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## L&W employees overwhelmed with huge bonus checks

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Employees at L&W, Inc. report they received large bonus checks from former chairman of the board Wayne D. Jones on May 24, following the final closing of the L&W sale to Autokiniton Global Group.

L&W, a family owned business that does metal stamping for the auto industry, employed 3,200 at 23 facilities across Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas, according to *Crain's Detroit Business*.

All employees received checks, according to employees, and the amounts of the checks were based on the number of years they worked at L&W.

One employee said a long-term worker was overwhelmed when she got a check for \$70,000. A new employee, on the job for three weeks, also got a check.

The employee said the bonuses came out of Wayne Jones' pocket and represents hundreds of thousands of dollars or more.

Each check was accompanied by the following letter.

"To All L&W Group Associates: L&W Group is a strong company that was built with teamwork, integrity, productivity and a strong belief in business-inspired loyalty. However, while the company will continue, it is time for me to move on to the next phase of my life.

"Please accept this bonus as a thank you to each of you, from the associates who have been with me since basically the beginning to the ones who have been with us for a short period of time. I wish you and your families all the best.

"Best regards, Wayne Jones."

Former Metaldyne CEO George Thanopoulos partnered with New York private equity firm KPS Capital Partners LP to build a new auto supplier.

KPS created a new company, Autokiniton Global Group LP to acquire New Boston-based metal stamper L&W Inc. for an

undisclosed price, according to a news release.

Thanopoulos serves as Autokiniton's CEO and will become L&W executive chairman, while current president Scott Jones and management will remain in place.

An employee at L&W said Wayne Jones had considered 52 different firms before deciding on Autokiniton.

In a news release, Thanopoulos said, "L&W's greatest asset is its customer relationships established over decades. KPS and I look forward to working with L&W's president Scott Jones and the company's management team to build on the company's unique strengths with a new strategic vision, financial resources and exceptional credentials in the global automotive industry."

### Court Watching:

## Frazier takes plea deal, after 12 months, charge would be dismissed

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Trustee Sherry Frazier took a plea deal and the shoplifting charge against her will be dismissed after 12 months if there are no further charges.

Frazier was before 23rd District Court Judge Geno Salomone in Taylor on May 23 with her retained defense attorney Russell D. Donelson.

She pled no contest to the charge of second degree larceny, which occurred on Dec. 31 at Macy's. Donelson said the no-contest plea is because of possible civil liability.

The representative from Macy's told Judge Salomone she approved of the sentence.

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Independent photo by Bob Mytych

Mark Rosenthal of Animal Magic brought two outside shows to Sumpter Township Country Fest on a hot, sticky Memorial Day afternoon. Here, Rosenthal carries Seven the Sloth, one of his longtime guests at the exotic animal shows. Another favorite on Monday was Sherman the Armadillo. The Animal Magic headquarters is in Sumpter Township and Rosenthal is a favorite with local crowds. He has been named Entertainer of the Year by Nickelodeon.

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## Sumpter Township parade winners

The following entries won awards in Saturday's Sumpter Township Country Fest Parade:

### • Float:

1st place - Belleville Moose Lodge

### • Community Organization:

1st place - Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue

### • Children:

1st place - St. Anthony's Boy Scouts

2nd place - Wayne County Fair

### • Antique Vehicles:

1st place - Dave Merry

2nd place - Blues Brothers

### • Specialty Group:

1st place - Greco Choi Kwang-Do Martial Arts

2nd place - Animal Magic

• **Best in Show:** Greco Choi Kwang-Do Martial Arts

• **Best in Theme:** Wayne County Fair  
There were 42 entries in this year's parade. Kathy Godfrey was awards judge.

*Independent photos by Bob Mytych*



# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Supt. seeks to make everyone a Tiger

At Tuesday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, School Supt. Pete Kudlak ran an idea past the board. He said he wanted all the students from fifth grade to 12th grade to be Tigers with colors of orange and black. The board didn't object, so Supt. Kudlak set a meeting for parents at 7 p.m. June 7 at the central office building to discuss his plan.

He said damage to Owen Intermediate School's gym floor pushed him into action. It had to be sanded and redone and he thought this would be a good time to put an orange and black school logo in place. They won't redo McBride Middle School's gym floor for now, but when it's redone in the future, he would like to see the orange and black Tiger logo there, too.

Supt. Kudlak said when he was researching the district, before he even applied for the job of superintendent, he saw that Owen had a Tiger mascot, but the colors were blue and white. McBride had red and white as colors and had the Vikings as mascot. He said he didn't understand why.

Then he learned that in the past the two schools were rivals called North and South junior highs. But, since the school populations have been changed around they are no longer rivals and both schools can be Tigers with orange and black colors like the high school. There are details to consider, like the school signs and the shirt colors for the bands, but Kudlak said, "This is just to start the process."

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Those metal chairs were really hot on Monday after the 90-degree sunshine beat down on them for awhile. This was at the Memorial Day Service at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park.

After the first shock of sitting down, the chair cooled off the longer I sat on it. But then, the ceremony called for standing for the Pledge, the National Anthem, the flags and a few other things, so when we were out of our seats, they heated back up.

Grace Baptist Church was kind enough to loan the crowd the chairs for the Memorial Day service so we didn't have to stand and it's not their fault the sun broiled them.

A few people brought their own cloth-covered, foldup chairs and I thought that was a great idea. I'll do that next time, if I remember.

At the beginning of the ceremony Lt. Col. John Blackstone (ret) cautioned members of the crowd to let someone know if they weren't feeling well and they would be helped so they didn't have to be taken off in an ambulance. That was comforting.

No one announced feeling too hot, but all of us were. I figure if those we were honoring lived and died in sometimes terrible conditions, the least we can do is sit on a hot chair for an hour to honor them.

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At the Sumpter Fest parade on Saturday, there was a cool breeze and I sat under a tree in my cloth chair on the front lawn of the township hall, one of my favorite places to view the parade.

The Color Guard was by the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts that meet at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Those little guys with the flags just grab at my heart. I gave birth to three sons and guess I like little boys a lot.



Those were some of the scouts who also were the Color Guard at the Memorial Day ceremony in Belleville on Monday. Although the Memorial Day program said the Posting of the Colors would be by VFW Post 4434, PLAV Post 167, and the Van Buren Public Safety Honor Guard, it wasn't.

The Posting of the Colors was by one VFW member, one Scoutmaster, a Webelos, a couple of Boy Scouts, and some Cub Scouts. They did a great job with the flags. The last Cub Scout in the lineup carried a small American Flag in each hand and held them high in the air as he paraded. It was wonderful.

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The VFW and PLAV again boycotted the Sumpter Country Fest this year and didn't show up for anything. The veterans groups oppose Sumpter's link with the Honor and Remember group and the flying of its flag.

Sumpter flies that flag, but the City of Belleville and Van Buren Township don't. The state leader of the Honor and Remember group lives in Sumpter so that may have something to do with the whole situation.

The local VFW and PLAV have announced that the flag they fought and died under is the American Flag. They need no other flag.

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Michael Wright is the young man who lived in the woods behind the carwash on Sumpter Road. But his tent home burned down recently. He told me police said he burned it down himself. He had told them he was gone all that day and had run off some

kids from his homesite a few days earlier.

Michael, who grew up in Sumpter Township, lost both of his parents and his home, and had wrestled with drugs, says he is clean. He takes Buprenorphine (BUP) as part of his opioid addiction treatment. Michael got a toxicology screening and went to the library to run off copies. He gave me a copy of the report that shows he has no drugs in his system, except the BUP he takes. He insists he didn't burn down his home. He told me he's currently living with a friend.

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I was on my way to a Van Buren Township meeting recently when something flew up onto my windshield and made a small mark, almost like a raindrop. I had been driving in front of Huron Valley Steel on East Huron River Drive.

By the time I got out of my meeting that night, a big crack was wending its way across my windshield. That was weird. I got it fixed by a local glass company who did it in our parking lot while I worked in our offices.

It sure is disconcerting to try to drive with a crack in the middle of your windshield. I know it's illegal, so I got it fixed as fast as I could.

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## Letters

### Request from Sumpter is complete nonsense

To the editor,

In reading your Editorial in the 5/24/2018 edition, I'm to understand the Board of Trustees in Sumpter Township have sent an approved resolution to the federal office of the United States Post Office? And that letter has spent three pages (of which I have not read) asking that the identification of the 48111 zip code be restored to "Belleville, Michigan 48111?"

That is a letter to be taken seriously? The elected members of Sumpter Township are asking that their postal designation be changed to Belleville because they don't like being referred to as Van Buren? Am I the only one that sees the complete nonsense this is? How does that make any sense?

I've made my case before in your paper as to why I believe and agree with Clerk Wright in each community deserving their own designation. If Sumpter is having a problem with mailing, why not do just what Clerk Wright did in addressing their issues with our local post office and Secretary of State, in a formal, appropriate manner? I'm sure the elected officials in Sumpter have phones and email with which they could contact Clerk Wright for some input or assistance, should they need someone with experience in these matters.

I just can't believe the Sumpter Township officials would waste time on such measures, all in the name of "doing things the way we've always done them." It's so cliché I can barely describe it, but let's try and get a clue here. Contact the post office to clear up the mail issues, and get the necessary information from Secretary of State to get yourselves designated as Sumpter Township.

Charles Larocque  
 Van Buren Township

### Belleville Fire Auxiliary sets golf outing Aug. 5

To the editor:

The Belleville Fire Auxiliary is pleased to announce our Annual Golf Outing! This event will take place on Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Thornhill Golf Course in Carleton. Tickets will be \$90 per person and includes 18 holes, golf cart, lunch, steak dinner, three drink tickets. In addition, there will be raffles and prizes! ... We greatly appreciate your patronage at our past outings and look forward to your generosity this year, as well!

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Kimberly Keenmon, auxiliary president, at (734) 536-8881; or Susan McNally, vice president, at (734) 604-5333. You can also send an email to [fireaux@bellevillefd.com](mailto:fireaux@bellevillefd.com).

To order your golf tickets or to agree to a sponsorship, please contact Kimberly Keenmon, (734) 536-8881, and leave a message.

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### SCAM alert: Don't toss Rx bottle into dumpster

To the editor,

You asked for SCAM alerts. Enclosed is one I recently experienced.

Phone call to me: "Gloria Henry, you live in Belleville, Michigan. Your doctor is Vinton, M.D. This is ? ? Census to ask you of your opinions. For your/our identification, I need your SS#."

Ping! I remembered tossing my Rx bottles and CVS Rx bag into my smelly, greasy trash bag into my Belleville dumpster.

Please print for our tri-community's info.  
 Gloria E. Henry  
 Belleville

**Editor's Note:** She included an announcement clipped from a newspaper about a special free document shredding opportunity May 19 in Southfield to celebrate the Better Business Bureau's "Secure Your ID Day." The ad states: "According to the FTC's 2017 Consumer Sentinel Network, Michigan ranked No. 1 in the nation for reports of identity theft."

### Sen. Hopgood to give away bicycle helmets for 7th straight year

In partnership with the Taylor Conservatory Foundation and Programs to Educate All Cyclists (PEAC), Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, will host his seventh-annual Children's Bicycle Helmet Giveaway on Friday, June 15, beginning at noon at the Taylor Farmer's Market, 12111 Pardee Road.

Sen. Hopgood will be giving away bike helmets to children on a first-come, first-serve basis. The event will run from noon to 3 p.m. or until all the helmets are gone.

Members of PEAC will be on hand that day to fit the helmets to size for each child, therefore, children must be present to obtain their bike helmet for a proper fitting. All families in the Sixth Senate District and the Downriver area are invited to attend the event.

Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township are part of Michigan's Sixth Senate District.

For more information, call Sen. Hopgood's office at (517) 373-7800 or email [senhhopgood@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senhhopgood@senate.michigan.gov).

# Obituaries



James Arnold Kause



## JAMES ARNOLD KAUSE

(August 14, 1932 – May 23, 2018)

Age 85, of Belleville. Died peacefully at his residence with his family at his side on Wednesday morning, May 23, 2018.

James is the beloved husband of Eunice for fifty-eight wonderful years; loving father of James (Kristine) Kause of Chicago, Illinois, John (Kathryn) Kause of Bloomfield Hills and Jane (Mark) Cook of Milan. Mr. Kause is also the proud grandfather of Lauren, Andrew, Carolyn, John, Connor and Isabelle.

Born in Flint, Michigan on August 14, 1932 to Lloyd and Eloise Kause, James proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Following his military service, he went on to Michigan Technological University to complete his education with a degree in Civil Engineering. He retired from General Motors after forty-one years of service. James was an accomplished golfer and skier. He also enjoyed boating, hunting and fishing. Mostly, he enjoyed when his family would get together at his summer residence in Kewadin.

A memorial service with military honors rendered, will be held at 11 AM, Monday, June 4, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church of Belleville, 417 Charles St., Belleville.

The Kause family will greet guests from 10 AM until the time of the service at the church.

In lieu of customary tributes, memorial contributions may be directed to the Chad Tough Foundation.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).



## DELMAR LEE O'KELLEY

(January 25, 1926 – May 15, 2018)

Age 92, Sumpter Township. Survived by wife Darlene; 3 sons, Gary, Jeffrey, Larry; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sister Beatrice Curtis. May 18 service. Arrangements by Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel. [janowiakfuneralhome.com](http://janowiakfuneralhome.com)

## ALAN 'SKIP' SUMMER

(June 9, 1950 – May 27, 2018)

Mr. Alan Lee "Skip" Summer, age 67, life-long Belleville area resident, passed away peacefully Sunday, May 27, 2018 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born June 9, 1950 in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Emmett Lee & Erma Jean (Sutcliffe) Summer. Skip is survived by his loving wife Lori Dawn (Prill) Summer and a host of friends and colleagues from Belleville High School, where he taught and coached for 30+ years. Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. A Memorial Service is being planned at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, Belleville, MI, and will be announced soon.

## Frazier

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A \$500 fine was levied and she has 30 days to pay the fine.

Judge Salomone relied on the Taylor Police Department report for background and noted that Frazier has never been convicted of a crime.

A Taylor police report said at 3:21 p.m., Dec. 31, Frazier was held for retail fraud at Macy's Southland, 23000 Eureka Rd. The items taken had a total value of \$297.50 and included two scarves, two pairs of earrings, a planner, and a black shawl. All merchandise was recovered.

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees punished Trustee Frazier for the incident and for not reporting her arrest to Supervisor Kevin McNamara. In the same action, she also was punished for claiming she wrote an article on VBT, which she later said was a joke.

On a 4-2 vote on May 16, the VBT Board censured her and removed her from her appointed board liaison position on the Water and Sewer Commission.

## Upcoming Meetings

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

• Tuesday, June 5 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

• Thursday, June 7 – Informational meeting at 7 p.m. at Van Buren Township Board Room to discuss details of the upcoming McBride Road paving.

• Monday, June 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School. Also, at 7 p.m. an informational meeting will be held for members of the Denton Neighborhood at the Van Buren

Township Board Room to discuss the proposed rezoning of the Harold Smith Farm.

• Tuesday, June 12 -- Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, June 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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# Obituaries



Valerie Jean (Rohler) Robosson

## VALERIE JEAN ROBOSSON

Valerie Jean (Rohler) Robosson, 65 years old, resident of Cape Coral, Florida, formerly of Dundee, Michigan, was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan on June 25, 1952. She was raised in Belleville, Michigan by her loving parents George & Eva Rohler, who are deceased. She is also preceded by her biological father, Ralph "Guff" Guthrie and her youngest daughter, Tami Kay Robosson.

Valerie is survived by her beloved husband of over 33 years, Brian W. Robosson of Florida; her biological mother, Mary Guthrie of MI; 3 loving daughters, Angela McCune (Cary) of FL, Andrea Ezell of MI and Alysia Smith (Bud) of MI; 5 siblings, Judy Richards (Bob) of MI, Linda Smutz (Brad) of MI, Ralph Guthrie of FL, Mike Guthrie (Cathy) of FL and Tom Guthrie (Debbie) of FL; 5 wonderful grandchildren, Tony, Brandon, Danielle, Alexandra and Josiah; 2 amazing great-grandchildren, Nathan and Angel; as well as Bella, her beloved puppy dog. Valerie's spirit was peacefully released from her shell while listening to the Native American Flute and beach sounds, surrounded by her family, at her beautiful home on Saturday, May 19, 2018, from cancer.

During her childhood, she enjoyed swimming, boating, digging foxholes pretending she was a soldier and beating up boys. In 1970, Valerie graduated from Belleville High School. Although she wanted to join the military, she chose to help the wounded by becoming a nurse. Her contagious smile made you feel loved, comforted and healed your hurt.

Valerie recently retired after 44 years of nursing. Although she loved her job and the wonderful long-lasting friendships she made along the way, she decided that it would be better with her face in the sun and her toes in the sand.

Val enjoyed reading, traveling, swimming, soaking up the sun and spending time with her family. She was the happiest when she had her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren around her. The more noise and laughter, the better! Whether it was family vacations (Disney, HHI, Vegas, Hawaii), mini trips (Mackinac Island, Lake Huron, Green Lake), day trips to

Wamplers Lake, going to get an ice cream, nails done, shop or just a ride in the car...she would find any way to spend time with her family!!! When her children were younger, Valerie was an AWANA Leader and was very involved with her church in Belleville. She was a born-again Christian who found her path to God by following the Red Road (Native American Way).

The family would like to invite you to gather, eat and drink, in remembrance, on Sunday, June 3, 2018 from 1pm-5pm located at 43304 Judd Rd., Belleville, MI.

Val wanted everyone to remember her life by celebrating it instead of mourning it. The *Celebration of Life* will be held on Friday, August 17, 2018, from 12pm-9pm, located at the pavilion, inside the Walter J. Hayes State Park, 1220 Wamplers Lake Rd., Onsted, MI. 49265 (State Park entrance fee required.) Join us for a fun-filled celebration at Val's favorite all-sports lake, Wamplers Lake. Food, water and pop will be provided. Val will *Swim free*, along with our *Messages to Heaven*, towards the evening. Be sure to bring your stories, photos, bathing suits and smiles, for this **IS** a celebration of Val's life! Valerie was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, amaw and friend. She held in high regard her beliefs and values for her God, Country, work and family. A true warrior who was beautiful, smart, wise, strong, loving, stubborn, trustworthy, giving, compassionate, honest, supportive, loyal, caring, comforting, truthful, patriotic, selfless, family oriented, fair, amazingly awesome and everybody's Best Friend!!!! She made everyone feel like you were her favorite. You were...her favorite "YOU".

Because of Val's love for others, the family is requesting that donations be made in her memory to cervical cancer research in lieu of cards, flowers, etc. Prevention and early detection is the key. In addition, they would like to thank everyone for all of your continued prayers, love and support. Friends are invited to send condolences via the online guestbook which can be found at: [www.mullinsmemorial.com](http://www.mullinsmemorial.com).

"The journey of a million miles starts with one step." -Valerie J. Robosson

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The Wayne County Fairgrounds is holding Kick Off to Summer, starting today and running through Sunday at the fairgrounds on Quirk Road just north of the service drive. Carnival rides for a \$5 wristband will run tomorrow from 10 a.m. to close, along with a 5K Color Run starting at 6:30 p.m. with a \$25 admission. On Saturday, ATV Events & Power Wheels will get underway at the track at 3 p.m. (\$10 admission), followed by a Figure 8 & Compact FWD Bone Stock Demo Derby at 7 p.m. (\$10 admission). Also Saturday morning will feature a cornhole tournament, starting at 9 a.m. in two categories: Social and Competitive. See their insert in today's paper and call (734) 697-7002.

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

## Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, May 31** – Wayne County Fairgrounds Kick Off to Summer begins with carnival rides from 10 a.m. to close. \$5 wristband rides.

• **Friday, June 1** – Wayne County Fairgrounds Friday Night 5K Color Run starts at 6:30 p.m. Music. \$25 admission fee.

• **Friday, June 1** – Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation and Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce are holding a bowling fund raiser at Lodge Lanes, 46255 S. I-94 Service Dr., Belleville. \$20 per person. Registration starts at 7 p.m., bowling starts at 8 p.m. Information: (734) 697-7151.

• **Saturday, June 2** – Big Sisters in Nursing invite you to the first-annual Men's Health & Wellness Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kutz Hair Studio, 264 E. Columbia Ave., Belleville, (734) 828-8278. Free screenings and packets.

• **Saturday, June 2** – Wayne County Fairgrounds Kick Off to Summer: Cornhole Tournament, social and competitive, 9 a.m.

Also, Track Event: ATV Events and Power Wheels, 3 p.m. \$10 admission fee. Also, Figure 8 and Compact FWD Bone Stock Demo Derby, 7 p.m. Admission fee: \$10 (\$15 if you attend both events).

• **Sunday, June 3** – Free Sunday Music, 2-5 p.m., at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Music today by Jay Frandsen. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, June 4** – Farmer's Market in the Fourth Street Square, 4-7:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, June 5** – Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Special Tree

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• **Tuesday, June 5** -- Identity Theft presentation by the Michigan Attorney General's office at 11 a.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township.

• **Thursday, June 7** – Red Cross Blood Drive, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Romulus High School, 9650 Wayne Rd., Romulus.

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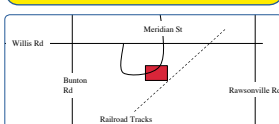
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# VBT Board censures Frazier, passes new meeting conduct policy

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

On a 4-2 vote at the end of its May 16 meeting, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees censured Trustee Sherry Frazier and removed her from her board liaison position on the Water and Sewer Commission.

Voting for the censure were Trustee Reggie Miller, Treasurer Sherry Budd, Clerk Leon Wright, and Supervisor Kevin McNamara. Voting no were Trustees Kevin Martin and Paul White. Frazier was not allowed to vote.

Earlier in the meeting, Trustee White tried to get the censure resolution removed from the agenda, but he had no support.

"She is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law," White said, adding Frazier has been treated badly by the board and harsh words have been used against her. He said he talked with the Director of Water and Sewer James Taylor and he said Frazier was doing an excellent job on the commission. This would be a loss for the township to remove her, White said.

When the item came up for a vote at the end of the agenda, White said Trustee Frazier speaks out and speaks her mind and that's why the board doesn't like her. He said he wouldn't be surprised if they tried to censure him for the same reason.

White said that the previous evening at 9 p.m., he received Draft #8 of the proposed Meeting Conduct Policy from Supervisor McNamara's assistant Dan Selman.

"It's not correct to have him working like that," White said, noting that was 9 p.m. and Selman had to be back at work at 7:30 a.m. If he was in a union they wouldn't let him work like that, White said.

"Seems like we're always in a hurry and I'm a little bit upset about this," White said, referring to both the meeting policy and the censure.

"This is exactly how we rush things to get them done," White said.

"I did everything I was supposed to," Frazier said of her New Year's Eve shoplifting charge. "I apologized." She

said, adding the board has been vindictive and petty.

"It's difficult to sit next to Ms. Miller and Treasurer Budd," Frazier said. "Miss Miller could not stand to sit next to me at the last meeting."

She said the board dragged her through the mud for three hours at that meeting and she believes the community has not had an overwhelming concern.

"I'm a Christian. I believe God has forgiven me," she said. "I'm going to rise above this... It is not going to define my life."

"I'm sorry for the turmoil," Frazier continued, adding that she didn't attend the recent Michigan Township Association convention because she didn't want Supervisor McNamara to be embarrassed.

"I will continue to be here unless I'm recalled," Frazier said.

Trustee Miller said she asked to have her seat moved at the last meeting because she didn't wish to get in the way of Frazier's arms when she gestured.

"When you get worked up, you raise your voice," Miller said, noting she is having ear trouble which makes it difficult to hear. She said sitting across the table she could see Frazier directly and "read your face."

"You said 'I don't want to sit next to you,'" Frazier said.

"I didn't say that," Miller replied.

Miller said Frazier did not shove Clerk Wright [as he claimed], but the other charges are not OK and the only thing the board can do is remove her from the Water and Sewer Commission. Miller said Frazier could still attend those meetings, but couldn't sit on the commission.

Trustee Martin said he is not in favor of her removal from the Water and Sewer Commission and so he will vote no.

"I think she has been humiliated enough and I hope we can go forward and become a better board," Martin said.

Clerk Wright said it is his job to dismiss an employee for what they've done and so they can't condone this on the board.

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He said the board has to lead by example. He said they just terminated an employee for making a false statement and a month ago terminated a police officer for making a false statement. He said they can't just ignore Frazier's situation.

Treasurer Budd said this is one of the most hurtful things to do, to censure a fellow board member, but, "We didn't tell her to do what she did. I hope we can learn to trust her again."

Supervisor McNamara said Frazier didn't take personal responsibility and dragged the community through the mud for four weeks and then finally, "Did it."

"You were abysmal," McNamara said to Frazier. "It's like you liked the attention and that's really made me worry."

White said Frazier has endured a whole lot of public embarrassment, but he will reserve judgment until after her day in court.

Miller said she reached out to Frazier to take a leave of absence to get her affairs in order, but she didn't.

Frazier said when she saw Miller in court she thanked Miller for her support and Miller replied, "I'm just doing my job."

The vote to censure Frazier passed 4-2, with Martin and White voting no.

The three reasons for the censure were that she was in violation of the Township Ethics Policy by engaging in conduct on Dec. 31 that led to her being charged with retail fraud in the City of Taylor, failing to notify the supervisor about what happened, and "repeatedly and dishonestly" taking credit at the March 6 board meeting for the creation and placement of an article in a Michigan Township Association magazine, which she later said was a "bad joke."

After the vote there was turmoil around the board table, with Wright and White clashing over Wright's use of the township credit card and whether it was a two-year felony, the reason for a surplus in last year's budget, and other items.

Budd made a motion to adjourn in the middle of the arguing, saying, "We've had enough," and the meeting adjourned.

In other business at the May 16 meeting, the board:

- Heard Supervisor McNamara announce that May was Honor and Remember month. He introduced Leroy Paige of Sumpter who explained VBT joins Sumpter Township and the City of Perry in naming May as Honor and Remember month. After Paige explained the organization, members of the board read names of deceased tri-community residents who had served in the military;

- Approved an amended Board of Trustees Meeting Conduct Policy on a 6-1 vote, with Trustee Paul White voting no. The policy will go into force at the next meeting;

- Approved the second and final reading of an amendment to a zoning ordinance to modify certain accessory building regulations;

- Approved purchase of Avaya IP Office Server Edition VOIP Phone System from Suntel Services at a cost of \$97,602.44, plus 6% (\$5,856) for unexpected cost or labor. Suntel was the lowest of three bids;

- Approved the Bus Transportation Agreement between VBT and Van Buren Public Schools for the summer camp program. Next year the agreement will be changed to say either side can pull out with 30 days notice, instead of the 10 days now specified;

- Approved the contract with Zambelli Fire Works for the 2018 fireworks show at a cost of \$10,000. The fireworks are set for dusk on June 30 at Beck Ball Fields with a rain date of July 1. Supervisor McNamara said he will be seeking donations from corporate businesses for overtime wages for police and fire personnel. At the work/study session McNamara said he hadn't started soliciting yet because he was "embarrassed" because the usual corporate sponsors are Waste Management, which the township got a lot of money from this year; L&W, which just got sold; and US Ecology, which may furnish money for the lake house he is planning on the DNR property. Later, he told the *Independent* that he will get the extra money;

- Approved purchase of the Dell R440 Servers and Storage Rack to replace the current six-year-old service at a cost of \$19,043.36;

- Approved appointment of Gerald McKelvey to the Water and Sewer Commission with a term to expire June 1, 2019. He is filling the unexpired term of Dr. Gerald Graf, who retired from the commission after many years of service;

- Approved the appointment of Amos Grissett as a full member of the Board of Zoning Appeals with a term to expire Dec. 1, 2020;

- Approved the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Patrol and Dispatch contract. When Trustee Frazier asked for the provisions, McNamara said they will be getting 2% raise per year for four years, a total of 8%. He said they will no

longer have to wear ties, but have to wear their hats and new jackets that offer more support; and

- At the request of Trustee White, received a report from Matthew Best, on the results of last year's algae bloom study of Belleville Lake put on by about six universities -- staff and students -- with the help of local volunteers. Best said Belleville Lake was well below levels set by the World Health Organization and federal government for the dangerous algae. "Our lake is a normal healthy lake that sometimes gets an algae bloom," Best said. He said anyone who wants to volunteer to help with this year's study, may call the Developmental Services Department at (734) 699-8913.

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## Court Watching:

## Victor Jefferson fails to show up for VBT larceny charge

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
*Independent Editor*

Victor Jefferson, 59, failed to show up at 34th District Court for his preliminary exam on a charge of larceny between \$1,000 and \$20,000 (attempt to conspire/solicit) in Van Buren Township on March 11.

34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green put out a bench warrant for his arrest when he didn't show up.

His court-appointed attorney said he had called Jefferson's number and a woman said he just called her from court and he was there. But, he wasn't.

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## Metro Park Party Store seeks approval for 4-pump gas station

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Metro Park Party Store, at the southwest corner of Haggerty and East Huron River Drive in Van Buren Township, wants to put four gas pumps in its strip mall parking lot.

At the May 23 meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission, Ron Akers explained how the applicant is requesting review and comment on the need for front yard and rear yard setback variances for the project at 41001 E. Huron River Drive.

A front yard variance of 19' is being sought (75' required, 56' proposed) and rear yard variance of 9' being sought (25' required, 16' proposed).

The project was due to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals at its 7 p.m., June 12 meeting, but comments from the planning commission are required and so the planners did their best to comment without having a site plan before them.

"We would like it to go forward," said Planning Commission chairwoman Carol Thompson. "We do not have a site plan to decide on and our decision will be based on the BZA decision. Variance is the key to if we can look at the site plan."

She said key pieces of information are missing.

Owner Timothy Shammass, who just got out of the hospital, was present to give information on the project. He said they have reduced the size of the canopy and it is now at 60 feet. Two pumps would allow them to build without a variance, but, he said, no bank will give a loan for two pumps because of resale value. He said they tried three pumps, but that didn't work.

The strip mall received a 10' rear yard variance from the VBT BZA in 1987 before it was built.

Andy Shina said they are enhancing the site with new sidewalks along Haggerty and E. Huron River Drive, landscaping, monument sign and bench, LED gas price sign, and a new approach for truck circulation.

They asked for the commission's blessing on the setback.

After discussion, the planning commission sent the project on to the BZA.

In other business at the May 23 meeting, the planning commission:

- Approved a site plan amendment for Gilbert Homes to construct three additional elevations for their ten lots in Townsend

Park/Victoria Park subdivision, located on the northeast corner of Ecorse and Morton Taylor roads;

- Approved a site plan amendment for Gilbert Homes to construct one additional elevation in their eight lots in Arlene Arbors subdivision, on the south side of Savage Road, just east of the City of Belleville city limits;

- Approved temporary land use approval for Angry Tiger Fireworks from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., June 20 to July 7, to sell fireworks from a tent at 41001 E. Huron River Dr., the southwest corner of Haggerty Road and E. Huron River Drive, at Metro Park Party Store;

- Approved going out with a Master Plan Citizen Survey to find out what the citizens want in their township. It will be available online and in paper format available at the township hall; and

- Heard Akers say their intern Chris Madigan left the township last month and two new interns are coming in, one for the planning department and one for the Downtown Development Authority.

### Correction:

### Toni Clark is running for Sumpter Twp. Clerk

In the May 17 edition of the *Independent*, we wrote about Toni Clark's complaint to the Wayne County Election Commission about magnetic signs in the clerk's office. We said Clark is running for trustee in the August primary. That was a mistake. She is running for clerk. Our apologies.

Rosemary Otzman, editor

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# VBT DDA approves paying \$25,000 for Aerotropolis dues

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

After a presentation by Director Rob Luce May 22 on everything Detroit Region Aerotropolis is doing to promote development in the region, and Van Buren Township in particular, the VBT Downtown Development Authority voted unanimously to approve paying the \$25,000 dues for 2018.

The DDA previously had delayed payment of the Aerotropolis dues for VBT. Members wanted to be convinced the money was well-spent.

Luce said some of the DDA members were at the annual meeting in March when he reported from a business development standpoint, there were 51 projects and at the end of 2017, three were started.

He said now there are 28 proposed projects, with 14 in VBT.

He said Aerotropolis is more active in the marketplace this year and attended 15 trade show conferences. They went to Beijing for an auto show and found a business that needed 50,000 square feet of space and two sites were proposed in VBT -- Grace Lake Corporate Center and the old GE building on Ecorse/Haggerty.

He said his colleague Marco Salomone was in Texas for an event which is like speed dating, where you sit down with a dedicated, brief interview with a company. He said Marco was also in Savannah for the National Association of Corporate Real Estate Executives.

He said 60% of the Aerotropolis budget is being spent on marketing business developments.

He said they have an announcement for VBT in the near future of a transformative project with a lot of jobs, assuming it closes. Luce said it's a case study on how Aerotropolis and municipal partners work together.

He told of helping with bringing in Amazon and Penske, but none in VBT.

Luce said Aerotropolis has joined forces with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which made a three-year financial commitment and joined the Aerotropolis board of directors.

They have the first private sector investor and the Aerotropolis mandate is to get three private sector investors a year for the next three years.

The payment of dues will finalize the amendment to the interlocal agreement with only one left to agree. On June 5,

Taylor is expected to vote on that.

"This allows the local government to be more engaged," he said.

Luce said the Aerotropolis website has an ID of every parcel in the district of 25 acres and above and the infrastructure. He said they are marketing them on the webpage and it's interactive and can be downloaded. He said there are six or seven VBT sites on that website.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara, who sits on the DDA, said VBT has lost its taste for providing infrastructure, after the Visteon deal.

Luce said they were close to a deal on the 440 acres, but the wetland issue killed it.

In other business at its May 22 meeting, the DDA:

- Was advised by their bond counsel Thomas Colis of Miller Canfield that the pedestrian overpass bonds will be at their June meeting to authorize, in the market by July, with a negotiated sale at the end of July and funds in the DDA's hands by the end of July. The estimated yield is 3.25% interest. The reimbursement from the bonds is not to exceed \$2 million;

- Approved hiring an intern to resurvey all the businesses, look at a to-do list for the next five years, and document files at a cost of \$12 per hour for 20 hours a week at a total of \$13,435 a year including FICA;

- Officially approved the Placemaking Project for a guaranteed maximum cost of \$2,829,594, which includes \$1,479,714 for site development and \$1,349,880 for buildings. DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland said they first have to tear down the houses on the site and change the plans, going back to the county for a drainage plan. They will have to use a vortex system or the whole parcel would be full of drainage ponds;

- Removed from the agenda a closed-door session for the purpose of real estate purchase consideration;

- Heard Ireland report Belleville Road LED streetlight conversion is expected to start May 20 with anticipated conversion in mid June. The contractor has begun priming the poles so they can be painted once the LED conversion is complete. Also, a light pole was knocked down near McDonald's. She got the police report and will be filing an insurance claim;

- Learned the DDA has received \$46,485 from Speedway for the right-of-way acquisition and that issue is wrapped up;

- Learned the DDA has been informed by

Wilcox Brothers that the irrigation system solar panel at Ecorse Road and Belleville Road is not holding a charge. "It doesn't work," Ireland said. She said a work order has been opened with DTE to explore installation of 110 service at the panel. She said in the past DTE said they couldn't connect, but now they have a work order. She said the solar panel is two years old and they would have to replace one solar panel; and

- Heard a report from Assistant Director Lisa Lothringer on a lengthy list of promotions for the DDA and township.

She said the site for the Public Safety Day is still being worked out by Director Greg Laurain.

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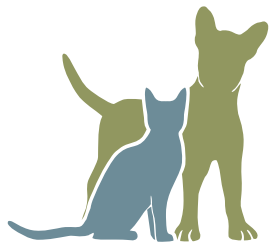
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# Sumpter Township board meeting turns rowdy as election nears

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

There was arguing and shouting and gavel-hammering and even the township supervisor directing the police chief to remove from the meeting a trustee sitting at the board table.

This was the regular May 22 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees. The regular meetings are usually around a

half-hour long. This regular meeting was two-hours long.

This is the beginning of the election season for the August primary and 15 people are running for three offices.

Disputes started when Treasurer Peggy Morgan asked the board to approve a change in future agendas that would put a place for the financial director to comment on whether expenditures are in the budget



At its regular meeting on May 22, Joseph Henry Hogan was hired as a full time police officer by the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees. Officer Hogan served in the Sumpter department part time in 2008-09 and then went to the Eastern Michigan University Police Department full time. He is coming back to Sumpter from EMU. He is shown with Sumpter Public Safety Director/Chief Eric Luke who is sporting his department's new summer uniform, ready just in time for Sumpter Fest patrol.

or not.

"He'll say he's reviewed the expenditure and say it's in the budget or not," Treasurer Morgan explained.

She thanked Clerk Esther Hurst for putting a place for him on the requests for agenda items, but she wanted him to have a place on the agenda so the public would know if items were in the budget or not.

She made a motion to have Financial Director Scott Holtz on the agenda and that was seconded by Trustee Sheena Barnes. The motion failed on a 5-2 vote with no votes from Supervisor Morgan, Clerk Hurst, and Trustees LaPorte, Oddy, and Swinson.

Then that night's proposed agenda was approved.

"Why can't the treasurer ask a question about finances?" asked Andre Watson. "It's not open to the public. What could it hurt? What's wrong if it's expressed again?"

Trustee Matthew Oddy said if the financial director was on the agenda that would mean he would have to be here. He

said the director is approving by signing off on the agenda item in the board packet.

Watson said he didn't understand why they are not allowed to tell the public something it doesn't know.

Township attorney Rob Young said the budgetary matters start and end with the supervisor. Young said the financial director is hired by the township for recommendations.

Watson said he was surprised that so much energy was put into keeping the public from knowing something.

"The financial director has no authority," Young insisted. He said the board could have him write a report. Young said, "We have a very working budget ... updated regularly."

"This is about the citizens," Watson said, "and we're asking for information. I don't know why the attorney is getting so worked up about it."

Trustee Don LaPorte said the residents

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aren't getting slighted about that at all. He questioned whether Holtz would be present to answer questions.

Watson suggested they let Treasurer Morgan struggle with the information if the financial director isn't present.

"When you go at her ... this much energy exerted against this?" Watson said.

"Nothing is hidden," Trustee LaPorte insisted.

Treasurer Morgan said LaPorte is saying that if the financial director comes to every meeting, but he could have said it another way.

Trustee Matthew Oddy joined the fray, accusing Treasurer Morgan of saying no when LaPorte asked if she wanted the financial director to come to the meeting.

"Do I want the director here?" Treasurer Morgan asked. "That was not a suggestion."

Mary Herring suggested that when you have items on expenditures, Supervisor John Morgan could say, "It is in the budget. Could say it's safe. It's OK. Just a simple statement. No big deal."

Supervisor Morgan said he could do that and urged the public not to criticize the procedure.

"We have to go on with the meeting," Supervisor Morgan said. "We can't spend all night on this issue."

After the business items were completed, Trustee Sheena Barnes asked if the Comcast cablecast of the township meetings is back up and running. She said if people don't read the *Independent* they wouldn't know what's going on in their township.

Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis said the new system wouldn't be up for some time to come.

Trustee Barnes said she went to Lansing on May 17 to address complaints about power outages in Sumpter. She said she set up an email address for those who have suffered from power outages. She wants residents to email their complaints, saying how many days they were without power and list their losses, including food, when DTE or Consumer Power failed to provide power.

"Flood me with complaints," she urged. Her email is black119@gmail.com.

Treasurer Morgan asked why mail dated May 10 was just being given to her on May 22.

Supervisor Morgan said a representative from the organization came out and talked to him and his deputy. They want to set up here in Sumpter Township and originally were scheduled to come and meet with the board, Supervisor Morgan said. They will be at the next meeting, Supervisor Morgan said.

Trustee Barnes said she talked to Mrs. Miller with the SOS Program which she wants to bring to Sumpter Township. She said she would call Trustee Barnes as soon as she sent the letter to Sumpter. Trustee Barnes said she got a message on May 11 saying Miller left literature at the township and Barnes didn't get it until that evening's meeting.

"Hopefully, we can bring this service to Sumpter Township," Barnes said, adding she was told Mary Herring supported it.

Deputy Supervisor Armatis said the information was given to all the board members at the same time, not one at a time. She said they have to consider charging rent and if a room is vacant at the community center.

"She brought this May 10 and I'm just getting it?" Barnes asked.

"She brought it to the supervisor's office," Deputy Armatis replied.

"I got it today, the 22nd," Barnes said. "I just want to receive my mail..."

"This is a one-sided board. The wind don't blow the same way," she stormed.

"It should have been stamped by the clerk as received and put in my box," she said.

When open-floor comments started, Tim Rush said he could have helped the township a lot with its MMFLA decision. He said he is a security consultant.

"We tried to secure these facilities," he said referring to marijuana sites. "Now we won't touch them with a 10-foot pole." He said Ken Bednark's report to the committee was excellent. He thanked the board members who voted to opt out.

Trustee Barnes asked him to give her the places he had secured, but Rush said he couldn't give out the addresses of private businesses but he could give her the names of police chiefs in those communities.

Trustee Barnes said she was chairman of one of the committees on the MMFLA study group. She said she was inspired to become a medical marijuana grower by Supervisor John Morgan after she amputated a part of her thumb. She said Morgan told her it was a way to earn income.

"I'm done biting my tongue," Barnes said. "I'm done keeping my mouth shut. I'm speaking the truth. If Mr. Morgan says I'm lying ..." She urged him to prove it.

"I took the brow-beating and was ostracized, like I'm the one who invented marijuana," she said of her treatment for supporting the new MMFLA law.

Ken Bednark then sprang to his feet in the audience.

"I'm tired of you and her blasting me," he said referring to Trustee Barnes and Treasurer Morgan. "I represented the community... The township acted on it."

"My voice is all I have for the people,"

Barnes said. "My vote is worth nothing."

"Take that woman out of here!" Supervisor Morgan said to Police Chief Eric Luke.

Barnes stood at her place at the board table and said she would leave, but she would be back because she's an official member of the board.

"This board is corrupt," Barnes said. "You got people buying property. It's corrupt." She referred to Trustee Oddy's purchase of a tax reverted parcel under a company name.

She sat back down and the meeting continued.

Changing the subject, Mary Ban got up to thank two police officers who came to help her when she thought her husband was missing. He had gone to visit a friend

in Maybee and left his cell phone under the seat in his truck.

She complimented the board for passing the resolution on the change to the 48111 postal service. She said she had been to Van Buren Township, which instigated the change, many, many times and made many phone calls to them.

"We have not been respected as citizens," she said.

Ban also referred to the 160-page report on the Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado shared with her by attorney Young. She said children from 0-5 years old were hurt by edible marijuana and crime is up 2000%, "off the charts."

She said children and young people are

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“so impacted.” Ban said she has called the governor’s office and state representatives and senators to warn them about recreational marijuana.

She said someone has to tell the legislature to read and educate themselves “instead of sitting around like a bunch of dumbbells.” She said the Colorado Rocky

Mountain High report is available at [www.RMHIDTA.org](http://www.RMHIDTA.org).

Trustee Oddy then said, “I want to say I am offended a board member is accusing us of being corrupt ... This is not a one-sided board.”

“We both agree to disagree,” Barnes replied.

When Jay Bardell got up to speak, Supervisor Morgan accused him of disrupting the meeting all night.

Bardell said a certain department employee uses a township vehicle to go to a second job. He said the man works at Ace Hardware and he has pictures. Supervisor Morgan said to bring them in to him.

Treasurer Morgan said if he sees the water truck at Ace Hardware it could be because the township buys some of its things at the hardware.

“He’s got a red vest on and working behind the counter at Ace Hardware and the township truck is parked outside,” Bardell said.

Lydia Graber maneuvered her motorized chair to the lectern and asked for help to get the microphone. Trustee Oddy left the board table and handed her the microphone.

Graber apologized for speaking with Bardell during the meeting.

“I shouldn’t have talked,” she said, asking, “Shouldn’t the same rule apply to your employees?” She pointed back to Deputy Armatis and others in the back of the room.

She asked if there is anywhere to get oxygen during a power outage. She said their generator ceased during the last outage which lasted three days and she had to go to the hospital. Trustee LaPorte said in the past the fire department has been able to leave a container of oxygen in an emergency.

Graber thanked the township for finally putting in the ADA accessible door. “Only took two years,” she said of her prodding.

Now she would like the township to comply with the ADA on counter height. She said ADA went into effect in 1990.

“For 25 bucks you could lower one of the counters,” she said.

“I’m in favor of medical marijuana,” Graber said. “A lot of my friends use it for their conditions. I’m considering it myself. How many have died from over use of marijuana?” she asked.

Adrian Slaughter got up to ask Supervisor Morgan and attorney Young about the 12 properties put up for sealed bid by the township. She asked if the sale was limited to township residents, if elected officials could participate in the bidding, and how long the newly purchased property needed to be held before being sold again on the open market. She also said she didn’t see a for-sale sign on the parcel that was behind her property.

Young replied that the bidding was open to everybody without restriction, it’s legal for elected officials to bid, and once the bid is awarded there is no restriction on the further sale of the property. He also said all the parcels for sale were identified with signs.

Deputy Supervisor Armatis said, “Every single property had a sign,” suggesting some may have been stolen. She said she put every sign up herself.

“I’m not here to argue with you,” Slaughter said, adding there was no sign

on the property behind her. She asked what to do about identifying property in the future and Supervisor Morgan said to call his office to talk to him or his deputy. Slaughter said if she calls his office she wants to talk to him and he said she can talk to him.

Graber called out, “We’re getting yelled at when they won’t shut up,” after Armatis came forward several times when Slaughter was voicing her concerns.

Slaughter also asked about the property holding the old motel and whether it was purchased recently to be made into residences for homeless vets. Supervisor Morgan said that had been a plan in the past but it fell through.

Trustee Oddy said a good site to use is Wayne County’s Plat map which is available on line. He said you can see everything in Sumpter Township and all the parcels.

Sharon Pokerwinski said, on behalf of Parks and Recreation, they see there are 15 people running for office and they don’t want Sumpter Fest to be a political fest.

She also said for 12 years she has been doing insurance for Sumpter Fest and paying \$2,000 a year. This year it has been determined that is not necessary and they will be able to save \$2,000. She said, “\$2,000 for 12 years is terrible.”

Toni Clark said she wasn’t there to argue, but wanted to correct an error in the *Independent*. She said she is running for clerk, not trustee.

Clark also said she wrote a resolution to honor Atomic Veterans and the state accepted it for one year. They are now working to get it permanent in the state and also nationally.

A man who did not identify himself told the board of his problem with parking his camper on the vacant property he bought three years ago and plans to build on. This was discussed at length.

In other business at the May 22 meeting, the board:

- Although it was not on the agenda, unanimously approved a draft resolution on changes at the post office, as presented by township attorney Rob Young as part of his attorney’s report. The board approved it separate from approving the rest of Young’s report;

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### Clarification:

### Kelli Kubrak wasn't fired, she resigned

On page 8 in the May 17 edition of the *Independent*, we wrote that the board "... approved the termination of Kelli Kubrak, a McBride Middle School teacher who is relocating after three years of service, as of June 30 ..."

Her name was listed with Terminations from the Human Resource office because her employment was officially terminated. She thinks it sounds like she was fired and she wasn't.

This is to say her employment was terminated, as requested, and she was not fired.

Rosemary K. Oztzman, editor

"Don't gamble! Take all your savings and buy some good stock and hold it 'till it goes up, then sell it. If it don't go up, don't buy it."

– Will Rogers

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# Sumpter Twp.

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• Approved hiring CRG Electric to install a new electric panel/additional circuits into the Fire Station 1 generator at a cost of \$2,570. Chief Eric Luke said he had reached out to five area electricians / companies for a quote and CRG was the only company to fulfill the request. Chief Luke said currently the generator is only wired to power 20% of the fire hall, "which obviously creates a huge issue should our area experience a power outage during which fire personnel activity is required within the building..." A note from the township Financial Director Scott Holtz said this is not budgeted;

• Approved purchase of ten pagers for the Fire Department from Herkimer Radio Service at a cost of \$3,655 to replace current pagers that are 20 years old. There are six more to replace. Herkimer's price quote was the lowest of four;

• Approved the resignations of probationary fire fighters Brad Hollister and Kobe Gary;

• Removed from the agenda, without comment, the retirement of Maryann Watson from the fire department after 20 years of service, with regrets. Watson had written on April 30: "It is with great regret and personal conflict that I tender my retirement as a Sumpter Township fire fighter effective on May 1, 2018. My desire was to serve the community to a full 20 years. But the current climate in the township fire department makes this decision a little easier and has ultimately solidified my decision to tender this letter. I thank the Township Board for all the support you have given me in all my work in the community. I will continue serving the township, just not in a firefighter role." When the *Independent* asked why the item was not on the agenda, Clerk Hurst said Watson decided not to resign;

• Approved hiring Joseph Henry Hogan as a full-time police officer, contingent upon him successfully passing a physical in addition to psychological and drug testing;

• Approved the closure of Sumpter Road from Judd Road to Dunn Road on May 26 from 11:30 a.m. until the end of the parade for the Sumpter Country Fest parade;

• Heard Treasurer Peggy Morgan report that they are working to get a ATM at the township; and

• Heard Trustee Oddy report that the planning commission is working on a Capital Improvement Plan that looks forward six years and is a supplement to the Master Plan, which is yet to be completed. The Capital Improvement Plan, which Sumpter doesn't have, is required by state law.

## Township of Sumpter Resolution 2018-09

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CORRECTING THE RECENT UNAUTHORIZED MODIFICATION TO THE WELL ESTABLISHED IDENTIFICATION OF THE BELLEVILLE POST OFFICE THAT HAS EXISTED FOR THE RESIDENTS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP IN EXCESS OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS

WHEREAS, the Township of Sumpter ("Sumpter") was established by the State of Michigan in 1840; and

WHEREAS, in 1874, a United States Post Office branch was located in Sumpter Township where it continued to exist for twenty eight (28) years and serviced its citizens on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 1902, the Sumpter Township Post Office was closed and postal service consolidated as a rural free delivery zone in Belleville, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, since February 28, 1902, the Belleville Post office has continued to provide uninterrupted postal service to the citizens of Sumpter Township along with the City of Belleville and Township of Van Buren (collectively the "Belleville Post Office Service Area"); and

WHEREAS, this service was provided by the Belleville Post Office while facing an increase in population, regulatory requirements, and regarding other changes in service area needs; and

WHEREAS, the Belleville Post Office is essential to the successful operation of Sumpter Township government including but not limited to, providing public safety services, disseminating public information and notifications, conducting elections and public hearings, and offering other essential communication needs to the community; and

WHEREAS, since 1960, the Belleville Post Office Service Area was identified by using a

zip code number of 48111; and

WHEREAS, since 1960, the Belleville Post Office has identified all mailing locations within the Belleville Post Office Service Area, including all residential, business and governmental buildings, as being located in Belleville, Michigan 48111 ("Identification"); and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the growth in each community, the Identification established by the United States Postal Service in 1960 has resulted in exemplary service for the citizens and businesses located within the Belleville Post Office Service Area and specifically as to Sumpter Township; and

WHEREAS, for some unknown, unauthorized and unexplained reason, the United States Postal Service recently altered the Identification for the Belleville Post Office Service Area, and now identifies the service area as Van Buren, Michigan 48111; and

WHEREAS, based upon a November 27, 2015 study issued by Edward F. Phelan, Jr., Vice President of Delivery Operations ("Report"), the United States Postal Service establishes new zip codes or adjusts zip code boundaries on July 1st of each year and nothing in the report indicates authority or precedent to change the identification of a city, township or county without a corresponding change in the zip code; and

WHEREAS, the Report further indicates that all changes in zip code matters are preceded by a preliminary evaluation and analysis, discussions with interested parties, surveying of potentially affected customers, and a determination that the change is based upon a conclusion that any such change would result in more efficient mail processing and distribution services; and

WHEREAS, Sumpter Township having failed to locate any information indicating that a preliminary evaluation and/or survey was conducted by the Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, Sumpter Township having further been unable to locate a written statement by the United States Postal Service concluding that the modification was based upon providing a more efficient mail processing and distribution service; and

WHEREAS, instead of a more efficient mail service being provided to the community, the change in Identification has further caused substantial confusion in the Belleville Post Office Service area, has caused mail service to be suspended in some locations, has

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### CITY OF BELLEVILLE Special Meeting Minutes Monday, May 7, 2018

A special meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 6:00 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 Marcotte | Present |
| Mayor Pro Tem Loria     | Present |
| Mayor Conley            | Present |

3. GENERAL DISCUSSION

A new draft of the FY 2018/19 budget was discussed in detail with the City Council. Kelly Howey, Plante Moran Financial Specialist, stated that reductions had been made to balance the budget as requested. She and City Manager Diana Kollmeyer addressed specific questions from the Council.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf

City Clerk

Approved: May 21, 2018

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# Resolution

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resulted in deliveries being made to improper locations or returned, and most importantly, has caused a community to begin to doubt the ability to rely upon future post office services; and

WHEREAS, based upon the aforesaid facts, the Sumpter Township elected officials are concerned that if the original Identification is not restored, the citizens of Sumpter Township will continue to suffer in that they will (i) be unable to locate and obtain timely governmental services; (ii) be disenfranchised due to the confusion about when, where, and in which elections they are entitled to vote; (iii) be unable to obtain public safety services; and (iv) be subject to the misdirected mail

services including UPS and paid shipping services such as FedEx; and

WHEREAS, a 2006 CRS Report for Congress indicated that “problems for those citizens whose mailing addresses do not match their actual town or city residence” includes (i) higher automobile insurance rate, (ii) confusion as to where to vote in municipal elections, and (iii) emergency service vehicles being misdirected by confusion over the origin of an emergency call has all resulted in complaints and a reduction in services; and

WHEREAS, until the recent change in Identification and for the past one hundred years, the United States Postal Service has provided exemplary service to the citizens of Sumpter Township; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the Belleville Post Office Service Area

and particularly to the citizens of Sumpter Township, that the United States Postal Service District Manager restore the original Identification as provided for herein and that existed since 1960.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Sumpter Township hereby declares its desire to and officially requests that the United States Postal Service formally restore the Identification of the 48111 zip code area for the Belleville Post Office Service Area to the reference that has existed for decades which was previously known as and which should continue to be known as:

BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Sumpter hereby implores the United States Postal Service, that prior to a change in the Identification of mail service affecting Sumpter in any manner, the Postal Service notifies and discusses with Township officials, any such changes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Supervisor or his designee is hereby empowered and directed to take all necessary steps to ensure that the action

taken by the Township of Sumpter as set forth in this Resolution is presented and communicated to the appropriate regulatory agencies and the United States Postal Service District Manager.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the appropriate governmental agencies responsible for causing the restoration of the previous Identification and to immediately report to the Township Board of Trustees the receipt of any information or request by any such governmental agency.

Board of Trustees,

Yes: P. Morgan, Oddy, LaPorte, Swinson, Hurst, Barnes and J. Morgan

Nays: none

Absent: none

Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Sumpter at its regular meeting held on the 22nd day of May, 2018 at the Township Hall, Sumpter Township, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township

## City of Belleville Public Notice

### CITY OF BELLEVILLE Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, May 7, 2018

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 Marcotte | Present |
| Council Member Smith    | Present |
| Mayor Pro Tem Loria     | Present |
| Mayor Conley            | Present |

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS  
Presentations

A representative from The Senior Alliance (of southern and eastern Wayne County) gave its annual presentation of services provided last year to City of Belleville seniors.

Council follow up list

DPS Director Rick Rutherford gave an update to Council on the Doane's Landing seawall repair project, specific to the current bids received.

Citizen Comments

John Juriga congratulated Jack and Rosemary Loria on being selected as distinguished graduates and inducted into the Belleville High School Hall of Fame.

Ginger Bruder invited everyone to the veterans' ceremony on June 28<sup>th</sup> at Horizon Park featuring the names of veterans who lost their lives in the Civil War.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, second by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marcotte, second by Fielder to approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of April 16<sup>th</sup> and the Special Meeting Minutes of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Partial Vacation of Fourth Street

Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to open the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Randy Priest made a comment about losing parking spaces during the lengthy construction period.

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to close the public hearing at 8:02 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Location of Sculpture Donated by BACA

DDA Administrative Coordinator Carol Thompson revealed that the “Hands Held High” outdoor sculpture was generously purchased and donated to the City by BACA. Discussion focused on three (3) possible locations for the sculpture: Horizon Park, 4<sup>th</sup> Street Square, or the Five Points traffic island.

Motion by Loria, second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 18-041 to place the “Hands Held

High” outdoor sculpture in Horizon Park.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Partial Vacation of Fourth Street

Since the public hearing had already been held, Mayor Conley called for a motion.

Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 18-042 authorizing a partial vacation of Fourth Street during the new District Library construction.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Quit Claim Deed – City to Belleville Area District Library (Parcel A)

Motion by Smith, second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 18-043 for the City to deed to the Belleville Area District Library “Parcel A,” Lot 257 and portions of Lot 178 & 179.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Quit Claim Deed - City to City of Belleville & Belleville Area Library (Parcel B)

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 18-044 for the City to deed to the City of Belleville and the Belleville Area District Library “Parcel B,” Lot 177 and portions of Lot 178 & 179.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Belleville Area District Library – Request to use Fourth Street

Matt Ratzow, O’Neal Construction, was present to seek permission on behalf of the District Library to close Fourth Street from Main Street to the alley during Library construction and to use portions of Roys and Charles Streets for construction traffic (sidewalks to remain open). He presented a color map to illustrate logistics during Phase 1 of the construction project.

Motion by Marcotte, second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 18-045 authorizing the Belleville Area District Library to use Fourth Street from Main Street to the alley for construction and construction parking while the new Library is being built (Spring 2018 to Spring 2020).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. Special Event Request: Belleville Area Museum – Yankee Air Museum

Motion by Smith, second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 18-046 endorsing the “Rosie the Riveter” program on June 9, 2018 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Fourth Street. Program will feature a short vehicle parade, but no street closures are required.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 18-047 for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 for a total of \$118,574.54.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Marcotte to adjourn meeting at 8:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf

City Clerk

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## Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

### Belleville Area District Library Notice of Public Hearing

The Belleville Area District Library will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 7:30 pm in the program room of the library, 167 Fourth Street, Belleville, MI 48111, to consider the proposed 2018-2019 Library Budget.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The debt service millage rate proposed to be levied for the repayment of the bonds for the new library will also be a subject of this hearing.**

A copy of the proposed budget is available on the library's website ([www.belleville.lib.mi.us](http://www.belleville.lib.mi.us)) and at the Library during open hours (Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 9 pm, and Friday & Saturday, 10 am – 6 pm).

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## Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

### REQUEST FOR SUBCONTRACTOR BIDS

New Belleville Area District Library: 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111

This project is a new 31,401 SF ground up, 2-story library in downtown Belleville. Construction begins June 2018.

Bid categories at this time include: Structural Steel, Masonry (CMU only), Concrete Foundations and Elevators

Bid Packs, Plans and Specifications are available electronically through Construction Manager O’Neal Construction, Inc., 525 W. William, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Questions call (734) 769-0770 or email: [tgasser@onealconstruction.com](mailto:tgasser@onealconstruction.com)

Refer to instructions to bidders regarding, all bids are due on Thursday, 06/14/2018 @ 3:00PM and required to be in a sealed envelope deliver to: Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111

An optional bid walk-through on Thursday, 05/31/2018 @ 10:00AM will be held at the existing Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111

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# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*Out of the 474 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.*

**Sunday, May 20:**

- 0011 -- weapons violation, Kirkridge Park Dr.
- 0113 -- found property/child, Belleville
- 0238 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
- 1001 -- larceny from auto, N. Cumberland Dr.
- 1055 -- neighbor trouble, Elwell Rd.
- 1139 -- property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
- 1145 -- domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
- 1308 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Coolidge
- 1327 -- civil matter, Victoria St.
- 1331 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1415 -- animal complaint, Christina Ln.
- 1433 -- larceny, Bemis Rd.
- 1525 -- sexual assault, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service
- 1653 -- larceny, Belleville Rd.
- 1713 -- fight, Parkwood
- 1728 -- property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
- 1804 -- personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1935 -- narcotics crime, Belleville Rd.
- 1947 -- animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
- 2213 -- larceny from auto, America
- 2248 -- suicidal person, Jeremy Rd.
- 2304 -- suicidal person, Belleville/Denton

**Monday, May 21:**

- 0105 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0142 -- assist other dept., Denton Rd.
- 0408 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0508 -- property check, Riggs Heritage Park
- 0615 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl.
- 0748 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
- 0858 -- ordinance violation, Woodgrove Dr./Whitehead Cir.
- 1027 -- suicidal person, Lake Pointe Pass
- 1136 -- fraud, Belleville
- 1154 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1210 -- ordinance violation, Walden Blvd.
- 1227 -- fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1311 -- animal complaint, Hannan Rd.
- 1312 -- private property impound, Belleville Rd.
- 1344 -- miscellaneous complaint, Belleville Rd.
- 1345 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis Rd.
- 1406 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Ivy Dr./Holly Ln.
- 1456 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.
- 1541 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1553 -- personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1625 -- follow up by officer, Oak Ln.
- 1632 -- missing person, Oak Ln.
- 1708 -- suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River Dr.

- 1851 -- trespassing, Woodgrove Dr.
- 1900 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
- 2152 -- property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
- 2312 -- noise complaint, Prairiegrass Ct.
- 2343 -- suicidal person, Scenic Dr.

**Tuesday, May 22:**

- 0245 -- civil matter, Edison Lake Rd.
- 0513 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville/Grove
- 0656 -- assist other dept., Winding Pond Trl.
- 0844 -- malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
- 0922 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
- 0941 -- fraud, Rawsonville rd.
- 0941 -- ordinance violation, Robson Rd.
- 1015 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1046 -- property damage accident, Van Born/Haggerty
- 1125 -- fraud, Fairbanks St.
- 1146 -- fraud, Denton Rd.
- 1218 -- private property impound, Denton Rd.
- 1227 -- abandoned auto, Borgman Ave.
- 1248 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
- 1313 -- road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1448 -- larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1552 -- property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
- 1612 -- property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
- 1633 -- larceny from auto, Denton Rd.

- 1728 -- fraud, Belleville
  - 2009 -- traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
  - 2031 -- property check, Riggs Park
  - 2206 -- harassment call, Birch Dr.
  - 2329 -- road hazard, Belleville/EB I-94
- Wednesday, May 23:**
- 0101 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.
  - 0233 -- property damage accident, W I-94/Belleville
  - 0921 -- hospice death, Harmony Ln.
  - 1014 -- larceny, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
  - 1041 -- assist other dept., W. Columbia
  - 1159 -- neighbor trouble, Ormond Dr.
  - 1221 -- disorderly, Lake Point Blvd.
  - 1248 -- breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
  - 1309 -- sexual assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.
  - 1421 -- fraud, Ecorse Rd.
  - 1430 -- parking complaint, Denton Rd.
  - 1448 -- personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
  - 1509 -- animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
  - 1517 -- animal complaint, Edwards Rd.
  - 1620 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville/Van Born

- 1645 -- breaking & entering, Martinsville Rd.
- 1718 -- traffic offense, Ecorse/Haggerty
- 1731 -- narcotics crime, Lighthouse Dr.
- 1841 -- property damage accident, Belleville/N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1852 -- traffic offense, Savage/Haggerty
- 1924 -- harassment call, Pond Bluff Dr.
- 1940 -- threat, Holly Ln.
- 1940 -- narcotics crime, Venetian Ave.
- 2034 -- assist fire dept., W I-94/rest area
- 2036 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Beck/Ecorse
- 2044 -- trespassing, Arthur St.
- 2111 -- 911 welfare check, Elwell Rd.
- 2117 -- suicidal person, N. Bellridge Dr.
- 2147 -- domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 2304 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born Rd.
- 2337 -- assist other dept., Belmont Dr.
- 2344 -- disorderly, Denton Rd.

**Thursday, May 24:**

- 0022 -- vehicle lockout, Stamford Rd.
- 0033 -- noise complaint, Lilac Ln./Harbor Ln.
- 0058 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0212 -- suspicious person/vehicle, River Park
- 0301 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Filmooore St.
- 0915 -- road hazard, Savage Rd./Haggerty Rd.
- 1005 -- 911 welfare check, Lake Point Blvd.
- 1016 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. Ponderosa Trl.
- 1047 -- assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.
- 1112 -- animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck Rd.
- 1308 -- road hazard, Belleville Rd./Robson Rd.
- 1429 -- private property/property damage accident, S. Sunset
- 1445 -- larceny, Sumpter Rd.
- 1515 -- abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service Dr./Sunset Ln.
- 1620 -- traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.
- 1821 -- animal complaint, Bemis Rd.
- 1822 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
- 1907 -- abandoned auto, Bemis/Martinsville
- 2204 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Winding Pond Dr.

- 2324 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
- 2355 -- traffic offense, Parkwood Dr.
- 2358 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Dalton Dr.

**Friday, May 25:**

- 0111 -- noise complaint, America
- 0435 -- noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0641 -- traffic offense, Marlowe Ave./Crowley Ave.
- 0728 -- private property/property damage accident, Haggerty
- 0845 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Woodbury Dr.
- 0923 -- animal complaint, Ayres Ave.
- 0955 -- juvenile complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
- 1003 -- property damage accident, Haggerty/Savage
- 1204 -- property damage accident, Elwell/Bemis
- 1214 -- larceny, Denton Rd.
- 1332 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville/Van Born
- 1406 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Castell
- 1812 -- traffic offense, Ecorse/Denton
- 1814 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1824 -- assist other dept., Springwood Blvd.
- 2040 -- traffic offense, Denton/Beckley
- 2050 -- property check, Riggs Park
- 2049 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis
- 2158 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.

- 2208 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Marina Dr.
  - 2247 -- narcotics crime, S. Bellridge Dr.
  - 2343 -- traffic offense, Belleville/Quirk
- Saturday, May 26:**
- 0003 -- shooting, Denton Rd.
  - 0117 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rdd.
  - 0214 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Village Center Dr.
  - 0242 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Cross St.
  - 0314 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
  - 0322 -- noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl. / Sugarbush Ln.
  - 0814 -- property damage accident, W. Schooner/Michigan Ave.
  - 1351 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville/W. Huron River Dr.
  - 1506 -- noise complaint, Filmore St.
  - 1615 -- animal complaint, Denton Rd.
  - 1700 -- larceny, Oak Ln.
  - 1854 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. Ponderosa Trl./ Belleville Rd.
  - 1900 -- fraud, Haggerty Rd.
  - 1945 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Arborview Ln.
  - 1953 -- larceny, Oak Ln.
  - 2051 -- juvenile complaint, Park Estates Dr.
  - 2104 -- property check, Riggs Park
  - 2126 -- animal complaint, Borgman Ave.
  - 2201 -- fraud, Pebblebrook Dr.
  - 2326 -- threat, Rawsonville Rd.
  - 2346 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
  - 2348 -- neighbor trouble, Parkwood

Also on this week's log are 148 traffic stops, 33 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, May 20:**

- 1452 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Church St.
  - 1557 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Horizon Park
  - 2038 -- ordinance violation, Village Park
- Monday, May 21:**
- 0037 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main St./First St.
  - 0338 -- assist fire dept., Church St.
  - 1531 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
  - 2157 -- assist other dept., Sumpter/Bemis

**Tuesday, May 22:**

- 0114 -- warrant arrest, Michigan Ave.
  - 1631 -- vehicle lockout, Marathon
  - 2132 -- assist fire dept., Victorian Ct.
- Wednesday, May 23:**
- 0054 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln.
  - 0805 -- narcotics crime, McBride
  - 1328 -- parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
  - 1329 -- vehicle lockout, N. Liberty St.
  - 1639 -- property damage accident, Main St.
  - 1718 -- traffic offense, Belleville/Quirk
  - 2314 -- assist fire dept., Brain St.

**Thursday, May 24:**

- 0636 -- traffic offense, Belleville Rd./N. Liberty
- 0940 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln.
- 1238 -- intrusion alarm, Astor
- 1859 -- parking complaint, High St./Church St.
- 2057 -- animal complaint, High/Church
- 2104 -- assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
- 2203 -- animal complaint, Carmell St.

**Friday, May 25:**

- 0145 -- larceny, Carmell St.
  - 0605 -- larceny, Biggs Ave.
  - 0648 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
  - 0823 -- civil matter, Church St.
  - 1016 -- court detail, Carmell St.
  - 1033 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
  - 1035 -- 911 welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.
  - 1120 -- assault & battery, Owen St.
  - 1314 -- animal complaint, Estrada Dr.
  - 1315 -- private property impound, Sumpter
  - 1855 -- traffic offense, Main St./Second St.
  - 1951 -- property damage accident, W. Columbia/High
  - 2218 -- warrant arrest, Hogback
  - 2225 -- assist other dept., Harbour Pointe Dr./W. Huron River Dr.
  - 2346 -- traffic offense, Belleville/Quirk
- Saturday, May 26:**
- 0126 -- welfare check, Victorian Ln./N. Aberdeen Ct.
  - 0154 -- property damage accident, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa Blvd.
  - 1510 -- fight, W. Columbia Ave.

- 2032 -- welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
  - 2137 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Estrada Dr. / Belle Villa Blvd.
  - 2202 -- miscellaneous complaint, Church St. Apt.
  - 2343 -- miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
- Also on this week's log are 46 traffic stops.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, May 20:**

- 0120 -- property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Clark
- 0212 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Birch Ct.
- 0217 -- noise complaint, Elwell/Judd
- 0859 -- 911 hang up, Wyoming
- 0941 -- subpoena service, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 0949 -- subpoena service, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
- 1002 -- mental health commitment, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
- 1202 -- mental health commitment, 20000 bl. Savage Rd.
- 1332 -- reckless driver, Carriage Ln.
- 1552 -- 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1601 -- animal complaint, Wyoming
- 1657 -- fight, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1726 -- suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1755 -- reckless driver, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

**Monday, May 21:**

- 0558 -- suspicious vehicle, 4700 bl. Oakville Waltz
- 0638 -- animal complaint, Judd/Sumpter
- 0654 -- animal complaint, Sumpter/Kozma
- 0958 -- subpoena service, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
- 1049 -- animal complaint, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1250 -- assist other agency, 28000 bl. Haggerty
- 1334 -- subpoena service, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
- 1342 -- fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1428 -- fraud complaint, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1507 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1520 -- fraud complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 1539 -- reckless driver, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1555 -- suspicious person, Willow/Sumpter
- 1606 -- civil dispute, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
- 1854 -- civil dispute, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
- 2010 -- fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

**Tuesday, May 22:**

- 0301 -- civil dispute, Edgewood Dr.
- 0713 -- recovered stolen vehicle, Birch Ct.
- 0831 -- assist other agency, Willis/Rawsonville
- 1019 -- well-being check, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 1237 -- suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1413 -- fraud complaint, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
- 1616 -- animal complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1620 -- animal complaint, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1655 -- trespassing complaint, 22000 bl. Elwell
- 1913 -- assist other agency, out of township
- 2337 -- fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.

**Wednesday, May 23:**

- 1048 -- animal complaint, 21000 bl. Fenster Dr.
- 1404 -- fire dept. assist, Knollwood
- 1509 -- alarm, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
- 1602 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1803 -- assist other agency, Bemis/Sumpter
- 2025 -- reckless driver, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
- 2242 -- suspicious incident, 8200 bl. Rawsonville

**Thursday, May 24:**

- 0105 -- suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
- 0833 -- suspicious person, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 1122 -- fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1226 -- alarm, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 1343 -- suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Sherwood
- 1441 -- alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1627 -- traffic hazard, Paris/Sumpter
- 1958 -- reckless driver, Hampshire/Rustic Ln.
- 2141 -- suspicious vehicle, Rawsonville/Willis
- 2152 -- warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville/Bemis

**Friday, May 25:**

- 0614 -- animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 0733 -- fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 0736 -- alarm, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
- 0813 -- animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 0819 -- harassment complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1210 -- assist other agency, 19000 bl. Savage Rd.
- 1212 -- property damage accident, Elwell/Bemis
- 1407 -- animal complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville
- 1737 -- traffic hazard, Sumpter/Judd
- 1739 -- animal complaint, Judd/Fenster
- 2015 -- warrant arrest pick up, 23000 bl. Sumpter
- 2144 -- property damage accident, 20000 bl. Karr

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### Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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2147 -- juvenile complaint, 46000 bl. Executive  
2346 -- property damage accident, Willis/Elwell

**Saturday, May 26:**  
0052 -- family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
0134 -- noise complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville  
0920 -- fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
1208 -- larceny, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1452 -- assist other agency, out of township  
1513 -- property damage accident, Haggerty / Arkona  
1534 -- shots fired, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1608 -- fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1706 -- 911 hangup, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2132 -- shots fired, Willow/Haggerty  
2313 -- civil dispute, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.

Also on this week's log are eight follow-up investigations, 29 miscellaneous details, 45 patrol checks, and 44 traffic stops.

### Nixel Alert: Report all suspicious activity

Over the past few weeks, several home invasions have occurred in surrounding communities. Please, keep an eye out for suspicious activity and report it immediately. Be the extra set of eyes and ears helping to protect our community.

Sumpter Township Police Department

### Identity Theft presentation set June 5 at September Days

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### Local Civil War soldier descendants sought for June 28 ceremony

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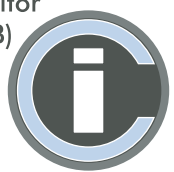
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