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F R E E

VBT Board needs to come up with Plan B to pay the Visteon bonds

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

On April 2, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees met with four attorneys, a CPA, and about ten residents in the audience for a work/study session on the refinancing of one of the Visteon bonds that now is callable.

Earlier the board had unanimously voted to pledge the township's full faith and credit to help refinance the \$17 million in bonds, which could save from \$1.8 million to \$2 million in interest payments for the township.

The township is expected to come up short on money for Visteon bond payments in 2018.

After much discussion, the board learned from the attorneys that the bonds will be

harder to refinance unless the board puts down some cash -- about \$4 million was suggested -- and comes up with Plan B, a way to pay the bonds if the TI (tax increment) money isn't enough -- such as a millage.

John Delaney said from the audience that the board will have to come up with a Plan C because voters are not going to approve a big millage for these bonds.

It is estimated by a township resident following the issue that the millage approved by voters to pay the bonds would have to be 5 or 6 mills.

Kaveh Kashef of Clark Hill law firm, the attorney who has been meeting with the board behind closed doors on the option of filing suit against Visteon on the bond issue, said the refinancing savings depends on the township's bond rating, the interest rate, and whether the township contributes cash it has up front to push the potential deficiency to repay the bonds down the road.

"The board has to decide whether to move forward with the refinancing and whether

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Dunkin' Donuts gets planning commission OK, goes to VBT board

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

If the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approves special land use in a C-2 zoning district at the northeast corner of Belleville Road and the I-94 North Service Drive, Dunkin' Donuts could be up and running by summer.

At its March 25 meeting, the VBT Planning Commission sent to the township board a recommendation for approval of special land use for a drive-through restaurant where the car wash and Quizno's are at the BP gas station / convenience store.

The commission also approved the preliminary site plan for the project, which reduces the number of parking spaces required by four, including two RV spaces.

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Children waited in line to pose for a picture with Flop E. Bunny and pick up their goody bags before taking part in candy hunts.



Some children didn't want to sit on Flop E. Bunny's lap. On Saturday at Victory Park one-year-old Maxwell Moran wanted off the bunny's lap immediately, while other children waited patiently in line for a picture with the Easter Bunny. Maxwell is the son of Roberto and Jacquie Moran of Ypsilanti and the great-grandson of Bob and Carlene Stoner of Van Buren Township. Hundreds of children attended the annual candy hunt put on by the Belleville Central Business Community. Children also had a chance to check out the city's police car and fire department vehicles.

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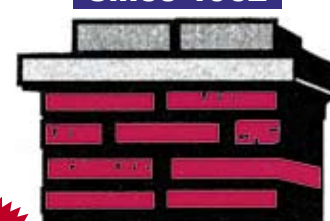
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Library Board decides to use consultant to help in director hire

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After much discussion at a special, hour-long meeting on March 24, the Belleville Area District Library Board voted unanimously to hire consulting firm Hartzell-Mika for part of its process to hire a new director to replace Debra Green – and to first negotiate services tailored to Belleville’s specific needs.

A dollar figure on the agreement will be determined at the April 14 regular meeting of the board.

The board first voted to set aside and not use another consultant being considered, Bradbury Associates / Gossage Sager Associates of Kansas City.

Hartzell-Mika, located in East Lansing, had offered three specific tiers of service in a search for a library director, but the Belleville board had already accomplished some of the tasks presented.

The job description was posted March 17 and the deadline for applications is April 30. Salary is \$75,000 to \$80,000 with a competitive benefits package.

But, the board agreed it could use Hartzell-Mika to help with the final interviews, advice on what questions are legal to ask, and other details.

Board chairwoman Mary Jane Dawson volunteered to negotiate with Hartzell-Mika to get the agreement tailored to Belleville’s needs.

Secretary Joy Cichewicz said it should be mentioned to the consultant that experience in building a new library would be helpful.

The three Hartzell-Mika tiers of service were priced at \$4,000, \$4,500 and \$4,500.

Barbara Miller said from the audience that it is very time-consuming to contact references and you have to be thorough and careful, so a consultant could help.

“Don’t niggle over \$4,500 when the salary is \$80,000, plus the benefits, and the person is in charge of a budget over \$1 million,” Miller said.

“You don’t want to get a person who’s here for a year and then leave,” said board member LaChelle Reed Caver.

Director Green said that happens in libraries, where a director comes and then leaves and you get two or three before one settles in to be the final director.

Cichewicz agreed that they want to find somebody who would stay.

Board member Tonya Stoudemire suggested they could keep the cost of the consultant below \$5,000.

Board members Stoudemire, Cichewicz, and Personnel Committee chairman Mike Boulter volunteered to meet with the consultants by phone or Skype to help set up the program.

Board member John Juriga was absent from the meeting.

School Board accepts bid from NETech as part of grant application

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At a five-minute special meeting before its work/study session on March 23, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approved an \$84,811 bid from NETech of Wixom to include as part of its E-Rate grant application.

The district has received the bid through the RFP (request for proposals) process for internal connections at Belleville High School, McBride Middle School, Owen Intermediate School, and Tyler, Rawsonville, Edgemont, and Savage elementary school buildings.

The bid was presented to the board by Financial Director Shareen Barker, who said the \$84,811 was the base cost and the board has to approve the bid to apply for the grant. If the grant is awarded, the board doesn’t have to do the project, she said.

of \$16,802 from the school district.

She explained the district’s E-Rate consultant missed the deadline to submit the request for approval of this grant for the March regular board meeting, thus the special meeting. The board has to approve it by April 13.

E-Rate Universal Service Funds is accepting grant applications to cover 80% of the costs for internal connections to Broadband and additional technology infrastructure.

During the work/study part of the March 23 meeting, the board:

- Was informed by Owen Principal Jeff Moore on the involved process necessary to prepare for giving the M-Step tests to students. Curriculum Director Diane Kullis was absent due to a personal family issue. Moore said the M-Step used to be the MEAP test.



Voters selected Marge Bergman’s quilt as their favorite of all the quilts in the show.

19th-Annual Quilt Show wraps up at museum

The Belleville Area Museum would like to thank everyone who visited the museum for our 19th-Annual Quilt Show. Start getting your quilts together for next year, our BIG 20th Anniversary!

During the show we had guests vote for their favorite quilts, and the overwhelming winner is First Place: Marge Bergman.

In addition, Kay Atkins of Threads ‘n Treasures in Belleville, donated a prize basket for the avid quilter. The winner of this gift basket is: Kay Wurm from Tecumseh, MI. Congratulations to our winners and quilters!

A huge ‘Thank You’ goes out to the volunteer docents of the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild for guiding us through the month.

Stay tuned for more exciting events and activities at The BAM -- Belleville Area Museum -- including our Belleville Area Historical Society’s General Meeting on April 16 at 6 p.m. featuring Gerald Dodson and his presentation, “JFK: No Tomorrows.” Catered by the Bayou Grill.

Our newest exhibit will be on display in May, entitled, “Lake Life: The Creation and Recreation of Belleville Lake.” Students from the Belleville High School New Tech Ecology Club will be creating this exhibit.

Spring/Summer Hours - Tuesday: 3-7 p.m.; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: Noon-4 p.m.

Katie Dallos, Director
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OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT resident stands up for those afraid to sign

At the end of Tuesday's regular Van Buren Township board meeting, Don Schoenberger stood up and put a bright red ski mask over his face to mark those people who said they were afraid to give an opinion and sign their names to their letters in the *Independent*.

The letters ran without signatures.

He addressed the alleged VBT police/fire blended-rate abuse and men working 33 to 36 hours straight. This is not for civic-mindedness. This is for the money, he said.

He said he served 365 days in a combat zone so people could have the freedom to disagree. "Can't disagree? You've got the wrong guy," he said.

"I supported everyone up there, except one," Schoenberger said to the board, noting Clerk Wright has done OK anyway.

He said when the *Independent* editor thinks there's a reason for someone to hide their name, that's a problem.

Schoenberger, a VBT resident and former police officer, said police officers are public servants, not bullies. And, those acting like bullies should be dealt with.

He said he would personally take responsibility for all the letters people were afraid to sign.

Other people in the community also are asking the board to announce how it has dealt with allegations of abuse of the blended-rate system and why use of the expensive system continues at all.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A reader came in to suggest that when the school district had that \$1 million left over from construction of the high school, it should have spent it to put solar panels all over the roof to save money in the long run.

Recently another person came in to complain that the new high school has no renewable energy programs in it.

We received an email that reflected lots of confusion about the city council's recent action on the Strawberry Festival agreement. The city took Trinity Episcopal Church and Belleville Presbyterian Church out of its agreement with the festival because those two festival sites are in Van Buren Township and the city has no jurisdiction over township sites.

Some people felt the two churches were booted out of the Strawberry Festival, but that isn't so. In fact they will be having wonderful events for the festival.

This year the *Independent* will be doing the booklets for both the Sumpter Township Country Fest over the Memorial Day week end and the Strawberry Festival over Father's Day week end and we will be sure to tell of all of the activities everywhere – including those at Trinity Episcopal and Belleville Presbyterian.

We received Volume 1, Issue 1 of a new newsletter from Wayne County. In it there is a list of roadwork planned for this summer, including a project on Huron River Drive from Elwell Road to Sumpter Road. There was nothing listed on Huron River Drive from Martinsville to Five Points, which was the project we were expecting because



it had been announced by DPW Director Keith Tackett at a recent meeting of the City of Belleville.

We called Keith and he said he checked with the county and the only project on Huron River Drive was the resurfacing planned from Martinsville to Five Points that he talked about. The newsletter was wrong.

He said, also, DTE is currently replacing gas lines and mains and moving gas meters from inside houses to outside houses in the eastern part of the City of Belleville along Huron River Drive. He said DTE wants to get its work done before the county closes the roadway for its resurfacing work. He said the plan is still to have all the resurfacing work done by Strawberry Fest, which starts June 18.

It seems there was a problem in the Planning Department at VBT last week and a couple of legal notices they wanted to publish didn't get to us, the newspaper of record, until about a day after deadline. We were on the presses by then. So, the new director Jack Knowles put it in the *Ann Arbor News* instead.

It's for a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. April 22 for special land use approval for a distribution center on property on the north side of Ecorse Road between Haggerty and Morton Taylor roads. I believe it's for Ashley Capital.

The public has been told to watch the

Independent for VBT legal notices and, while it's not illegal for VBT to put their notices in another paper, most people keeping an eye on VBT would not look in the *Ann Arbor News* for information about their community.

Just so anyone interested in development along that stretch doesn't miss attending or watching the public hearing on Channel 12 Cable TV before the planning commission, we decided to publish that legal notice as a public service. You're welcome. The other legal was for a public hearing the same night for TNT Fireworks who want to set up their tent at the church on Michigan Avenue in Denton same as in previous years.

VBT Executive Assistant to Supervisor Linda Combs Lianne Clair walked into Monday's work/study session dressed in a Detroit Tiger uniform, with hat. She obviously was supporting the home team on opening day.

Later that evening, before the Belleville City Council started its meeting, John Winter walked in and out of the council chambers dressed in kilts. "Nice legs," commented Councilwoman Kim Tindall.



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Letters

**About banning the
Independent at school**

To the editor:

About a month ago, you published a blurb that one of the school board's members banned the use of or the ability to have and read at the Belleville High School, the Belleville Independent.

That rankled my mind; at first, I was confused, as why would you just allow the school the "right" to banish the paper? We are talking the First Amendment rights here.

The more I thought about it, the more I got mad. It took me a while to act, but I had to send to you, examples of how the woman who banned the newspaper, has illegally broken the students' rights of Free Speech.

I hope that you can see fit to publish how this freedom is being withheld from our students. No wonder that the scores of the student testing is questionable, as their ability to learn and to find and make their own decisions as young adults, is being curtailed by one person, one whose own agenda, is suspect to the education of our children.

These are quotes from various legal motions placed from the U.S. Supreme Court rulings.

Much of the American legal precedent for banning books relates to public school libraries. In 1982, the landmark case of *Board of Education, Island Trees School District v. Pico* found that school officials could not remove library material because they disagreed with the ideas behind it. Protecting the rights of students to express as well as receive information, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a book or periodical must be "pervasively vulgar" to constitute adequate ground for banning.

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Community School District (1969), the Supreme Court extended broad First Amendment protection to children attending public schools, prohibiting censorship unless there is "substantial interference with school discipline or the rights of others".

In 1982 (*Board of Education, Island Trees Union Free School District No. 26 v. Pico*), the court said school boards cannot remove books from school libraries "simply because they dislike the ideas contained in those books."

"Censorship, the suppression of words, images, or ideas that are "offensive," happens whenever some people succeed in imposing their personal political or moral values on others" Censorship by the government is unconstitutional.

I hope that we are on the same page here; I may not have any children, but my tax dollars do pay for the funding of the local "PUBLIC" schools here. The local parents and voters should find the ability to quell the persons responsible for these actions and serve notice we will not tolerate such behavior in the future.

Bob Balderston
Belleville

Editor's Note: The *Independent* was not banned from Belleville High School, but from the Administration Break Room by Pam Johnson, executive assistant to Supt. Michael Van Tassel. She said the superintendent "didn't care" if she kept the paper away since she thought it prints so much negative stuff about Van Tassel. Recently I've been informed that Owen Intermediate School also does not allow the *Independent* inside its building. This information came from a woman trying to carry the paper into Owen.

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To the Editor:

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He drove from one side of the U.S.A. to the other (Pacific to Atlantic) with his wife and six-week-old baby. No incidents until he got to his home town!

His newly purchased motor home was parked on our side street. He came via Belleville to visit his grandparents to celebrate his grandfather's 92nd birthday. In the midst of the celebration, a police officer arrived to report a miscellaneous complaint regarding the motor home. The officer was very courteous and professional and I'm sure he had more important things to do.

Out of respect for our neighbors and ourselves we take great pride in maintaining our home and property.

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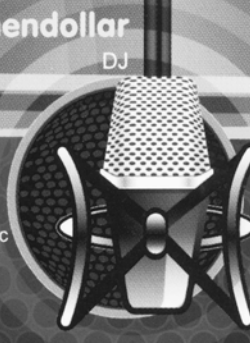
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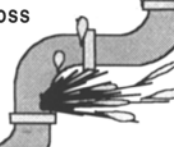
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Obituaries



Frank Benjamin Shorter, Jr.

FRANK B. SHORTER, JR.

(March 7, 1934 - April 1, 2015)

Frank Benjamin Shorter, Jr., age 81, of Ypsilanti, MI, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2015 in North Carolina. He was born March 7, 1934 in Lynchburg, Virginia, son of Frank B. & Virginia Ethel (Kirby) Shorter.

After Frank graduated high school, he proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corp. from 1954-1958. He was a hard worker and was a Union Representative. He retired from Kroger as the head meat cutter after 40 years of loyal service. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, where he was active in the Men's Club during his younger years. Frank was a social butterfly who loved to tell stories, and a former member of the Moose. He was an avid reader who enjoyed going to the beach and loved telling a good joke.

Mr. Shorter is survived by four children Dianne (Kurt) Shorter of Lansing, Denise Shorter of Ypsilanti, MI, John (Lauren) Shorter of Raleigh, North Carolina and Annemarie Shorter of Ypsilanti; two sisters Rita (Carlos) Crane of Troutville, Virginia and Katherine Hurt of Roanoke, Virginia; also several nieces and nephews and numerous friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Marie A. (Crickon) Shorter on October 8, 2008; son Frank B. Shorter III; two brothers Robert and Carl Shorter; also a sister Shelby Ellis.

Visitation was 7-9 PM Sunday and 12-2 PM Monday, April 6, 2015 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. The Funeral Service began at 2 PM. Interment followed in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the VFW Post #4434 Honor Guard would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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Tony Marshall DeBord

TONY M. DeBORD

(January 2, 1953 - April 1, 2015)

Tony Marshall DeBord, age 62, of New Boston, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, MI. He was born January 2, 1953 in New Castle, Indiana, son of Robert & Hazel Flossie (Wright) DeBord.

Tony worked for the airlines for many years. He loved antique guns and classic cars. Most of all, he was a family man who loved time spent with his family and his dogs.

Mr. DeBord is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Susan Jean (Purdy) DeBord; parents Robert & Hazel; sister Barbara (Jerry) Litwicki of Davison, MI; two brothers Richard (Barbara) DeBord of Oneida, Tennessee and Steven DeBord of Robbins, Tennessee; also numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation was 2-6 PM Sunday, April 5, 2015 and 11-1 PM Monday, April 6, 2015 with a 1 PM Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Pastor John Vaprepsan officiated. Interment was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Phyllis D. Arquette

PHYLLIS D. ARQUETTE

(November 21, 1931 - March 29, 2015)

Phyllis D. Arquette, age 83, of Gaylord, MI passed away Sunday, March 29, 2015 at her home. She was born November 21, 1931 in Nankin Township, MI, daughter of Edgar Joseph & Phyllis Dolores (Daigneau) Defer.

Mrs. Arquette is survived by daughter Jacqueline L. (Steven) Clagg of Dundee, MI, son Brian Arquette of Gaylord, MI, granddaughter Shelley L. Ryder of Sterling Heights, MI, grandson Gerald R. Bitner of Dundee, great-granddaughter Erin Ryder and great-grandson Christopher Ryder, also a sister Edith (Ellis) James of Wayne, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Russell L. Arquette on February 11, 2007, three sisters Janet, Mary and Barbara, also a brother Lawrence.

Phyllis and Russell raised their family in Romulus, MI and attended Community United Methodist Church, Romulus. They moved to Belleville in 1968 and retired to Gaylord in 1989 where they attended the Gaylord United Methodist Church. Phyllis enjoyed quilting, knitting, crocheting, and woodworking. Most of all she loved gardening and driving her tractor. She took great pride in her prize-winning gardens. People would often stop on Riggs Road to take pictures. She made one of her gardens into an eagle for the Bi-centennial and was honored in the newspaper.

Visitation was 1-8 PM Friday and 11 AM-Noon Saturday, April 4, 2015 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr.,

Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Funeral was Noon Saturday with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating. Entombment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, American Cancer Society, Humane Society or Wounded Warriors and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Nicholas Zaika

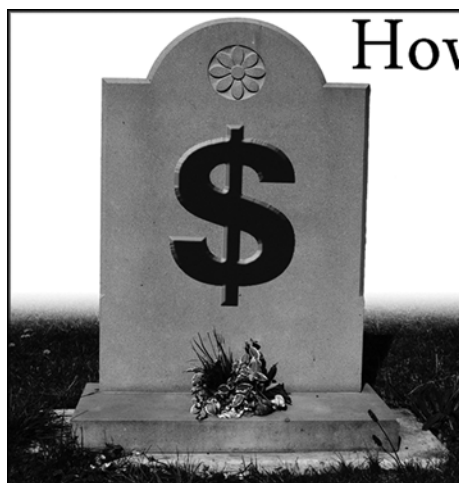
NICHOLAS ZAIKA

(March 6, 1935 - March 17, 2015)

Nicholas Zaika, age 80, died March 17, 2015. Survived by 5 children Andre (Sue) Zaika, John Zaika, Jane (Mike) Zaika-Mac Adams, Claire (Deno) Zaika-Taglioli, and Raz Zaika; and 5 grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister Mary Festian. He was a 1953 graduate of Belleville High School.

A service was held March 27 at the Dearborn Chapel of Voran Funeral Home, 23701 Ford Road, (313) 278-5100. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery. Donations may be made to American Diabetes Association. Share memories at www.voranfuneralhome.com.

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Charlene Dick

CHARLENE DICK

(February 15, 1931 - March 31, 2015)

Charlene Dick, age 84, long-time Belleville resident, passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at her home. She was born February 15, 1931 in Murray, Kentucky, daughter of Elmer & Donnie (Underhill) Futrell.

Charlene was a devoted member of Graceway Baptist Church, Ypsilanti. She loved spending time with her family and taking her dog on walks.

Mrs. Dick is survived by son Melvin (Debra) Dick of Belleville, two daughters Patricia (Gene) Lawson of Belleville and Debbie (Walt) Root of Ypsilanti, MI, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, four sisters, also her beloved Pomeranian, Bingo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Elzie L. Dick on July 14, 2006, brother Clyde Futrell, also sister Ludie Ward.

Visitation was 2:30-8 PM Sunday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500.

Visitation was 10-11 AM Monday, April 6, 2015 at Graceway Baptist Church, 2201 S. Grove Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 with an 11 AM AM Funeral Service. Pastor Keith Worrell officiated. Interment was in Denton Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Graceway Baptist Church or the American Heart Association and would be appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

RUTH LOUISE NEALY

(November 16, 1942 - March 24, 2015)

Age 72 of Carlton. Ten children; survived by 23 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren. Services were March 28 at Janowiak Funeral Home Sumpter Chapel. Burial at Chapel of Memorial Gardens, Belleville.



Michael Anthony Pace

MICHAEL A. PACE

(August 13, 1973 - March 31, 2015)

Michael Anthony Pace, age 41, of Ypsilanti, MI, passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at his home, surrounded by his family, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born August 13, 1973 in Livonia, MI, son of John Anthony & Karlene Sue (Hartfiel) Pace.

Mike is survived by his loving wife of 16 years, Ella, daughter Haleigh, three sons; Michael, Evan, and Peyton, his parents John and Karlene Pace of Westland, MI, his in-laws Michael and Monica Hayes of York Township, MI, sister Sheri (Jim) McCulloch of Livonia, four brothers James (Katherine) Pace of Brighton, MI, Karl (Renee) Pace of Saline, MI, Tom (Melissa) Pace of Garden City, MI and Rob (Allison) Pace of Brighton, also many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. He was just recently preceded in death by his grandmother, Irene Pace.

Mike graduated from John Glenn High School in 1991. He married the love of his life Ella Marie Hayes on August 15, 1998. They attended St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville with their four children. He worked as a manager for Affordable Storage and Arborstone Properties, both in Ann Arbor, MI. He loved baseball and was a devoted Detroit Tigers fan and coach. Mike was a second dad to many kids. He especially loved coaching his daughter's travel softball team.

Visitation was 3-8 PM Thursday with a 7 PM Time for Sharing service. Visitation continued from 12-4 PM Friday, April 3, 2015 with a 4 PM funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Deacon Peter Cornell officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Ella Pace, to be used for his children, would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

PATRICK-ALLEN REID

(August 28, 1993 - April 1, 2015)

Age 21, of Belleville. Soon to be father of twins. Survived by parents, grandparents, great-grandmother, 3 siblings. Gift of Life donor. Memorial planned. DCBrown Funerals.

Shelly Ann Brown-Chudzinski requalifies for CFSP certification

Shelly Ann Brown-Chudzinski, CFSP, a funeral director with David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville, has recently qualified for recertification of the designation of Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP) by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice.

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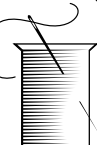
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Jerry, Lois Bachman celebrate 50 years of marriage

Jerry and Lois (Esch) Bachman will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 10. They were married at Grace Baptist Church in 1965 by Rev. Kinnamen Crawford.

They have four children: daughter Deanna (David) Dau of Belleville, daughter Julie (John) Maxwell of Belleville, daughter Michelle Collins of Belleville, and son Jerry (Amy) Bachman of Clarkston, MI; and 11 grandchildren.

Their children surprised them with a party at Antonio's Restaurant in Canton on Saturday, March 28, with approximately 60 in attendance.

They plan on celebrating their special weekend at a Bed and Breakfast in New Bedford, Ohio.



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VBT Plan B

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it will be making a contribution,” Kashef explained.

Attorney Jim Crowley of Clark Hill said, “The township would be on the hook if the TI revenue is not sufficient.” He said the rating would be based on the township rating of A+ in June 2014.

“First the TI, then the township,” Crowley said of the entities responsible for the bond payments.

He said if the township contributed \$4 million that would only save them \$150,000 over the life of the bond to the final year 2032.

He said there are several hurdles between now and a successful bond sale. A disclosure was added in the official statement going through the township’s previous disclosures on the 2006 bonds and the LDFA bonds. The landfill revenue would have to be discussed, he said, along with the operating mill for the township and the public safety department that far exceeds its millage revenues.

Later, when the attorneys were asked what unseen things might adversely affect the bond refinancing, they were told if Wayne County goes into bankruptcy that would be bad for the bond sales.

Louis Orcutt of Fifth Third Securities said in the last four to five years there has been a heightened level of scrutiny by investors. The shortfall of revenues based on the lower amount of property tax coming from the former Visteon property could impact VBT’s rating.

“Refunding (refinancing) will help, but it won’t solve the problem,” Orcutt said. “We need to have answers to investors’ questions ... some investors don’t care ... some will want to talk to township officials to get more information.”

He said in the worse case the township rating could fall to a BBB.

Nathaniel Watson of The PFM Group said the savings would drop to \$1.36 million if the rating went from A+ to BBB.

Orcutt said the 2006 Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) bonds are callable April 1 and are now within the 90-day call limit. Then, these bonds are not callable for 10 years.

He said interest rates are very low, but the Fed could do anything to have those rates go up in the Third Quarter.

“You’re taking an interest rate risk if you wait,” said Watson. “Pay down at refunding or wait 10 years.”

Clerk Leon Wright said in 2010 the rates

were upgraded to AA- and then downgraded in 2014 because the tax collection went down on the Visteon property.

Treasurer Sharry Budd said at first the board was told there would be \$2.2 to \$2.3 million in savings for refunding and now it’s lower.

“What’s going on?” Budd asked.

“Interest rates fluctuate every day,” Orcutt said. He said in October 2014 there was an all-time low interest rate for a day or two. “The savings have decreased now. There is no guarantee on savings.”

“It was \$2 million at first and now it’s \$1.8 million,” said Trustee Jeff Jahr.

“And it could go to \$1.2 million to zero,” Watson said.

Trustee Jahr said there have been insinuations that there has been a delay by the board, “But there hasn’t been any delay because we couldn’t sell until yesterday.”

“Interest rates grew,” Watson said.

“We don’t want to give the impression that somebody didn’t move in time,” Jahr said.

“We based the full faith and credit of the township to save \$2.2 million or \$1.9 million and now there are additional contributions,” Jahr said. “By not adding money we’re jeopardizing refunding of the bond?”

“I don’t know,” Wagner said.

Orcutt said, “By putting in a contribution now you’re telling investors you’re making a move ... Investors feel it shows the township makes the hard decisions now ... But we can refund without that... It shows investors a pro-active township ... This is going to help the problem not solve the problem.”

Trustee Reggie Miller asked how they would get the story out to possible investors.

“This is a better story to tell the investors,” Orcutt said. “We put together a preliminary official statement and explain why there are shortfalls ... then send it out to a broad base of investors.”

He said they had already discussed it internally and it would take a week to 10 days and the preliminary official statement goes out. A pricing date goes out to those they’ve solicited with a suggested interest rate. Then they raise or lower the interest rate. He said the pricing date can last two, three or four days ... “You really don’t know.”

Trustee Miller asked Treasurer Budd if there is going to be a cash shortage if they take the \$4 million out for the bonds.

“Supervisor Combs didn’t converse with the board about this,” Budd said. “I won’t

answer that question.”

“Is \$6 million better than \$4 million?” Jahr asked. “What’s the level of the contribution? Where did the \$4 million come from?”

“I just came up with that number,” Watson said.

“Out of thin air?” asked Jahr.

Jahr said the picture, as far as he sees it is: “The amount of revenue collected by the LDFA is not enough to pay the bonds in 2018. Four million dollars can kick the problem out to 2020. We have to address the serious nature of the shortfall ... If we kept the money and paid the bonds we could kick it to 2020 or 2021 ... There’s clearly a cost by not making that payment out front ... Whatever money we can scrape together we can use ... It’s like refunding a house mortgage. Take the kid’s college fund and plunk it down and the wife will have a fit ... Saves a few dollars now, but in the overall scope...?”

“It’ll help in marketing the bonds,” Orcutt said.



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Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter is holding two pet-adoption events this month. This Saturday, April 11, FMAR will be at the **Pet Emporium** at **2394 E. Stadium** in Ann Arbor, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. On April 18, FMAR will be at the **Petco Pet Store** on Warren Avenue, across from Westland Mall, also from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call **(734) 461-9458**.

Former **Detroit Tigers** **Rick Leach**, **Dave Rozema**, **Gary Ignasiak**, **Scott Lusader**, and **Tom Matchick** will take part in a charity softball game on May 16 at **Belleville High School**. Proceeds from the event will benefit the **Van Buren Civic Fund** and the **Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation**. Activities include a homerun derby and a fast pitch competition. The home team will be made up of people who made a \$250 donation to the Civic Fund. Call **(734) 751-2046**.

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With the planning of Sumpter Fest and Strawberry Festival under way, our advertising prices for both festival books are now available and I'll be making as many rounds as I can to reach customers. Watch this column for information. I can email or fax the rates over to you, too, or you can stop by the office at 152 Main Street during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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



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Autism Drive, Buddy Poppy Sales approved for Main Street

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The annual donation events for the Belleville Fire Department's Autism Boot Drive and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Buddy Poppy sales were unanimously approved by the city council at Monday's regular meeting.

Fire Fighter Chris Zweng explained that fire fighters will be out at the corner of Main and High streets holding a boot to collect donations from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, and donations will be sent to promote autism awareness.

Cornell Anton said VFW members will be out between the hours of 5 a.m. and 7 p.m. on May 7, 8, and 9 to sell Buddy Poppies at Five Points, the stop light at the Bridge, and Main/High streets.

Anton is Jr. Vice Commander of VFW Post 4434.

He said earlier that day the VFW Honor Guard did two funerals, making the total 612 for this Honor Guard presiding at local veterans' funerals.

"No veteran is gone until he's forgotten," Anton said, explaining that's why the poppies are sold, to earn money to help veterans.

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

- Heard a report from Aimee Page, R.N., on the Senior Alliance's service to the City of Belleville. For a matching amount of \$320, the city's residents received \$332,517.85 in services, with most being the Medicaid Waiver at \$166,440. The Senior Alliance is the state and federally funded Area Agency on Aging 1-C based in Wayne. Among many other services it is responsible for Meals on Wheels and Halal Meals on Wheels;

- Removed from the agenda an event planned to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project which was going to be held at Egan's Pub on April 11, since plans could not be finalized in time;

- Removed from the agenda a request for a Half Way to St. Patrick's Day party on the Fourth Street Square on Sept. 12 and next year's St. Patrick's Day party on March 17,

2016. The request will be brought back on a future agenda for consideration;

- Approved accounts payable of \$184,028.02 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Barrett, \$695.75 for road repair; to EJ USA, Inc., \$920.32 for main break replacement materials; to Farmer Underwood, \$1,146.45 main break back fill; to Hydrocorp, \$2,990 for a water cross connection; to Lonnie's Auto Repair, \$515.19 for GMC 2006 truck repair; to Morton Salt, \$6,150.52 for road salt; to Quint Plumbing, \$950 for sewer cleaning due to water main break; and to SLC, \$878.37 to replace damaged frozen water meters and \$1,147.75 to replace stock (out);

- Heard Councilwoman Kim Tindall ask about whether the alley between W. Columbia and Davis was being evaluated along with the streets and she was told only Major and Local streets are being evaluated and the alleys are paid for with city funds. A Phase I report is expected on the streets in a few weeks;

- Heard Tindall say about 100 submissions to the Civic Fund Earth Day poster contest will be displayed at the Belleville Road McDonald's;

- Heard agenda items for the April 20 meeting will include the Strawberry Festival and a new policy on Push-Off Vehicles; and

- Went into closed-door session "to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations" and then adjourned without official action.

Belleville Community Chorus to present 'Hooray for Hollywood'

The Belleville Community Chorus invites everyone to join them on Saturday, April 25, at 7 p.m. for a musical review of Hollywood movie songs through the years.

The concert, titled "Hooray for Hollywood," features popular songs from the movies of the 1930's, '40s '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s, up to some 21st Century classics. If you like movie music, you will love this concert.

"Hooray for Hollywood" will be performed

at the Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville. The concert features the adult chorus plus the BCC Children's Chorus and the Teen Ensemble.

BCC director is Sue Hiser and the

accompanist is Joe Labuta. As always, the concert is free, though donations are encouraged, and sponsors are welcome.

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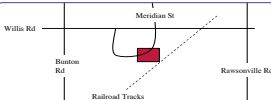
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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, April 9** – Britt Keene of Feral Foods CSA will discuss “Back to Our Roots: Small-Scale Farming” at 7 p.m. in the Belleville Library Program Room. Free. Part of the Homegrown Knowledge

Series.

• **Monday, April 13** – State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood invites you to his 9 a.m. coffee hour at Mike’s Grill, 6047 North Wayne Road in Westland. Tell him your concerns. His district includes Van Buren and Sumpter townships and the city of Belleville.

• **Saturday, April 11** – Autism Fund Raiser begins at 4 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles

Lodge, 9961 Beck Road. All proceeds go to the Van Buren Public Schools in Belleville, Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City, and Webster Elementary in Livonia. Tickets \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call Rich at (734) 629-7122.

• **Saturday, April 11** – Spring Euchre Tournament with the Canton Lions Club to earn funds to benefit the hearing and sight-impaired. \$25 at the door (cash or check) or \$20 with pre-registration. Doors open at 6 p.m., play begins at 7 p.m. sharp at Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (located on the north side of Ann Arbor Road just east of the railroad viaduct). Pre-register your first and last name by calling (734) 981-4110 or emailing CantonLionsEuchre@yahoo.com.

• **Thursday, April 16** – Third Thursday Lecture and General Membership Meeting at 6 p.m. at the Belleville Area Museum features Gerald Dodson, retired from the Department of Defense, presenting “JFK: No More Tomorrows.” Free to members

of the Historical Society and \$5 for non-members. Election of Historical Society officers.

• **Friday, April 17** – There’s a big Rummage Sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main Street, Plymouth, (734) 453-5464, ext. 22. You can rent a table for \$20 and sell your own stuff. Proceeds help support the “Older, Wiser and Loving Senior Group”

• **Saturday, April 18** – Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston, is holding its 5th-annual Free-Style event, where gently used clothing is given away free to anyone, no questions asked. It’s in the church basement from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until all items are gone. Clothing, clothing accessories, shoes and purses accepted as donations until April 5. (734) 654-9020

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– Abraham Lincoln

Sumpter Township Public Notice

The Township of Sumpter is seeking sealed bids for labor and material for a 70’ x 75’ addition to the parking lot in Banotai Park. Specifications may be picked up at the Sumpter Township Clerk’s Office 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. Sealed bids are due in the Township Clerks Office no later than April 23, 2015 at 4:30 pm. Bids will be opened on April 24, 2015 at 10:00 am.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.
Clerk

Publish: April 9, & 16, 2015

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168, Section 798, a test will be conducted on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 4:00 P. M. in City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the Tuesday, May 5, 2015 Special Election. Test will be open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend.

The City of Belleville will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk’s Office, 734-697-9323.

Lisa Long
City Clerk

Publish: April 9, 2015

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR PAID ON CALL FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS



The City of Belleville is seeking applications for Paid on Call Firefighter positions. Applicant must be at least 18 years of age, possess a valid Michigan driver’s license, pass a criminal background check and live within a certain distance of the city limits. Experienced candidates are preferred, but will train.

Applications are available by emailing Captain Kris Rix at info@bellevillefd.com or at the clerk’s office at city hall. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

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Brian Loranger
Fire Chief

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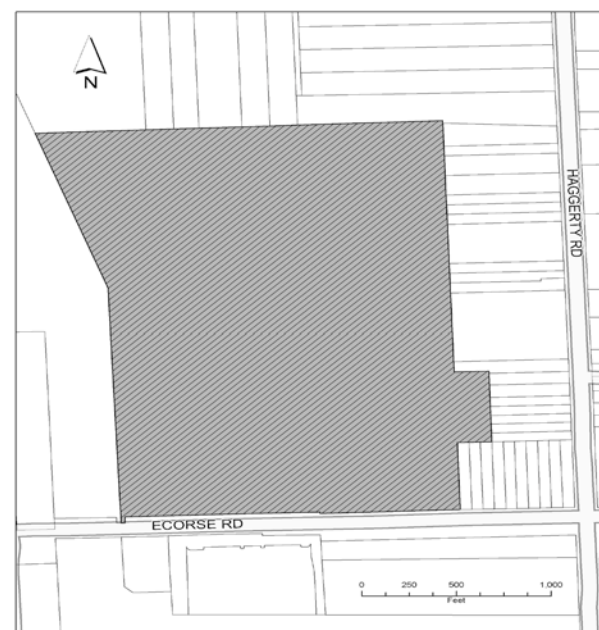
Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday April 22, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to consider a request for **Special Land Use Approval** for a proposed distribution center on that portion of the property that is zoned M-T Industrial Transportation Zoning District as required by Zoning Ordinance 6/2/92, as amended.

The parcel is tax ID number V125-83-008-99-0002-703, also known as 42000 Ecorse Rd. The property is located on the north side Ecorse Rd. between Haggerty and Morton Taylor Rds.



Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Published: April 2, 2015 in the Ann Arbor News
Posted: April 2, 2015

Published: April 9, 2015 by the Belleville-Area Independent as a public service.

Shiloh, 12, to perform with Michigan Opera Theater kids' group

The Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Chorus will perform a fully staged production of "The Very Last Green Thing" at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Detroit Opera House.

Kelsey Ross will be directing and Dianna Hochella will be conducting.

One child from the Belleville area will perform in this production, Shiloh Beaton, 12, a sixth-grade student at Keystone Academy.



Shiloh Beaton

Joining the stage in a pre-opera presentation will be the Michigan Science Center with its presentation "Go Green!" This interactive demonstration will showcase water-saving measures, a composting recipe, ways to recycle various materials, how landfills work, and more.

Shiloh has lived in Belleville all her life. She was just invited to be a member of Keystone's National Junior Honor Society. She has one older brother Nigel Zion Beaton, a sophomore at Belleville High School, where he is a 4.05 GPA honor student and on the Belleville Varsity Men's Soccer Team, Michigan Wolves 99 Black Team, and the Olympic Development Michigan 1999 Boys' Team.

Shiloh and Zion are the children of Nigel and Eloi Beaton.

At age 4, Shiloh was crowned Lil Miss Strawberry Princess at the Belleville Strawberry Festival. By age 8, she was performing in musicals for Spotlight on Youth in Canton. By age 10, she had the honor of performing at Disney World in Orlando. She has sung the National Anthem for BHS and Keystone Academy at various sporting events.

To hear her singing see: <https://youtu.be/pgMbT9Ghv1k>. Shiloh also will be in the July 2015 catalog of American Girl.

Shiloh is a first-year member of the Michigan Opera Theater Children's Chorus - Principal (main) Choir.

For the show, Shiloh will be playing a student in the future.

Our future students are raised by an android and the planet has become environmentally challenged. A group of children are taken on a rare field trip outside where everyone has to wear protective goggles and masks to deal with the degraded conditions.

A shy and obedient member discovers something extremely unusual for the year 2492. It's a small, withered plant - the very last green thing on earth. Soon, all of the classmates confront the truth of their environmental past and the importance of preserving the world around us for generations to come.

For tickets and more information, visit www.motcc.org.

Traveling MSA Shoe to be on display at benefit event Sunday

Richard Ruth and his wife Carol Ruth lived in Belleville from 1977 until 1998. Richard came down with a rare disease called Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) this disease is very rare and often misdiagnosed as Parkinson's.

This disease is fatal with the life expectancy between 7 to 9 years after diagnosis, but differs in each person.

Richard was officially diagnosed in 2006 and passed away in 2009. He was first diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2004, but probably exhibited signs earlier, said his wife.

An event is being held this Sunday, April 12, to bring awareness to the rarity of this disease. Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington Street, Ann Arbor 48104 is hosting Tim's MSA Shoe that continues to travel the globe.

Carol Ruth invites the public to come and support MSA Awareness and pose with the MSA Shoe. Donations are welcome and all monies will go towards the research of this devastating disease.

For more information see www.MSAshoe.org.

Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) is a rare, degenerative neurologic condition that affects both men and women, usually starting in their 50s or early 60s. MSA is considered a type of Parkinsonism but with more widespread effects on the brain and body.

The condition was first identified in 1962 and named Shy-Drager syndrome for two physicians who reported patients showing a combination of Parkinson-like movement disorders and problems with the autonomic or body-regulating division of the nervous system.

"Sometimes I wonder whether the world is being run by smart people who are putting us on or by imbeciles who really mean it."

Mark Twain

INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

Sumpter Police issue alert about locking up to prevent break-ins

Sumpter Township Police Department sent out a Nixle alert on April 1 alerting residents to take immediate steps to properly secure and protect their residences and outbuildings because of a recent rash of breaking and enterings.

The instructions were to lock doors and set alarms, if present, and call police immediately if observing anything suspicious, no matter how insignificant it might seem.

The alert said Sumpter police have investigated several B&E's over the previous few days. These incidents occurred both during daylight and overnight hours and all have occurred on the west side of the township, in the 20000 block of Karr Road, the 21000 block of Sherwood Road, and the 49000 block of Wear Road.

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VBT Plan B

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“If the board can come together on Plan B in six months, the rates will be up, but we can still call,” Jahr said.

Watson said, “The Plan should be in place before implementing [the refinancing], in my opinion.”

“I am little disappointed we’re here on April 2 discussing this,” Jahr said. “I’ve been trying to push this board to come up with a plan of action.”

“I disagree,” said Miller. “This *board* has been pushing.”

Jahr agreed other board members have been pushing.

“If when we were told in order to save \$1.9 million to \$2 million – last October – we needed a Plan B, we would have started planning,” Jahr said.

“I feel we have a false sense of security,” said Miller, asking Plante Moran representative Dave Helisek to talk about the township’s finances.

He said his firm is in the middle of the 2014 VBT audit, but he has the 2013 figures. He said there is an \$8.7 million fund balance. But, with long-term debt and other post-employment benefits, that number drops to \$390,000.

He said an \$8 million liability is the actuarial amount required for the post-employment benefits, but the actual number is a lot larger.

He said most communities have a pretty large liability there and are not required by law to have that covered.

He said unfunded pensions and other post-employment benefits are going to be in next year’s audit and it’s going up because of pending retirements.

“It’s OK to pay as you go?” Miller asked. “With more retirements, then what?”

Helisek said the township is being able to pay as we go.

Treasurer Budd said the township just took it out of the general fund. She said there is \$3.5 million designated for debt on the fire station and money designated for computers, sidewalks, and other projects.

“We can’t say we have \$8 million,” Budd said, noting retirement costs are defined contributions. “They walk out the door and we’re done,” with MERS taking care of it.

Helisek said there is an unfunded liability of \$17 million in the report the Deputy Treasurer wrote.

Trustee Phil Hart asked if insurance is required on the bonds and Orcutt said it wasn’t, but it would increase the rating to AA. He added under state law the savings have to exceed the cost of the insurance.

“If we change our health plan we can save money?” Clerk Wright asked, and he was told that was so.

“If the township puts in \$4 million, is there a likelihood the township couldn’t pay its bills?” asked Supervisor Combs.

“I don’t know,” Helisek replied, adding, “If the landfill is paying the debt millage out to 2022-23...”

“Most of the money in investments would lose interest,” Budd said. “And, shortly we

would have a cash shortage.”

Hart said he and Miller spoke to Orcutt at a conference and, “\$4 million is a huge decision.”

“It’s up to the board,” Orcutt said. “We’re trying to find ways to help the situation for you.”

“Refinancing is a no-brainer,” Jahr said. “This board voted to refinance... Just recently we’ve been asked about Plan B.”

“How the township is going to deal with the deficit when it comes – Plan B,” said Orcutt, adding the township probably is not earning that much on its investments.

“We just got into this six weeks ago,” Orcutt said. “Some of these difficulties have surfaced ... as we start looking at this ... the scab’s that much bigger right now.”

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

PA 188 of 1954 Proceedings
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land who se property constitutes more than 72% of the total lineal foot frontage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to rehabilitate and improve the streets of Venetian, Jeanette, and Dewitt and to create a special assessment for the purpose of raising funds for 20% of the construction cost (the balance of funding coming from Wayne County) and Township administrative costs by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described in the map and includes parcels:

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received plans showing the improvements and locations thereof together with an estimate of the total costs of such construction in the approximate total construction amount of \$648,814 and has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned Special Assessment District to supply the required 20% matching funds for the total project and has further tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, Special Assessment District information and Petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this notice until and including 4 PM on the date of the public hearing hereon and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such Petitions, Plans, District and Estimate of Cost will be held at the Van Buren Township Hall at 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan, within the Township commencing at 7:00 p.m. on April 21, 2015 .

At such hearing, the Township Board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said Board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said plans, estimates and costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

Charter Township of Van Buren
46425 Tyler Road
Belleville, Michigan 48111

Publish: April 9, 2015
April 16, 2015

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City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes March 16, 2015

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Absent/Excused
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

Council follow up list

Items No. 6 and 7 – In progress.

Citizen Comments None.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve agenda with the removal of Item 8B The Senior Alliance and Item 8G Booville to be added back at a later date. Items 8H and 8I to be moved to the top of the list.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of March 2, 2015 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2012 CDBG Transfer of Funds

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-024 to open Public Hearing at 7:35 P.M. to consider the transfer of 2012 CDBG administration funds in the amount of \$2,775.00 to be used for the replacement of the Village Park Playscape to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to close Public Hearing at 7:36 P.M.

B. 2013 CDBG Transfer of Funds

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-025 to open Public Hearing at 7:36 P.M. to consider the transfer of 2013 CDBG Planning and Administration funds in the amount of \$5,228.00 to be used for the replacement of the Village Park Playscape to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to close Public Hearing at 7:37 P.M.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Strawberry Festival Responsibility Policy

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-026 to approve the Strawberry Festival Responsibility Policy as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. Strawberry Festival Administrative Policy

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve Resolution No. 15-027 to approve the Strawberry Festival Administrative Policy with changes to insert the wording (within the City) after the festival area, to remove Trinity Episcopal Church and Belleville Presbyterian Church from festival area, to add a period after the Victory Park car show on Sunday and to remove the remainder of that sentence listed under Item No. 11. To specify car show hours on Sunday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Victory Park and to add St. Anthony's hours of operation under Item No. 13.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. Open Bids – Vehicles – Police Department

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-028 to open sealed bids for vehicles being stored at J&T Towing by Belleville Police Department.

1984	Chevrolet Celebrity	None
1997	Ford Escort	None
1995	Cadillac Deville	\$100.00
2007	Chrysler 300	\$1,152.00,

\$1,050.00, \$750.00, \$500.00, \$201.00

1999	Chevrolet Lumina	\$401.00, \$50.00
2002	Ford Taurus	\$351.00, \$305.00,
		\$250.00, \$200.00, \$75.00

Bids referred to Chief of Police and administration for review and recommendation. Police Chief to bring best options for disposal back to City Council for discussion.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. Thunder Rolls in Belleville

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 15-029 to approve Thunder Rolls in Belleville on May 25, 2015 from 12-4 P.M. at the Veteran's Memorial. High Street to be closed from Main to Roys Street.

MOTION CARRIED.

E. CBC – Flop “E” Bunny

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-030 to approve the Flop “E” Bunny Candy Hunt event to be held at Victory Park on April 4, 2015 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED.

F. CBC – Taste of Belleville

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve Resolution No. 15-031 to approve the Taste of Belleville event at Horizon Park on August 20, 2015 from 3-9 P.M. Street to be closed from Horizon Park to corner of Roys Street.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. CBC Downtown Trick or Treat

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve Resolution No. 15-032 to approve the Halloween Downtown and the use of Fourth Street square on October 30, 2015 from 5-7 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. FY2015/16 Budget Timetable

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 15-033 to approve the FY2015/16 Budget Timetable as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. 2012 CDBG Transfer of Funds

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 15-034 to approve the transfer of 2012 CDBG Administration funds in the amount of \$2,775.00 to be used for the replacement of the Village Park Playscape to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act.

MOTION CARRIED.

J. 2013 CDBG Transfer of Funds

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-035 to approve the transfer of 2013 CDBG Planning and Administration funds in the amount of \$5,228.00 to be used for the replacement of the Village Park Playscape to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act.

MOTION CARRIED.

K. City Planning Services Recommendation

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-036 to reject all three bids received for City Planning Services and remain with ClearZoning until the end of 2015.

MOTION CARRIED.

L. Downriver Sewer Agreement

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-037 to approve the Downriver Sewer Service Agreement as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-038 to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: April 6, 2015

Published: April 9, 2015

More Letters

Morale is at an all-time low in the schools

To the Editor:

In a recent *Independent* I read that Mr. Van Tassel refused a raise and that employee morale was up.

The truth is that morale is at an all-time LOW with teachers, custodians, and the bus drivers. Teachers with 20, 17, and 14 years in and paras with 20 years would not be resigning if this was the case.

There is absolutely no discipline and the kids are out of control. I have written all of this before. It seems like the parents just do not care (because their Johnny or Susie could do no wrong).

This is such a shame. Stand up, parents. Your child or children need discipline. Help

the teachers be able to teach. That's their job, not babysitting. The teachers should not be written up because a child lies.

Also, the custodians are under-staffed and cannot clean the schools as they should be cleaned. It's not realized that the custodians have a lot of functions that they have to set up and take down besides doing their usual cleaning job.

Another thing, the students should not be eating breakfast in the classrooms. It leaves a big mess for the teachers and custodians. Custodians are not only under-staffed, they are also under-paid.

One more thing: The *Independent* newspaper is banned from Van Buren Schools (per Van Tassel) because of negativity towards Van Buren Schools.

Why doesn't the School Board try to change negative to positive?

Dolores Nedean
Sumpter Township

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, March 29:
0013 – suspicious situation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0206 – disturbance, W. Huron River Dr.
0230 – suspicious situation, Sadie/Ecorse
1329 – water leak found, McBride Ave.
1746 – harassment call, Belleville
1918 – assault & battery, N. Bellridge Dr.
2120 – breaking & entering, Lacy Dr.

Monday, March 30:
0429 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
0748 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Martinsville R.
1003 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Florence Ln.
1017 – suspicious vehicle, Lake Pointe Pass / W. Huron River Dr.
1307 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1319 – agency assist, Belleville/Bridge
1500 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1611 – noise complaint, Westlake
1640 – agency assist, J&T
1803 – disturbance, Rose Blvd.
1807 – intimidation threat, E. Archwood Dr.
1809 – disturbance, Rose Blvd.
2142 – intimidation threat, Heatherfield Blvd.
2158 – disturbance, Belleville

Tuesday, March 31:
0123 – assault & battery, Richard Run
0159 – family trouble, Village Green Ln.
0343 – suspicious vehicle, Belleville
0756 – agency assist, Main/Liberty
0835 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
0933 – trespassing, Hull Rd.
1009 – sexual assault, Oak Ln.
1128 – suspicious situation, Walmart
1142 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1659 – kidnapping, S. Bellridge Dr.
2004 – disturbance, Westlake
2232 – suspicious vehicle, Hardwood Dr. / Empire Ct.

Wednesday, April 1:
0139 – suspicious person, Belleville
0422 – suspicious person, Belleville/I-94
0732 – agency assist, Colony Ln.
0938 – malicious destruction of property, Elwell
1034 – assist citizen, McBride Ave.
1143 – holdup alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1227 – fraud, Solitude Ln.
1307 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1432 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1457 – shots fired, Burtrig
1506 – fight, Oak Ln.
1508 – agency assist, E. Columbia/South
1544 – harassment call, Oak Ln.
1550 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Beck
1609 – disturbance, Oak Ln.
1644 – assist citizen, Lighthouse Dr.
1645 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Quirk Rd.
1700 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1804 – traffic complaint, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1806 – assault & battery, Kmart
1825 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Tyler Rd.
1839 – suspicious person, Jackson/N. I-94 Service
1902 – ATV/ORV complaint, Belleville Rd.
1913 – fight, Belleville Rd.
1936 – mental, S. Bellridge Dr.
1938 – mental, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2037 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2056 – larceny, Van Buren Ln.
2058 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Buren Rd.
2142 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2149 – malicious destruction of property, Rogers

Thursday, April 2:
0028 – assault & battery, Brandi
0057 – noise complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0529 – larceny, from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0542 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0653 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1057 – shots fired, Burtrig St.
1257 – mental, Kirkridge Park Dr.

1412 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1609 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty
1658 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1716 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1833 – trespassing, Morton Taylor/Van Born
1840 – agency assist, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1946 – juvenile complaint, Van Buren Ln.
1949 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville
1957 – fraud, Lake Crest Dr.
2124 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

Friday, April 3:
0213 – property damage accident, Belleville
0826 – larceny, Revere Dr.
1021 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1212 – private property accident, Rose Blvd.
1343 – agency assist, Water’s Edge Ln.
1354 – intimidation threat, Rawsonville
1636 – narcotics crime, Lake Villa Dr.
1949 – ATV/ORV complaint, Morton Taylor Rd. / Van Born Rd.

Saturday, April 4:
0445 – noise complaint, Renton Rd.
0524 – suspicious person, Denton Rd.
0553 – motorist assist, Denton Rd.
0742 – assault & battery, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0835 – malicious destruction of property, Hamilton
0942 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1049 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1119 – disturbance, Westlake
1312 – property damage accident, Tim Horton’s Rawsonville
14227 – assault & battery, Belmont Dr.
1502 – motorist assist, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1621 – noise complaint, Jackson In.
1806 – suspicious situation, Coolidge St.
1820 – suicide or attempt, S. Bellridge Dr.
2157 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2333 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty

Also on this week’s log are 293 traffic stops, 94 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 29:
1913 – motorist assist, 5 Points

Monday, March 30:
0347 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1200 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
1316 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Columbia Ave.
1600 – larceny, N. Edgemont Ave.
1623 – parking complaint, Henry St.
1639 – disorderly conduct, J&T
1710 – intimidation threat, Church St.
1722 – civil matter, Henry St.
1909 – civil matter, Belle Villa
1912 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
2010 – property damage accident, Main St. / E. Huron River Dr.
2154 – suspicious situation, Henry St.

Tuesday, March 31:
0746 – motorist assist, Main St./N. Liberty St.
1454 – vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.
1644 – suspicious situation, Menlo Park Dr./Belle Villa Blvd.

Wednesday, April 1:
0150 – suicide or attempt, Charles St.
0539 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1509 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1534 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. / Owen St.
1601 – abandoned auto, Henry St.
1730 – assist fire dept., Roland St.

Thursday, April 2:
0840 – property damage accident, Main St. / South St.
1336 – larceny, Light Tower Ct.
1947 – animal complaint, Loza Ln.
2049 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

Friday, April 3:
1109 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1310 – vehicle lockout, Carmell St.
1516 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1634 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.

1822 – civil matter, Loza Ln.

Saturday, April 4:
0145 – suspicious person, Owen Middle School
0905 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
1028 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
1106 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1315 – property damage accident, E. Columbia Ave./South St.
1648 – panic alarm, E. Thornhill Ct.
1700 – parking complaint, Oxford Ct.

Also on this week’s log are 61 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 29:
0155 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1539 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Clay
1558 – death investigation, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1615 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1655 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1742 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1837 – shots fired, 25000 bl. Willis Rd.
2233 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Monday, March 30:
0130 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0439 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0750 – property damage accident, Bemis/Haggerty
0815 – fire dept. assist, Utah
1042 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1607 – parking complaint, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
1633 – property damage accident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1712 – fire dept. assist, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1751 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1907 – breaking & entering, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1931 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2041 – warrant pick up, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
2228 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Tuesday, March 31:
0004 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
0711 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0832 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Timber Park
1024 – ordinance violation, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1219 – breaking & entering report, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1307 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1326 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1509 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1522 – larceny, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1542 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1919 – flee & elude, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2021 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2130 – missing person report, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
2135 – warrant pick up, Carriage Ln.

Wednesday, April 1:
0721 – alarm, 45000 bl. Victoria
0817 – breaking & entering report, 49000 bl. Wear
1218 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1254 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1319 – well-being check, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1329 – trespassing complaint, 22000 bl. Sumpter
1423 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1504 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1553 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1834 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1934 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1940 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2123 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2328 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Thursday, April 2:
0126 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow
1054 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1139 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1331 – well-being check, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1622 – ordinance violation, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1623 – well-being check, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1819 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1921 – larceny, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1946 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville
2132 – suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2359 – runaway juvenile, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Friday, April 3:
1350 – personal injury accident, 42000 bl. Judd
1416 – neighbor complaint, 21000 bl. Sherwood
1602 – fraud complaint, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.
1907 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, April 4:
0001 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.

1102 – civil dispute, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1345 – trespassing complaint, 47000 bl. Arkona
1733 – warrant pickup, Sumpter/Bemis

Also on this week’s log are 19 follow-up investigations, 29 miscellaneous details, 121 patrol checks, and one traffic stop.

Dunkin’ Donuts *(continued from page 1)*

Owner Chris Sadek sent a letter to the planners explaining the parking situation. He said in the past ten years he has never seen an RV park anywhere other than at one of his 12 gas pumps while going to BP or Quiznos. He said RVs coming off the freeway are more apt to stop for gas at Marathon or Meijer gas because they can turn right.

He also said over 70% of Dunkin’ Donuts business is expected to be drive through, while the majority of the balance will be fueling their vehicles while going in to use Dunkin’ Donuts.

He said the busiest part of the day for Dunkin’ Donuts is from 5 to 10 a.m., which is the slowest for the convenience store at the site. There are eight seats inside Dunkin’ Donuts and eight parking spaces right in front. There are 26 parking spaces totally approved at the site.

The drive up window was moved to a different location in the building than first planned to avoid problems with Arby’s next door.

Sadek told the *Independent* that if all goes well with the township board, they would start construction in May or June and it wouldn’t take long to remove the car wash and update the rest of the building. He expected Dunkin’ Donuts to be serving donuts at the site by this summer.

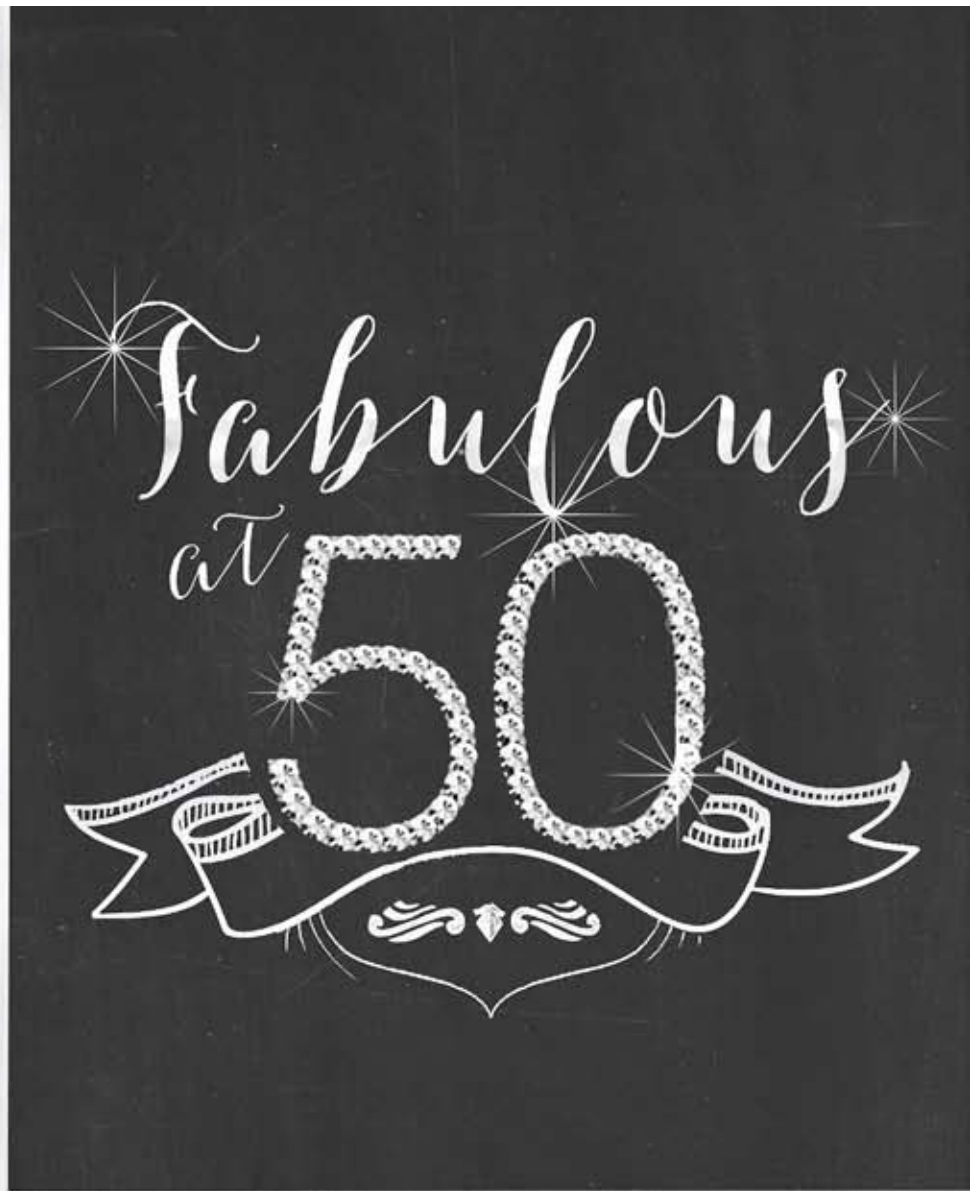
In other business at the 37-minute meeting, the commission:

- Held a public hearing, where no one from the public spoke, on a proposed zoning amendment to allow outdoor dining. It will be on the next agenda for a decision and then sent on to the township board for the final decision. Developers of the new restaurant building planned for the old Big Boy site want to have outdoor dining there;
- Approved temporary land use for Phantom Fireworks of Michigan for more than the seven days allowed. Phantom will put up a tent at the Lakewood Shopping Plaza at 2095 Rawsonville Road from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. for 11 days, June 25 to July 5; and
- Removed from the agenda a request by USA Fireworks, who asked instead to be placed on the April 22 planning commission agenda. USA is requesting permission to put up a tent for more than the seven days allowed at the site it had last year in the Belleville Square Shopping Center, 10864 Belleville Road. The request is to sell fireworks from June 16 through July 7.

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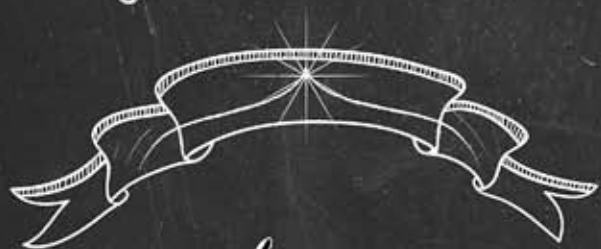


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