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VBT Supervisor Combs explains Visteon bond finances to LDFA

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs handed out to members of the Local Development Finance Authority a folder containing an alternative proposal for what VBT would do if the law suit against Visteon doesn't work.

This was at the July 21 LDFA meeting. The LDFA is facing a \$20 million shortfall in the second half of 2018 for funds necessary to pay for bonds sold to help Visteon build its world headquarters

in 2003.

The full faith and credit of the township was pledged to pay off the bonds if the LDFA falls short.

The alternative proposal is from Standard and Poor's and it outlines what the township can do if the money falls through, Supervisor Combs said.

She said Standard and Poor's announced that the township has a A+ bond rating from them, which she said was a stable

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

On Monday afternoon the fairgrounds on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township were buzzing with activity as the Wayne County Fair clicked into high gear among lots of puddles following the overnight storm. This group was busy preparing for competition at the horse barns. From left is Wesley, Lily Meijers of Wayne, Ava Adkins of Livonia, Christina Sugimoto of Canton, Te the horse, and Isabella Sugimoto of Canton. The Wayne County Fair continues through Saturday with lots of activities, rides, animals, food, and fun.



Independent photos by James Otzman

Last Thursday and Friday, Main Street in downtown Belleville had lanes blocked off as a contractor worked on joint and crack sealing the street. Michigan Joint Sealing of Farmington Hills got the work for submitting the low bid of \$61,098. A 10% contingency was approved, boosting the cost to a possible \$67,208. The work included pulling out the deteriorating seals, scraping the joints, cleaning out the joints and then squirting blacktop into the joints to seal them up. New joints were cut into the middle of the traffic lanes. The contractor then moved to do all the streets in Victoria Commons and then will do South Liberty Street. DPW Director Keith Tackett said at that point they will evaluate how much money is left to complete North Liberty, Roys, and Fifth streets, as planned. Main Street was brand new in 2010.



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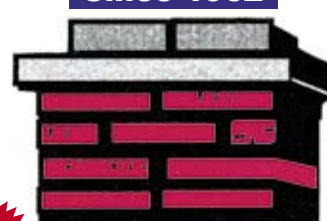
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Columbia Court getting a multi-million-dollar, year-long makeover

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The year-long, multi-million-dollar makeover of Columbia Court is expected to be complete by the end of December with a grand reopening to show off its new look to the public.

The interior and exterior of the six-floor retirement home facility, constructed in 1985 at 275 West Columbia Ave., is being updated to current codes and standards – with much more being added.

Rocky Nixon, who has been manager for Columbia Court for 16 years, said he will retire when the project is over. He currently is training his replacement, Nina Robertson.

“She’s very sweet and has the perfect personality for this position,” Nixon said, noting there is “a ton to know.”

Nixon said the building’s parent company is National Church Residences of Columbus, Ohio. The group has 20 residences in Michigan, including a place in Canton.

He said it took about two years for officials to complete the plans for Columbia Court, including talks with investors.

He said the renovated Columbia Court will look exactly like the Canton facility which reopened earlier this year.

“It will look like a hotel when you come in, with beautiful tile flooring and what looks like hardwood flooring,” he said.

“Hopefully the tenants will be proud to live in the new building,” he said.

Nixon, 64, said over the years his assignment has been to keep the building in the black and make sure the needs of the residents are met.

“Unfortunately, a lot of seniors are discarded, lonely,” he said, adding sometimes they want to vent their frustrations. He said he took counseling training for two years to better meet their needs.

But, 90% of the residents live together

peacefully and help each other, Nixon said.

The renovation project is being done through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for low-income housing tax credit. Columbia Court also is a federal HUD Section 8/202 project. The federal program takes into account medical expenses for the residents, so they are running both programs, Nixon said.

The federal rules take 888 pages, he said.

Huge heating and air conditioning units were lifted to the roof last Thursday by a large crane. The roofing is new, too, Nixon said.

And, new concrete is all over the place, he said.

The interior is pretty much gutted at this point and six of the residents had to be temporarily relocated while their units were transformed to handicapped-accessible accommodations. Nixon said they are spending \$30,000 in each of those six units.

There are 108 total units in the building, with one of them for an employee to stay on-site.

Here are some of the other changes:

- \$70,000 in new furniture for the common areas plus a large stone fireplace in the front entry room;
- Updated exterior, including changing the brown panels on the building to camel;
- Updated hallways with the addition of air conditioning to hallways;
- Updated kitchen and community room with a big television screen on one end for Wi contests and watching the news;
- Different entry system, with the parking lot being excavated all the way to the substra. A translucent arch will be put over the entry and new lighting around the exterior and at the back of the property;
- Removal of the cyclone fence around the backyard and installation of a white, vinyl fence. A wrought iron fence sets off



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Rocky Nixon, left, manager of Columbia Court in Belleville, and Nina Robertson, the person he is training to take over his job when he retires in December, show some of the work being done in the \$3 million-\$4 million, year-long renovation project. They stand in front of the new small room to hold gardening tools for residents, attached to the newly constructed large garage for property maintenance equipment. The covered porch is in front of the 6,000 square foot garden. At rear, right, are the large elevated gardens surrounded by gravel for those who are in wheelchairs or can’t bend down.

the large garden area. A very large pergola will be in back and a gazebo at the other end of the yard;

• Re-landscaping, in part using the gravel removed from the old roof covering to “mulch” the plants along the building;

• Addition of a wheelchair-accessible computer lab with four terminals;

• Lots of new infrastructure includes new boilers, hot water tanks, and water system. There’s a new fire alarm system and security-related systems with multiple cameras;

• Upgraded elevators and interiors;

• New, water-efficient, raised toilets are being installed in all the units;

• New windows that are easier to open have been installed in all the units, with UV-protected, double panes of glass with argon gas inside;

• New locks are on the new fire doors on all the units and small nooks in the hallway next to individual doors to allow for decorations and messages. Also, there will be emergency pull-cord updates; and

• Removing the existing generator and installing a new generator that will power the elevators and the lights in case of a power outage.

Nixon said there are other upgrades being considered, including key fob access to the building instead of keys.

District Library Building Committee looking for corporate finances

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The building committee of the Belleville Area District Library Board is looking at ways to get large corporations to donate to its library building fund.

Following the 3 to 1 voter rejection of millage to fund a 45,000 square foot library on DNR property on Belleville Lake, the library board had to work at replacing its retiring director.

When that was done, the board decided it was time to move forward with plans to upgrade the present library or build a new

one.

John Juriga, a member of the committee, said the seed of the idea to get corporate help was planted a year ago at a family reunion in New York. He said his niece said she knew he was interested in libraries and told him their university just got a library funded by a corporation.

Juriga said he told his niece Belleville would need a lot, \$10-12 million, and she replied her university got \$52 million. He said he knows that was an academic project, but still it wouldn’t hurt to try for Belleville.

If they could get money to build all of or some of a new library to bring the cost down for taxpayers, then they could pass a millage to run it.

That’s when he decided to call for a meeting of the library board’s building committee and invite Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous and State Representative Kristy Pagan to seek their help on funding.

The building committee met July 15 and Rep. Pagan attended, but Commissioner Haidous didn’t show up.

Rep. Pagan listened to Joy Cichewicz’s

report on the survey that showed people didn’t want the big library on the lake but did want better parking, more technology, and no café. They also wanted the existing facility renovated and expanded downtown.

Cichewicz said those who filled out surveys nixed the green energy and that made her sad.

Pagan said she would look into what funds were available.

Juriga was under the impression that lobbyists had lots of money to give away,

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OPINIONS

Editorial

They're taking off the gloves in VBT

At Tuesday's Van Buren Township regular board meeting, with just one item on the agenda, Police Officer Adam Byrd entered in uniform and on duty and sat down in the back of the room.

This should have been an indication that something was afoot.

Officer Byrd, president of the patrol officers' union, sometimes comes in plain clothes to address the board. This time he was working. Everything went calmly. Then non-agenda citizen comments started.

Allen Babosh spoke gently about his support of public safety and his support of any millage that goes to public safety. But people who have supported public safety in the past are wavering on this 6.5 mill request in November, he said. People want to see the board make cuts before asking for more money – especially in administrative costs.

Then CeJay Marshall, in a harsher tone, urged people to look at their tax bills. The township cost is the smallest and the biggest chunks are being piddled away by Wayne County, he said. He's in favor of the VBT millage hike.

Former VBT Supervisor Paul White got up and said he enthusiastically supports the township public safety department, but Supervisor Linda Combs' plan to seek more millage for public safety so she can move money to the Visteon bond is a "bait and switch." She denied that.

Things got wild after that. Good thing Officer Byrd was there. It's a long way to November.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Sumpter Township Police report that a 2003 Lincoln, that didn't have its parking brake set, rolled 20 feet out into the pond at Banotai Park until the car was completely submerged.

The incident happened Saturday afternoon, July 25, and the car was pulled out on July 27 with the help of a recovery diver: No Bull Towing & Recovery of Saline. There's a videotape on the Sumpter Township Police Department Facebook page of the car being pulled out of the water.

I got a Nixle alert from the VBT Public Safety Department on Monday morning saying there was a water main break in the Tyler Road/Belleville Road area and some homes and businesses may be without water. I found out later that the biggest break was on Beck Road near Ecorse and DWSD was going to fix that Wednesday.

A second alert announced the VBT township hall was closed that day, "due to the water main break."

Some VBT residents, who were trying to get into the township hall for various services (trying the front door) in the early afternoon and those wishing to exercise at the senior center told me they were disappointed that the township hall was closed all day long since the water pressure was back up in the afternoon.

In fact, the work/study session of the township board, scheduled for 4 p.m., Monday went on as scheduled.

VBT Treasurer Sharry Budd said her family had to bring in tanks of water to have enough for their livestock on their farm on the North I-94 Service Drive.

Also, on Monday, some neighborhoods



within the city of Belleville reported being out of electrical power. Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria said he was watching a television weather report on Sunday just after 11 p.m., when the lights and TV went out. He said electricity was out at his home until about 6 p.m. Monday.

The storm Sunday night-Monday morning dropped lots of rain and had lots of lightning and thunder. One gigantic boom was reported in the city.

A big tree in Hillside Cemetery fell down and, City Manager Diana Kollmeyer reported, the tree didn't hit any tombstones, but fell nicely between them.

At Monday's city council meeting, Jack Loria explained why all the barrels are still up along East Huron River Drive although all the trucks are gone and the roadway asphaltting is complete.

He said they have to finish the ditches and it was too hot to do what needed to be done to get the grass started.

DPW Director Keith Tackett added the county's agreement was for the barrels to be delivered once and picked up once and so they will leave them there until everything is done.

Also at Monday's meeting, Belleville Fire Chief Brian Loranger asked DPW Director Tackett about the large chunk of cement missing from a Main Street traffic lane. There's a big hole in the cement in the southbound lane between Fourth and Third

streets.

Tackett explained the chemical action that caused that to break and the recent high temperatures that pushed it out of the road surface.

City Manager Kollmeyer said a portion of the road will have to be replaced and until then they will patch it with asphalt.

Main Street was completely repaved in 2010, as you may recall.

At Monday's work/study session of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, the board went over the paperwork for the hiring of a new Planning and Economic Development Director. Ronald A. Akers is currently working for Genoa Township.

Trustee Phil Hart asked why Akers was leaving Genoa if he had a good job there.

Treasurer Sharry Budd said Akers lives in Wyandotte and the drive to Genoa is quite a haul (1 hour + each way) and he wants to live closer to work. Also, he and his wife are expecting a child. His five references were "impeccable," Budd said.

Akers wasn't at the work/study session for the board to meet him, but he came to Tuesday's regular meeting and was hired. He told me their daughter is expected Sept. 11 or 12.



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Letters

Combs misled residents, misrepresented facts in effort to raise taxes

To the Editor:

This is a letter to our Van Buren Township residents explaining our board of trustees' action on increasing the public safety millage by 62.5% and how the money is planned to be spent.

I attended the July 21, 2015, 2 p.m. LDFA meeting where Supervisor Linda Combs stated that she is proposing to the VBT board a 6.50 mills public safety millage for the November 2015 ballot.

She indicated that four (4) mills is for the public safety department, and the additional 2.50 mills (2 and 1/2 mills) would be used to off-set the money currently allocated to public safety from the general fund.

She indicated not having to allocate money from the general fund for public safety would free that money to be used to help fund the Visteon bonds when they come due in 2018.

I also attended the July 21, 2015 7 p.m. township board meeting where the board of trustees voted to place ballot language on the November 2015 ballot asking voters to approve a 6.50 mills public safety millage solely for the purpose of funding public safety.

When I confronted Supervisor Combs concerning her earlier statement to the LDFA about freeing-up general fund money to fund the Visteon bonds she stated that she did not say that. In fact, she has said that more than once in public settings. I said this action resembles a "bait and switch scenario." Combs said this action was not a "bait and switch" and publicly tried to discredit me and impugn my integrity.

I obtained a CD copy of a digital voice recording (used to prepare the LDFA minutes) of her statements to the LDFA, through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in which she clearly stated the public safety millage increase was designed to reduce the amount of funds flowing from the general fund to public safety in an

attempt to use general fund dollars to fund the Visteon bonds. Combs also said about the 2.5 mills increase in equivalent dollars, "That will allow us to put \$2 million in a segregated fund to make bond payments."

This is an example of Supervisor Combs' practice of misleading statements to achieve her objectives. This is evidence Supervisor Combs does not have the knowledge, skill, ability, or character to conduct public business with public funds. She is, and has engaged in questionable professional behavior because she does not have the integrity to be the township supervisor and tell it like it is.

The landfill tipping fees and guarantees are over \$3 million annually and this money is deposited in a separate account, the "landfill fund," and then transferred to the general fund as needed.

This money should be used and not increase VBT residents' taxes. The total amount of the increase over 7 years is almost \$17 million taken from the pockets of our residents, without adding inflation to the amount. This is disposable income which cannot be used by the residents for a personal benefit.

Former VBT Supervisor
Paul D. White

O2BA Kid: Where children learn with play

To the Editor:

I am a great-grandma of three children out of foster care to me for two years now.

The boys are at Edgemont. They are doing great, thanks to Edgemont. But for summer I have all three in O2BA Kid on Sumpter Road. These ladies are all so special. They are a day care, but also great teachers. They have great things planned to do. My three are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9-5. My three-year-old goes all year, Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

They were in foster care and I got them through court. Their mom and dad are back in the system and getting back on their feet. But, until they do...

I am 65 years old. I didn't think I could raise three more, but God was there for me. This O2BA Kid is so wonderful.

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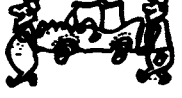
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District Library

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but Pagan said lobbyists didn't have much to disburse and mainly it was small amounts to support community groups.

The district library board at its July 14 meeting also discussed where they should be heading next as far as improving the library facility.

Points brought up at the two meetings included:

- Juriga: They could buy the Baptist Church or keep the present library for children and buy buildings next door and build a two-story, 10,000 square foot building;

- Cichewicz: Keeping the library downtown means a smaller building, but even that requires moving water lines, electricity, closing roads ... In my mind, and I think in the minds of most of the members of the board, we would like to keep it downtown;

- Cichewicz, in response to Pagan's question of how much would it cost? : It was \$19 million for the building in the last proposal, but that included \$1 million for the Sumpter branch. We are not talking about the branch now. The \$19 million also included the DNR property, the house next door, and building a larger building;

- Juriga: \$10-13 million is a guess; and

- Cichewicz: If Rep. Pagan helps us, we could have a Pagan Wing.

Board members said they would be seeking out corporations who would donate money, especially those who have locations in the tri-community.

Obituaries



Melissa Sue Frey

MELISSA SUE FREY

(July 14, 1982 – August 1, 2015)

Missie S. Frey, age 33, of Belleville passed away Aug. 1, 2015. Beloved wife of Benjamin Frey. Loving mother of Jaylyn Frey. Dearest daughter of Sheri Mallory. She is also survived by her sister Angie, her brother Jeremy, her sister-in-law Jamie, her nieces Jillean and Isabella, her nephews Nathan and Jeremy, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Ken and Joyce McLaughlin and her paternal grandfather Frank Mallory. Funeral service was Wednesday, August 5, at 1 PM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation was Tuesday, 1-8 PM. Her cremation took place at "The Witness Crematory" located inside of Michigan Memorial Funeral Home.

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Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville (734) 697-4500. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Court Watching:

Ralph Rosas' bond upped to \$750,000, jury trial set for Oct. 5

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Ralph Rosas, 28, of Saginaw who is in jail awaiting trial for his part in the Sumpter Township roller rink stabbing and gunplay

on Halloween, stood before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Craig S. Strong on July 22 for his arraignment on the information.

The court entered a not-guilty plea to each of the four charges listed against him:

Ralph Rosas assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, armed robbery, and assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault).

The felonious assault charge was not bound over to circuit court by 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green, pending testimony from a witness that was not at Rosas' preliminary exam. Sumpter Township Police Det. John Toth said that charge may be on the circuit court listing in error.

Rosas' retained attorney Alan Crawford had asked District Judge Green, who presided over Rosas' preliminary exam July 15, to reduce his client's \$500,000 or 10% bond. He said his client, who works full time, could wear a tether. Judge Green referred the bond situation to pretrial services at circuit court.

Circuit Court Judge Strong reviewed that bond recommendation and then raised Rosas' bond to \$750,000 cash or surety.

A pre-trial session is set for Aug. 20, a final conference Sept. 1, and a jury trial Oct. 5.

Conviction on the charges could bring up to life in prison.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Aug. 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Administration Building.

- Tuesday, Aug. 11 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library meeting at 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Aug. 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Aug. 13 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, Aug. 17 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

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VBT LDFA

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outlook rating, but is two steps lower than its previous rating.

The former rating was AA, she said. AA indicates a "very strong" capacity to meet financial commitments. An A rating is slightly lower and shows "strong" capacity and A+ is "strong" but "a susceptibility to long-term risks appears somewhat greater."

Combs said the LDFA audit from Plante Moran had to show the projected shortfall. "Our net position appears to be in the red because of the expected shortfall," she said, adding that was expected in the second half of 2018.

She said in the other document she gave them it tells the township's plan to go for a public safety millage increase to free up \$2 million a year.

She said the township is asking the county and state to help develop the rest of the property at Grace Lake, the former Visteon Village.

She said there were 38 acres in that Office Technology zoning and Visteon Village took eight acres, so there are 30 acres left, with the pond.

Combs said the least desirable step would be to go to the people for a millage to pay the bonds and, "We'll try everything else first."

She said they had to wait for the rating from Standard and Poor's before going out to refinance a portion of the Visteon bonds. She said she expects the bonds to be refinanced in mid-August, which should save \$1.7 million in bond costs.

She said the plan is to put the increased public safety millage on the ballot in November, 2015.

Combs said State Rep. Erika Geiss, who represents a small part of VBT, connected the township with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and with a state program to possibly help the township make bond payments.

She said MEDC is ready to help, the VBT Downtown Development Authority is marketing the DDA district and the township as a whole, and Vantage Port (aerotropolis) is ready to help.

When the land is developed there will be more tax money to pay the bonds.

In an aside, Combs said a new developmental services director has been hired for VBT. She said Ron Akers works for Genoa Township in Livingston County and will be able to start work the middle of August. He is Genoa's Zoning Official.

LDFA member Chuck Covington asked if the bids have come in on the Ecorse property owned by the LDFA and Combs said she hasn't seen one. She said her office was supposed to get the bids and she will check with the department of planning and economic development.

Diane Madigan asked if the DDA would opt out of capturing some of the new public safety millage.

Combs said if the voters pass a 2.5 mill increase in the public safety millage it will

generate \$2.4 million which would allow the township to give \$2 million to the Visteon bonds.

Combs said she checked with the DDA and found the only way to opt out is if you are expanding the DDA or starting a new DDA.

When the LDFA got to the part of the meeting that would acknowledge the expected township board reappointment of Leonard Armstrong to the LDFA and the expected new appointment of Danylo Dobriansky to the LDFA, John Delaney spoke from the audience.

He wanted to speak about both candidates.

Combs said that Dobriansky works for Sovereign Partners, which now owns the former Visteon Village. She said he will fly in from New York for meetings.

"He was here last month when the meeting was cancelled and we didn't let him know in time," Combs said, noting that her executive assistant Lianne Clare took him around and showed him the township hall.

LDFA Chairman Dotson said the authority is thinking of amending the bylaws to allow conference calls and he asked Combs to look into that.

She said she had looked into the procedure and found there is nothing to prohibit that in the LDFA bylaws or state laws. She said the township has a telephone with a speaker that is put in the middle of the table. She said she will draft bylaw language and bring it back to the LDFA.

Delaney brought out some figures he had compiled on the attendance record of Leonard Armstrong, who was absent from that meeting and the LDFA's last meeting, held in March.

Delaney said in the years 2010 to 2014 there were a total of 60 LDFA meetings and 35 were cancelled. Of the 25 left, Armstrong attended only 9.

He said Armstrong was the common denominator in meetings being cancelled for lack of a quorum.

Delaney said he had nothing against Armstrong and he knows he and his wife have health issues. If Armstrong can't make these important meetings, he should not be on the authority, Delaney said.

"This is a shame," Delaney said of the plan to rename him to the LDFA.

"When you want to be transparent, you say the schedule is this," Delaney said referring to the annual calendar. He said, actually, the public never knows when the LDFA actually is going to meet.

He said Dobriansky leaves his office in New York and flies here just for a meeting

that might be cancelled. There were 35 cancellations in five years, many for lack of a quorum.

"Nothing against Mr. Armstrong, but numbers don't lie," Delaney said. "My gills are raised..."

Dotson thanked Delaney for his "energy" and noted, "I will have a discussion with Mr. Armstrong personally." He said this would be after the reappointment.

Delaney said he had been told that before when he spoke about absences. He said Armstrong should not be reappointed that day, referring to the agenda item on that evening's township board meeting.

"I can take it off tonight's agenda," Combs said (and, she did).

"Why don't we do that and let me talk to him," Dotson said.

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Shannon Melcher in Thailand for 4 weeks to help dogs, elephants

This summer, Shannon Melcher, 21, of Belleville, spent four weeks in Thailand helping animals and learning hands-on what it's like to be a veterinarian.

Traveling with the Boston-based Loop Abroad, Melcher was part of a small team that volunteered giving care at a dog shelter and then spent three weeks working directly with rescued elephants at an elephant sanctuary.

The Veterinary Service program brings students to Thailand for two weeks to volunteer alongside a staff veterinarian. For one week, students volunteer at the Animal Rescue Kingdom dog shelter in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

The shelter is home to more than 100 dogs who have been rescued after being abandoned, beaten, or abused. While the dogs can be adopted, any who aren't will be cared for by the shelter for their whole lives.

While they learned what it's like to be a veterinarian, students made a difference in the lives of these dogs. By providing check-ups and cleanings, diagnosing and treating ear and eye problems, taking and testing blood, administering vaccines, cleaning and treating wounds, and helping with sterilization surgeries, the students were able to help support the health and well-being of the dogs.

The group also spent one week at the Elephant Nature Park in northern Thailand to work hands-on with the animals and learn about animal rescue and conservation on a larger scale. Melcher stayed for two additional weeks to continue her work with the elephants.

The Elephant Nature Park is home to more than 40 elephants who have been rescued from trekking, logging, or forced breeding programs. Many of them have been abused and suffer from chronic injuries.



Shannon Melcher spent four weeks in Thailand this summer helping dogs and elephants.

At the Elephant Nature Park, they are cared for by volunteers from all over the world. Students were able to feed, bathe, and care for elephants, as well as learn about their diagnoses alongside an elephant vet.

The Elephant Nature Park is also home to more than 400 dogs and 100 cats, as well as rabbits and water buffalo, and is sustained in huge part by the work of weekly volunteers like Melcher.

"This trip taught me so much in two weeks!" Melcher said. "I feel much better about going into vet school after this. The cultural and animal experience was a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Melcher is a student at Alma College, majoring in biology. She graduated from Belleville High School in 2012. Her parents are Bryan and Donna Melcher.



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11 am - 2 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
2 - 10 pm Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
6 pm Sheep Show - Livestock Pavilion

Tuesday, August 4

(Seniors Day - 55 & Older Free Parking)

7 - 10 am Breakfast - Dining Hall
9 am Poultry Show - Poultry Barn
9 am Horse Show - Equine
11 am - 2 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
2 - 10 pm Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
2 - 10 pm Commercial Vendors
4 - 10 pm Carnival - \$1.00 Rides
4:30 - 7 pm Dinner - Dining Hall w/A/C (\$1 Off Seniors)
5 pm Pony Pull - Track
5 pm Senior Basket Raffle - Community Arts
6 pm Goat Show - Livestock Pavilion
7 pm Mini Horse Pull - Track

Wednesday, August 5

(Ladies Day)

7 - 10 am Breakfast - Dining Hall
8 am Rabbit/Cavy/Pocket Pet Show - Cozadd Building
9 am Horse Show - Equine
11 am - 2 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
2 - 10 pm Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
2 - 10 pm Commercial Vendors
7 pm Great Lakes Jousting - Track
4 - 10 pm Carnival - \$10 All-U-Can-Ride
4:30 - 7 pm Dinner - Dining Hall w/A/C (\$1 Off Ladies)
5 pm Dairy Show - Livestock Pavilion
5 pm Ladies Basket Drawing - Community Arts
6 pm Beef Show - Livestock Pavilion

Thursday, August 6

(Kids Day)

7 - 10 am Breakfast - Dining Hall
9 am Goat Milking - Livestock Pavilion
9 am Horse Show - Equine
11 am - 2 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
12 pm Great Lakes Jousting - Equine Arena
12 - 4 pm Mini Pedal Tractors
2 - 10 pm Carnival \$8 - 2-6pm; \$16 After 6 pm
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2 - 10 pm Michigan Stiltwalker - Strolling
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Friday, August 7

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7 - 10 am Breakfast - Dining Hall
8 am Pig Trail - Livestock Pavilion
9 am Horse Show - Equine Arena
10 am Shepherd's Trail - Livestock Pavilion
11 am Goat Pack Class - Livestock Pavilion
11 am - 2 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
12 pm Great Lakes Jousting - Equine Arena
12 - 8 pm Michigan Stiltwalker - Strolling
1 pm Master Stockman Workshop
1 - 10 pm Carnival - \$16
2 - 10 pm Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
4:30 - 7 pm Dinner - Dining Hall - Dining Hall w/A/C
Wood Carving Shows
7:30 pm **Unique Motor Sports Presents:**
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Saturday, August 8

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7 - 10 am Breakfast - Dining Hall
9 am - 3 pm Car Show
9 am - 12 pm Kids Jousting - Equine Area
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Fire fighters from Van Buren and Sumpter townships came to Becky & Jessica's Place daycare in Van Buren Township to teach the children about fire safety.

Becky & Jessica's Place loves their fire fighters

To the Editor:

Throughout the summer at Becky & Jessica's Place/Daycare Theme Weeks become our focus. Each week a different theme is introduced to the children with the intention of offering some children the only experience they might have with this theme.

This week's theme was Health & Safety. I believe it's one of our most educational and important themes of the summer. A part of the week is devoted to fire safety. My intention is to make sure children know that fire fighters are our friends.

How many times have you read about children found under their beds, in closets, etc., expired after a fire? Sadly, I have heard that once too often. Therefore, I intend to make a difference by teaching children about the dangers of fire while introducing them to our greatest hope for protection in a fire, that being the fire fighter.

Our fire fighters of Van Buren and Sumpter came to visit our daycare with a fire truck. As you can imagine, the children were beyond thrilled to see such a sight! But, more importantly, they learned many important details about fire protection.

Our fire fighters, as they put on each piece of clothing, explained why they put on each piece of clothing. The children learned that they have reflective stripes on their coats and suits so that they could see their partners while fighting a fire.

Did you know that when a fire fighter is fighting a fire that he can't even see his hand in front of his face? I didn't know that! Our fire

fighter put on his boots, then had the children try to pick them up. They were heavy! Finally, he put on his helmet and mask. He talked through the mask. He sounded like Darth Vader! He looked scary! But, oh, did he ever do a great job explaining to the children why he was wearing that mask and why he needed to be able to talk. He's trying to find you in that house during the fire. Then the children had so much fun trying that equipment on.

The children were also allowed to sit in the fire trucks. Oh my, was that ever fun! Then the children were able to take turns spraying

water out of the fire hose. I didn't think it could get any better! It was ALL so awesome. This becomes not only the most important part of the children's summer, but the most memorable. We can't tell you how appreciative we are of our visit with you, Van Buren and Sumpter fire fighters.

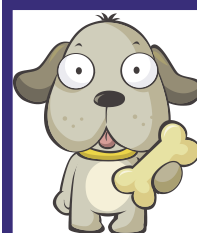
The children will now be making fire escape routes with their parents in their own homes. This, one fire fighter explained, is the most important practice to follow at home. He wants all parents to make the plan with their children, have a meeting place outside, and

PRACTICE the plan as the children do in their own schools. He couldn't stress enough how important this is.

Again, I want to say thanks so much to Van Buren and Sumpter fire departments. You may not realize just how important your visit was. You may very well have saved some children's lives in visiting our children today.

We love our fire fighters! You are the highlight of our summer!

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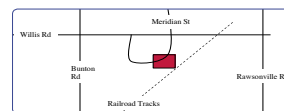
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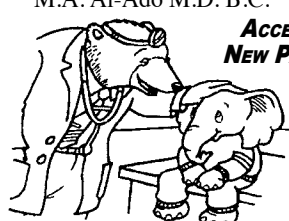


VBT LDFA

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Dotson said, "It's very important we have involvement of Sovereign Partners."

Under Unfinished Business, Combs discussed the refinancing of some of the bonds that will save \$1.7 million in interest payments.

She said the board also has a contingency plan, referring to the Plan B attorneys had asked the township to come up with regarding payment of the Visteon bonds, which would help with the refinancing.

She said the township has a fund balance of more than \$9 million, a public safety millage is hoped to be raised by \$2.5 million so \$2 million now given to public safety can stay in the general fund, and the help of the MEDC and Vantage Port (aerotropolis) with development of the rest of Grace Lake so that there will be added tax capture to pay for the bonds.

She said, "The bottom line is the state could come in and assess the full balance due in one fell swoop. We are doing

everything we can to avoid that."

LDFA member Doug Peters asked if this plan of action has been seen outside the township and Combs said no.

"If we went into default, we would go before a judge," Combs said.

"If it goes to a judge, it's gone pretty far," said Peters, a newly retired attorney. "Write to the MDEC and tell them what you are doing. In writing."

Former Township Supervisor Paul White pointed out that the MDEC is just a group that deals with development. It is the State Department of the Treasury who evaluates the fiscal health of the township, he said.

He said the township would go to an emergency manager.

"We need to stiff Visteon for the horrible mistake in 2003," White said.

"You are absolutely right," Combs said to White. "The state decides our risk each year. We let them know. Our audit is sent to them."

But, she said, the township cannot "stiff" Visteon because, "We are on the hook for these bonds. We pledged our full faith and credit."

When Dotson asked Combs for a report on the Visteon litigation, she said she is planning a closed session with Clark Hill attorneys for the next meeting of the LDFA, Sept. 8.

But Dotson didn't want to wait until September and asked if they couldn't have a special meeting in August.

Peters said he would like to see the pleadings filed with the court.

Combs said Visteon wants a change of venue from Delaware to Wayne County, which she said would be good for VBT.

Combs said she would look into getting the meeting in August.

White had talked about the valuation of Visteon Village being set at \$365 million in 2003 and now is \$65 million.

Peters said that was a good point and it could be that the value was fraudulently expanded at the beginning to put VBT on the hook.

"That's one reason I want to see the pleadings," Peters said.

Later, Peters said, "Was that property ever worth \$365 million? Was it done to make us rely on that one company? We had all our eggs in one basket: Visteon. That's a key point. To go from \$365 million down ... that's skullduggery. It came down to \$65 million."

In other business, the LDFA:

• Again, discussed the property it owns on Ecorse that got an appraisal and was supposed to be put out for bids several months ago, and wasn't. Since it was already voted upon Dotson directed that the township follow through on the steps for the sale; and

• Heard Delaney tell about Huron Signs coming to the planning commission to put up a \$100,000 LED digital sign on I-275 to alert the public that Grace Lake had space available for lease. Delaney said he was interested in working on the project, but the sign company walked away from the job because Sally Hodges of McKenna planning consultants said the sign couldn't be erected as proposed. Delaney said if you are trying to market that property, somebody from the LDFA has to talk to Hodges. "That is something that should not happen..." Dotson said, noting anything related to the LDFA district should be copied to him. "That's the past," said Peters. "We could put up a sign... if they say that ship has left the port." Dotson stressed, "The future priority of that property is vital to this community."

**LDFA special meeting
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Today is **National Root Beer Float Day** at the **Belleville A&W**. From 2 p.m. to close, stop in and enjoy one and make a donation to the **Wounded Warrior Project**. Visit www.rootbeerfloatday.com.

The 69th-annual **Wayne County Fair** is under way this week at the county fairgrounds on Quirk Road. See their ad in today's paper for the daily schedules. Call **(734) 697-7002**.

Perspective Eyecare on Belleville Road is offering a back-to-school deal for everyone. Simply stop in and pop a balloon, find a freebie inside, and take 40% off a complete second pair of prescription eyeglasses. See store for details. Call **(734) 699-1010** and visit www.perspectiveeyecare.com.

The 16th-annual **Gregg Brinkerhoff Scholarship Golf Outing** is this Saturday at the **Pine View Golf Course** in Ypsilanti and there are still ways to support the event, which provides college scholarships to college-bound Belleville High School graduates. Call **Mike** or **Beth Sampson** at **(734) 697-0440**.

The **Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Music Lakeside Concert Series** continues tonight with **Annabelle Road**, a country band, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Horizon Park. The event is free. Rain location is inside Belleville United Methodist Church.

Culver's "Scoops of Thanks Day" is coming up on Tuesday, Aug. 11, where a \$1 donation will get you a single scoop of custard. Proceeds will go towards local and state agricultural organizations and youth chapters. The Belleville Culver's is located on the North I-94 Service Drive east of Belleville Road.

Gable and Reynolds Chiropractic on Belleville Road welcomes **Acupuncturist Ron Hough L.Ac** to their practice and appointments are currently available on Sundays and Wednesdays.

"Acupuncture can help with many things, from pain to sleeping problems, and from digestion issues to addictions such as smoking," says Hough. To schedule, call **(517) 303-6317**.

Open Arms Day Care on Belleville Road next to the Van Buren Fire Station is gearing up for **Wednesday Pioneer Club**, a Bible-based teaching of life skills to children, ages up to fifth grade, on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 16 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. To register, call **Kristy Grannis** at **(734) 699-5000**.

Open Arms is also currently enrolling children in its day-care program for 3-5 year olds. See both of their ads for the programs in today's paper.



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 14, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk Hoffman, Trustees: B. Hamm, M. Oddy, P. Morgan and D. Swinson. Excused absence Treasurer Bates. Also present: Attorney Young, Acting Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approx. 8 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by D. Swinson to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comments on agenda items only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve minutes of the Regular Board meeting June 23, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to accept minutes for Parks and Rec. April 15, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson to accept minutes for Planning Commission June 11, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by Swinson, supported by P. Morgan to approve warrants totaling \$236,568.99. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, Hoffman, Oddy, P. Morgan, Swinson, Hamm. Nay: None.

Absent: Treasurer Bates. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water and Sewer Report: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to receive and file Water and Sewer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Police Report-Pierce: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to accept Police Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Building/Ordinance Report-J. Morgan: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to receive and file Building / Ordinance Report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Fire Report- Januszyk: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to receive and file Fire Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Treasurer's Report- Bates: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to receive and file Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Supervisor's Report- J. Morgan:

A. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to give \$1,400.00 to the Eagle Scout Project. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hamm for Matt Oddy to be ZBA liaison. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to accept Supervisor's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Attorney's report-Young: No report

14: Board Response

15: New Business:

A: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to sign water contract with Detroit Water and Sewer. Motion carried unanimously.

B: Motion by Hamm, supported by Swinson to approve advertising for back up driver with commercial license for Senior Center during time frame of August 10th through August 14th for transportation during Senior Olympics. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson to sign contract with Smart for fiscal year 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to hire Mr. Sealcoat for Resealing and Striping of Township parking lots. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion with regret by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman the Resignation of Christopher Scott from Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion with regret by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman the Resignation of Jennifer Scott from Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Swinson the Resolution 2015-08 Sumpter Township Affirming Approval of the Senior Alliance 2016 Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services. Motion

carried unanimously.

16. Announcements

17. Open Floor

18. Closed Session: RE: To discuss updates on Fire Department Union Contract.

A. Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to go into Closed Session at 6:55pm. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to go back into Open Session at 7:42pm. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Adjournment: Motion by Swinson, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 7:43pm. 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 July 14, 2015 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

Published: August 6, 2015

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**US Army Corps
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Louisville District

Willow Run Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Assessment

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is conducting an environmental investigation at the Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Historical investigations have identified two areas (i.e., aboveground Storage Tank (AST) Area and Engine Testing Area) that required additional investigations. The USACE has recently completed a remedial investigation of the former Aboveground Storage Tank (AST) Area and determined that no additional action is warranted at the AST Area because this site does not present an unacceptable human health or ecological risk based on the current and likely future use of the property. The investigation is on-going at the Engine Testing Area to determine if there are concerns related to the historical operation of the area by the Department of Defense (DOD).

As part of the environmental restoration process, the DOD encourages community involvement through Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs). RABs provide a collaborative forum for the community and government agencies to discuss and identify the most efficient and productive means to restore the environment.

USACE Louisville District welcomes public feedback regarding interest in establishing a RAB for the Willow Run Airport FUDS Site. Inquiries should be directed to Katie Newton, Louisville District Public Affairs Office, (502) 315-6773 by **September 8, 2015**.

The information repository, which contains additional project documents, is housed at the Belleville Area District Library at 167 4th Street, Belleville, Michigan, 48111.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Current Job Opening



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Current Job Opening



Interim Deputy Planning and Economic Development Director

OPENING DATE: 07/29/15

CLOSING DATE: Open until Filled

DEPARTMENT: Developmental Services

SALARY: Annual Salary of \$60,000 plus Benefits Compensation Package

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for Interim Deputy Planning and Economic Development Director.

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted

Please submit a cover letter, resume and current salary history to:
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Job Vacancy Posting



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
JOB VACANCY POSTING



Position Title: Water Worker I

Department: Department of Public Works

Classification: Regular, Full-time

FLSA Status: Non-exempt

Union Affiliation: AFSCME

Opening Date: July 21, 2015

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Starting Hourly Wage: \$15.50

91 Day Hourly Wage: \$16.47

18 Month Hourly Wage: \$17.45

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting applications for Water Worker I

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Aug. 6** – Music Lakeside starts at 7 p.m. with Annabelle Road (Country) at Horizon Park in downtown Belleville. Free.

• **Friday, Aug. 7** – Friends Church Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie at 8:48 p.m. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Movie: “Thorns” and “Adrenaline.” (734) 482-5074, www.friendsfamilytheater.com

• **Friday, Aug. 7** – Summer Extravaganza to benefit the September Days Senior Center in VBT. Chinese auction, catered

dinner, raffle tickets and giveaways and an evening of dancing. Those 50 and over are welcome. \$15 per person. Tickets available at the center through Aug. 3. 699-8918

• **Saturday, Aug. 8, and Sunday, Aug. 9** – Take your family on an outing to see more than 80 artists gathered on East First and Washington streets in historic Loranger Square in downtown Monroe, Michigan’s third oldest city. This is the 12th-annual Downtown Fine Art Fair. Two blocks away at St. Mary’s Park will be the 14th annual River Raisin Jazz Festival. Info: downtownmonroefineartfair.com

• **Monday, Aug. 10 through Friday, Aug. 14** – Western Wayne County Senior Olympics. Tennis competition at the BHS courts.

Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority Public Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DEMOLITION, REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF BUILDING(S)
VAN BUREN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Sealed proposals will be received by the Van Buren Township DDA, Attention: Susan Ireland, Executive Director, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan until 10:00 am prevailing local time on August 20, 2015 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for the Demolition, Removal and Disposal of all buildings structures and debris on a parcel of land known as 10101 Belleville Road, Parcel Number V125-83-058-99-0010-000

The work also includes backfill all open holes with clean fill dirt and rough grade, place seed and straw on graded areas, remove all construction debris from around all buildings and foundation sites.

Disconnect water if needed, locate curb stop, if connected disconnect and mark location with an exposed 2X4 painted blue, locate and disconnect sewer connections

Specifications and Bid Forms may be obtained at the Van Buren Township DDA office or by contacting Susan Ireland. She can be reached by emailing sireland-dda@vanburen-mi.org or 734-699-8900 X9201.

Each bidder shall file a statement signed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation confirming that they have not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid. Failure to submit the signed statement as part of the bid proposal will result in rejection of the bid.

All bids shall remain firm and cannot be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days.

A Bid Bond, Certified Check or Cashier's Check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each proposal, as security for the acceptance as security for acceptance of the bid. If the Contractor fails to enter into the Contract through no fault of the Van Buren Township DDA (Owner), he shall forfeit the security to the Owner.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularities to the bids and to make the award in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Owner. The Owner is not required to accept the lowest bid.

The Charter Township of Van Buren and the Downtown Development Authority is an equal opportunity contractor which does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed or a physical disability. All qualified contractors are urged to respond.

Ms. Susan Ireland, Executive Director
Charter Township of Van Buren
Downtown Development Authority

Publish: August 6, 2015

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 754 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, July 26:
0004 – fight, Kirkridge Park Dr./Ecorse Rd.
0240 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
0322 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
0350 – shots fired, E. Huron River Dr.
0814 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1208 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1339 – assault & battery, S. Prairiegrass Ct.
1345 – larceny, Daisy
1353 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1408 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1548 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1728 – assault & battery, Quirk Rd.
1856 – disorderly conduct, Oak Ln./N. I-94 Service Dr.
Monday, July 27:
0747 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
0955 – missing person, Parkwood Dr.
1033 – private property incident, Belleville Rd.
1122 – larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
1250 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
1357 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1411 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1445 – mental, Nautica Dr.
1452 – property damage accident, Ecorse BP
1636 – narcotics crime, Quirk Rd.
1627 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1819 – private property accident, J&T Towing
1839 – property damage accident, Hull/Sumpter
1941 – fraud, Haggerty Sub.
Tuesday, July 28:
0014 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
0245 – assault & battery, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1215 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
1230 – larceny from auto, Lake Villa Dr.
1517 – private property accident, Dollar Store
1621 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1640 – noise complaint, Harmony Ln.
1710 – agency assist, Henry
1711 – private property accident, Sumpter Rd.
2058 – suicide or attempt, Sylvia Dr.
Wednesday, July 29:
0034 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville BP
0159 – suspicious situation, National RV
0252 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, Ecorse Rd.
1051 – trespassing, Homestead Sub.
1459 – property damage accident, Tyler/Beck
1653 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1723 – intimidation threat, E. Walden Dr.
1837 – intimidation threat, Sonrisa St.
2040 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2109 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2144 – disorderly conduct, Belleville
2151 – assault & battery, Holly Ln.
2235 – trespassing, Maple Dr.
Thursday, July 30:
0316 – suspicious situation, Edison Lake Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
0541 – fraud, N. Woodbury Dr.
0708 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.
0714 – private property accident, Haggerty Rd.
0731 – private property accident, Morton Taylor
1022 – mental, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1103 – weapons violation, Belleville Rd.
1302 – larceny, McBride Ave.
1343 – missing person, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1649 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Beck
1654 – suspicious situation, Cobblestone Dr. / Togowtee Pass
1706 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
2021 – retail fraud, Belleville
2147 – property damage accident, Quirk Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
Friday, July 31:

0027 – missing person, Van Buren St.
0044 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0148 – disorderly conduct, W. Huron River Dr.
0518 – disturbance, Parkwood Dr.
0838 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1033 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1210 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1302 – mental, Westlake
1531 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1600 – assault & battery, Senate St.
1647 – agency assist, Lake Villa Dr.
1740 – agency assist, WB I-94/Belleville Rd.
1742 – indecent exposure, Rawsonville
1802 – private property accident, Oak Ln.
1907 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
1913 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd./ Bemis Rd.
1953 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
2016 – malicious destruction of property, Hamilton
2305 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
2337 – assault & battery, Brandi
Saturday, Aug. 1:
0005 – disturbance, Marathon
0247 – disturbance, Sylvia/Old Rawsonville
0432 – sexual assault, Freedom Way
0805 – larceny from auto, Southport 12
1050 – hold-up alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1139 – larceny, Arlene Ln.
1217 – water leak found, N. Timberview Dr.
1413 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove
1607 – juvenile complaint, Belle Pointe Dr.
1704 – suicide or attempt, Stonebridge Dr.
1850 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
2128 – fireworks, North Shore Dr.
2144 – fireworks, Beacon Trl.
2153 – larceny, Marina Dr.
2157 – fireworks, Lake Crest Dr./S. I-94 Service
2157 – fireworks, W. Huron River Dr.
2159 – fireworks, Bayshore Dr./Denton Rd.
2202 – fireworks, Beacon Trl.
2207 – disturbance, Belleville Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 209 traffic stops, 39 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 26:
0047 – E-911 cellular, Menlo Park Dr.
0423 – property damage accident, Roys St./Main
0724 – malicious destruction of property, Menlo Park Dr.
1053 – private property accident, Henry St.
1212 – assist fire dept., E. Waterbury Ct.
1405 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd. / Denton Rd.
1718 – warrant arrest, Jackson Co. Jail
1820 – property damage accident, Main St./Denton
Monday, July 27:
0150 – suspicious vehicle, Church St.
1018 – larceny, Sumpter Rd.
1459 – prisoner check, S. Wayne Rd.
1601 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1620 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1927 – fraud, E. Columbia Ave.
2053 – traffic complaint, Belleville Library
2120 – animal complaint, W. Wabash Ave.
2317 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
Tuesday, July 28:
0050 – intrusion alarm, Harbour Pointe Dr.
0742 – property damage accident, Carmell St.
0749 – civil matter, Church St.
1048 – malicious destruction of property, N. Liberty St.
1420 – found property, Main St.
1440 – found property, Biggs Ave.
1703 – weapons violation, Henry St.
1830 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
2118 – warrant arrest, Main St.
Wednesday, July 29:
0103 – suspicious situation, Belle Villa Blvd.
0232 – suspicious situation, N. Liberty/Main St.
1035 – domestic assault, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1115 – warrant arrest, Huron River Dr.
1329 – animal complaint, Victorian Ln./Savage Rd
1548 – intrusion alarm, Greylock St.
1817 – suspicious person, E. Huron River Dr.
2227 – animal complaint, Bedell St.

Thursday, July 30:
0046 – breaking & entering, Carmell St.
0117 – malicious destruction of property, Carmell
0132 – suspicious situation, Action Mechanical
0827 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1711 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1952 – follow up, W. Columbia Ave.
2015 – civil matter, Main St.
2031 – suspicious vehicle, Menlo Park Dr.
2126 – suspicious vehicle, S. Liberty St.
2207 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
Friday, July 31:
1108 – harassment call, Loza Ln.
1133 – property damage accident, Victorian Ln.
1244 – breaking & entering, Robbe St.
1629 – harassment call, Sumpter Rd./Spencer St.
1751 – warrant arrest, Washtenaw County
2030 – suspicious situation, Carmell St.
2126 – domestic assault, Loza Ln.
Saturday, Aug. 1:
0006 – agency assist, Marathon
0847 – neighbor trouble, Loza Ln.
1050 – warrant arrest, Dearborn Hgts.
1228 – suspicious person, Menlo Park
1413 – intrusion alarm, Third St.
1655 – information, Main St.
2046 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
Also on this week’s log are 88 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 26:
0200 – flee & elude, Rawsonville/Willis
0201 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0233 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0413 – family trouble, Judd/Elwell
0555 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1342 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1529 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1539 – suspicious incident, Edgewood
1704 – suspicious incident, Karr/Judd
1736 – mental health commitment, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1823 – ordinance violation, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1927 – civil dispute, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
2003 – mental health commitment, 51000 bl. Wear
2027 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2127 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2148 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2205 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2233 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2258 – reckless driver complaint, Willow/Sumpter
Monday, July 27:
0620 – assist other agency, Oakville Waltz / Rawsonville
0738 – fire dept., 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
1017 – larceny, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1317 – assault, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1505 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Dale Dr.
1729 – subpoena service, 51000 bl. Willow Rd.
1739 – shots fired, Texas
1815 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2051 – neighbor dispute, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
2115 – fire dept. assist, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2140 – fireworks complaint, Montana
2238 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
Tuesday, July 28:
0154 – family trouble, Second St.
0443 – warrant pick up, out of township
1344 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1407 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1600 – animal complaint, Carriage Ln.
1626 – disorderly person, Rustic Ln.
1719 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1938 – suspicious incident, Utah
1948 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2014 – ORV complaint, Elwell/Wear
2106 – suspicious incident, Karr/Judd
Wednesday, July 29:
1011 – malicious destruction of property, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1208 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1521 – trespassing complaint, New Mexico
1604 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1658 – warrant pick up, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1852 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1929 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2204 – mental health commitment, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

Thursday, July 30:
0232 – suspicious vehicle, 29000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0315 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0849 – suspicious vehicle, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
0903 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1048 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1238 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1624 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1729 – subpoena service, 51000 bl. Willow Rd.
1756 – suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1759 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1823 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2151 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2232 – mental health commitment, California
Friday, July 31:
0029 – malicious destruction of property, Greenmeadow
0409 – suspicious person, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
0839 – larceny, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1127 – alarm, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1141 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1454 – fire dept. assist, 9800 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1511 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
1704 – subpoena service, 51000 bl. Willow Rd.
1732 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1804 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1907 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Bemis
2224 – suspicious vehicle, Elwell/Bemis
2258 – suspicious incident, Greenmeadow
Saturday, Aug. 1:
0209 – ORV complaint, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1204 – animal complaint, Arkona/Martinsville
1749 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1808 – disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1940 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1946 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Martinsville
2031 – subpoena service, 51000 bl. Willow Rd.
2103 – assist other agency, Redwood
2350 – suspicious person, Edgewood
2351 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
Also on this week’s log are six follow-up investigations, 41 miscellaneous details, 170 patrol checks, and 34 traffic stops.

VBT LDFA sets special meeting for Aug. 3, then cancels that meeting

The Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority set a special meeting for 2 p.m., Monday, Aug. 3, and then cancelled that meeting.

The announcement on the township’s web site said the meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

But at the work/study session of the VBT Board of Trustees at 4 p.m. Aug. 3, Supervisor Linda Combs said the meeting was cancelled because The PFM Group wants to meet with the board of trustees first before going to the LDFA.

The PFM Group is a financial consultant advising the township in the Visteon bond issue.

On the agenda for the Aug. 3 LDFA meeting that was cancelled was one item: “Discussion of LDFA funds-on-hand contribution as advised by Clark Hill, bond counsel and outlined by The PFM Group.”

At the July 21 meeting of the LDFA, Supervisor Combs said The PFM Group wanted to meet with the LDFA in closed-door session, but the Aug. 3 meeting agenda does not show a closed session.

At the July 21 meeting, Supervisor Combs said they could have that meeting with PFM at the LDFA’s September meeting, but LDFA Chairman Michael Dotson said he would like it as soon as possible and not wait until September. He said they could set a special meeting, and they did and that meeting fell through.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the LDFA is 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8.

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New business

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Cricket Wireless on Friday. The new store is located on Rawsonville Road just south of Rite Aid. From left are Colette McClinton, Cricket Wireless territory manager Dave Dumbille, Cricket store owner Chris Porter, store manager Robert Baer, Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs, Cricket sales manager Jonathan Breier, Dorene Mroz, Amanda Kennicott, and Beverly Neal. After cutting the ribbon, the group enjoyed coffee and donuts.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes July 20, 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	Present
Council Member Tindall	Absent/Excused
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Smith, Second by Loria to approve agenda with one addition. To add Item 8F Boat Dock Signage.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of July 6, 2015 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Yankee Air Museum – Battle for Belleville

Military Vehicle Display and WWII Battle Re-enactment

Motion by Smith, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-092, to approve a request from Michael Luther of Yankee Air Museum to display military vehicles and WWII battle re-enactment on Friday, August 28, 2015 from 6-7:30 P.M. on Main Street between Fifth Street and Third Street, and Roys Street and Fourth Street from Main to the West side of the Belleville Area Museum.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. Veteran's Memorial Report

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 15-093, to receive a report of approximate cost to make renovations/repairs to the Veteran's Memorial in the amount of \$32,500.00 and to request an actual complete estimate from Hennessey Engineers for the repairs.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. City Computer System – Develop Specifications

and Advertise/Solicit Quotes

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 15-094, to authorize City Manager to proceed with developing specifications and advertising for quotes on a new computer system for the City.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. DWSD Agreement

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-095, to approve the proposed agreement to assign the City of Belleville's Water Service Contract with the City of Detroit to Great Lakes Water Authority as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

E. Bond Authorizing Resolution – SRF Program

City hereby determines that it is necessary to pay all or part of the cost of acquiring and constructing improvements to the City's sewage disposal system, including rehabilitation certain sewers throughout the City with cured-in-place pipe lining and appurtenances and attachments thereto the "Project" as presented.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-096, to authorize 2015 Capital Improvement Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation) the bonds are authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal sum of an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000) as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

F. Boat Dock Signage

Carol Thompson, DDA Director was present to get City Council input on Boat Dock Signage and inform all that the dedication will take place on August 20th in addition to the Bridge Walk, Taste of Belleville, WWII Veteran ceremony.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 15-097 to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer
Approved: August 3, 2015
Published: August 6, 2015



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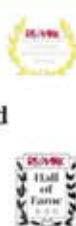
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