at BHS for more information. The application form is available from the counselor or downloadable from www.bellevillerotary.org/scholarship.php

This year applications must be filed with the counselor no later than Friday, March 1. Applying students may be required to participate in an interview conducted by the Belleville Rotary Scholarship Committee prior to final determination of awards.

Over the past 60 years, the club, with support of its Charles B. Cozadd Foundation, has given out nearly \$400,000 in scholarships to BHS students.

Photo courtesy BHS
Belleville High School senior Brianna Schofield signed last week with Concordia University in Ann Arbor, where she received an athletic and academic scholarship. She will run cross country and track for the Cardinals. Brianna has completed four years on the BHS varsity cross country team and is starting her third year with the track team. She will study to be a Child Life Specialist. Standing is BHS Cross Country & Track Coach George Devore and Concordia University Cross Country & Track Coach Jamie LaBrosse. Brianna's parents Eric and Lorie Schofield sit with Brianna in the middle.



Romulus Farmers Market informational meeting set for March 9

A Romulus Farmers Market planning meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins St.

Any interested vendors and volunteers are asked to attend. The meeting will address the 2013 schedule, special events, booth fees and available discounts.

The 2013 Romulus Farmers Market season will open on Saturday June 1, 2013. Market days will be Saturdays, June through October, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Market is specifically seeking committed vendors to sell produce, eggs, honey, fresh bread and other craft and food items. Please note that the Market only accepts handmade and locally produced items.

The Market is also looking for interested organizations, people or students to volunteer. Volunteer musicians (individual or ensemble), artists, painters and other entertainers are wanted to perform at the Market throughout the season. A group or individual is sought to sponsor and operate a "Children's Table" with activities and crafts every week.

For more information about the Romulus Farmers Market and its 2013 Season, or to become a vendor, email romulusfarmersmarket@gmail.com or go to www.facebook.com/RomulusFarmersMarket

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March 1st to 15th
Non Perishable Food & Toiletries can be dropped at any Van Buren Public School, Open Arms Lutheran Church & Childcare, First United Methodist Church, September Days Senior Center, Loranger Family Chiropractic Center, & Chamber of Commerce Office. Volunteers needed for pick up of donations on March 15th and boxing & sorting which will be on March 15th, 6 pm at First United Methodist Church 417 Charles St in Belleville
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