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F R E E

VBТ LDFA approves agreement with VBТ on bond payment loan

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting July 9, the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority unanimously approved a five-page agreement on the payment of the Visteon bond shortfall. The agreement now will go to the township board for approval.

"We knew this was necessary," said LDFA chairman Michael Dotson. "We knew a shortfall was coming."

The LDFA expects a shortfall of \$639,157 on Oct. 1, 2019. This will be paid from the township's long-term debt fund.

The funds the township uses to pay the shortfall on the Visteon bonds will be considered as a "advance" and will be reimbursed to the township by the LDFA from future available tax increment revenues from the Visteon Village Project. The LDFA agrees to pay interest on the township's shortfall payments until they are reimbursed at an annual interest rate equal to the average interest rate that the township is earning on the investment of its general fund monies.

LDFA member Doug Peters said the citizens of Van Buren Township are paying Visteon's obligation on the bond.

"With the understanding they will be paid back by taxes or the lawsuit," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "This document has gone back and forth a dozen times."

"This is to make sure the township residents are protected," said Dotson.

A copy of the agreement was obtained by the *Independent* through a Freedom of Information Act request.

The document spells out the many steps that led to the Visteon Village Project's tax increment revenues not being enough to cover the \$28,199,656.35 in 2003 bonds VBТ issued to help with the Visteon infrastructure.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2019 and running through the final term of the Authority Bonds in 2032 the township is responsible for the bond payments since the LDFA may be unable to cover them.

On May 12, 2015, the township filed a law suit against Visteon in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware for breach of contract and declaratory relief related to its claim that Visteon had failed to meet its obligation under the 2009 Settlement Agreement with the township

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VBТ Police spend 90 hours on case of woman who went on vacation

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

"It was a very interesting ordeal," Van Buren Township Police Lt. Charles Bazy said of the six-day search for Heavenly Sloan, a missing 18-year-old Ohio woman -- who it turns out went on vacation.

"We spent 90 man hours working that case," Lt. Bazy said of he and Det. Dale Harrison. "I kept saying there was no evidence of a crime.

"As a parent, I would be concerned, as well," Lt. Bazy said of the mother's actions to find her daughter.

Lt. Bazy said this girl came to town for a family gathering from her hometown of Middletown, Ohio, between Dayton and Cincinnati. She hooked up with one of her best friends and on Saturday they went to the Original House of Pancakes in Southfield, dropped off a car, and were in Romulus at Ecorse and Hannan roads. Then they went to Westland and to Kirkridge in Van Buren Township. By then it was 3 a.m. Sunday and the two women slept in the car

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Independent photo Robert Mytych

On Monday morning, the house at 549 N. Liberty Street was demolished by Davenport Construction, as the first step in the clean up and rebuilding of the north end of the 500 block of Main Street by developer Scott Jones. A strip mall, grocery store, and large parking lot is scheduled to be built. The house had been stripped of its aluminum siding in broad daylight a few weeks ago without permission of the owner.



Photo courtesy of Margaret Waggoner

The interior of the home was visible at the early stages of the demolition.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Neighbors oppose expansion of River of Life church building

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A group of neighbors to River of Life Assembly of God attended the July 10 public hearing before the Van Buren Township Planning Commission to oppose the proposed expansion of the church facility.

The church is located on 8.72 acres at 870 Savage Road between Sheldon and Martinsville and has had a sign in its front yard for some time showing a drawing of the new building "Coming Soon."

After the public hearing, the commissioners voted unanimously to recommend to the township board approval of the special land use permit for use of the parcel for a church building and to approve the preliminary site plan, with 14 stipulations.

Chairperson Carol Thompson was absent from the meeting, which was presided over by vice chairperson Donald Boynton.

"We have approval and a whole list of marching orders that need to be handled," vice chairperson Boynton said.

At the beginning of the public hearing, Gary Lamarand, design engineer, explained that the church currently is 5,000 square feet which contains the sanctuary, classrooms, and a common area.

The proposed sanctuary addition is 8,263 square feet. It will include sanctuary space, ADA bathrooms, lobby area and a corridor between the proposed and existing buildings. There will be 125 parking spaces in back.

It will be a wooden structure with a masonry belt and wooden siding above. Although fire suppressants were not originally planned for the building, they now are being added.

Lamarand said the ditch on the property is proposed to be moved 75' back from its current location to connect with a bioswale, which is a larger ditch with plantings. The ditch path will stay the same as it comes into and exits the property, but will be curved inside the parcel to bring storm drainage to the bioswale, as suggested by Wayne County.

The southern end of the land is wooded and will be left untouched, said Vidya Krishnan, township planning consultant from McKenna. She said the church states there will be no music, bells, chimes, or similar audio presentations used on the site.

The elevations proposed show a maximum building height of 21.25 feet to the mid-point of the gable roof and 28.1 feet to the top of the roof peak, which are within the maximum allowable height of 30 feet.

In her report to the commission, Krishnan

said there will be a new, five-foot sidewalk along the Savage Road frontage. The site has two existing curb cuts and the east access will be widened to 24 feet and is intended for two-way movement of vehicles. The west drive will remain at 11.5 feet wide, an existing nonconformity, and will be for emergency vehicles only.

Paul Kammer of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, the township's consulting engineers, reported on drainage and utilities.

Kammer told the commission the ditch running through the property is not considered a county drain, but discharges into the Henry Drain along Martinsville Road. He said this is what the church engineer told him, but more research has to be done.

"Residents are assessed for the Henry Drain," Kammer said. "More information is needed. I don't know what the county will do."

When the public hearing opened, Kelly Walker of 920 Savage Rd. distributed a letter to commissioners. She said the back part of her property is adjacent to the church property.

"I feel this is too large for our neighborhood. It's doubling its size and the parking lot is too large."

She said they moved there two years ago and her children play in the woods. She complained about the proposed landscaping and, aside from privacy, she had concerns about drainage. She said her property flooded this spring and still has standing water. She said the church plans to raise its parking lot six inches to three feet higher and with the sprinklers planned, "I don't see where it's all going to go. Can the current Henry Drain handle it all?"

And, she said, lighting was a problem. Now the church has two lights beside the building, but they plan to have 16, 20-foot lights. They will be directed down, but they will be "overwhelming and obtrusive," she said.

She also was concerned about the removal of existing, mature trees.

She said some of the church events are "speaked and loud." And, the dumpster is being moved closer to the east property line.

She wanted to know if the planning commission members review the plans or just depend on consultants. Boynton assured her the commission reviews the plans.

"Please consider the impact it will have on the neighbors," Walker concluded.

Earl Farr said he has lived at 1094 Savage Rd. for 32 years and moved to the township



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Among those taking part in Saturday's open house at the Sumpter Township Fire Hall were, from left, Ariel Gipson, 4; Branden Gipson, 5; and Gabe Gipson, 7; all of Sumpter.

60 years ago. He said under Supervisor Gollwitzer the township used a backhoe to dig a "nasty-looking ditch" which empties in the county drain. After that it rained and it flooded Savage Road. He said drainage has been a problem since then.

"Yesterday is the first day in 10 months I haven't had water standing in the ditch in front of my house ... We cannot have one more bucket of water in there," he said of the drain.

Patricia Reavis of 1043 Savage, across the street, said the neighbors pay for Henry Drain and the church is going to cover an acre with pavement and with what's coming off the roof it will all be going into Henry Drain. She said there is a water problem on Savage Road between the two drains. She said all the subdivisions built in the area were paved and this caused the problem.

She said, to her, a bioswale is simply a place to grow mosquitos. She said a recent story in the AARP magazine said street lights upset a person's circadian rhythm.

Walker came back to the microphone to speak for Nicole Steele of 850 Savage Rd. who was too nervous to come up to speak. She runs a kennel there and has children and her house is close to the property line. She opposes the expansion.

Township Treasurer Sharry Budd, the board's liaison to the commission, read a letter from a neighbor that also opposed the expansion, saying it is flooded around the drain and the expansion is not in the best interests of the neighborhood.

After 40 minutes, the public hearing closed. There was discussion and then the two approvals.

"We want to do whatever the township wants," said Frank Fenbert, project

manager and church member. He said they went to the neighbors in advance to tell their plans. "We want to be the very best neighbors," he said.

He said there would be no issue to turn off the lights when the building is not being used. He said all the water has to be held on site, so it shouldn't exacerbate the water problem. He said although the church is tax-exempt, "We're still paying for Henry Drain."

Krishnan said the drainage will be determined between the engineer and Wayne County. "This is still in preliminary site plan review," she said.

One of the neighbors produced a 2012 Wayne County map of the area that shows the "ditch" on the church property as a county drain. She showed it to the commission.

Kammer said, "Wayne County said to the church that the ditch was not a county drain. The map indicates it's the Henry Drain. If it is, the applicant will have a harder time moving the drain. If it's a ditch, it won't be as hard. This is governed by the county."

Kammer said the main issue is based on drainage. "If the issue is further downstream, it's not something the applicant can fix. More research is needed."

"This has been a problem for a long time," said Boynton of the drainage in that area, "as well as an issue downstream. The applicant is trying to do the best with what they have. It needs more study."

In explaining the preliminary site plan approval, Planning and Economic Development Director Ron Akers (in the last hours of his employment with the township), said, "It still has to go through Wayne County and the township and prove they can do all these things ..."

OPINIONS

Editorial

VB T Supervisor McNamara looking for a unicorn

"It may be a unicorn," said Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "This person may not exist, but, I'm going to try ... I'm looking for a miracle ... I'm asking for a chance to try to find this person."

This is what Supervisor McNamara said at Monday's work/study session of the VBT Board of Trustees.

He wants to hire a Communications Specialist who would be responsible for the cable channel, AT&T Uverse and Livestream; manage and moderate the township's social media; capture and develop content for the township magazine; public relations; and more.

He said there was \$90,000 in the budget for the cable director and the assistant director and the cable director got fired and the assistant director walked away from the job. He said \$60,000 would be offered for the Communications Specialist and about \$20,000 for the specialist to augment the work with interns and sub contractors. McNamara said right now the cable channel is being run by two high school students who are interns.

McNamara wanted to post the job right away, but Trustees Miller and White wanted to wait until they could study the new proposal. After discussion, McNamara agreed to pull it from the July 16 agenda, but he warned there may be repercussions and cable service may have to be suspended until this is solved.

Bring on the unicorn!

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Saturday, when I was driving over to the Sumpter fire station to take a picture at its open house, I noticed the patch of gravel that had been so bumpy across smoothly paved Bemis had been asphalted over. It still is bumpy, however,

One of the neighbors told me the county crew didn't use a roller of any kind, but drove the truck over it a few times to smooth it out.

A motorcyclist had told me he almost got thrown off his bike when he hit that gravel unexpectedly – and it's still not safe for a motorcyclist.

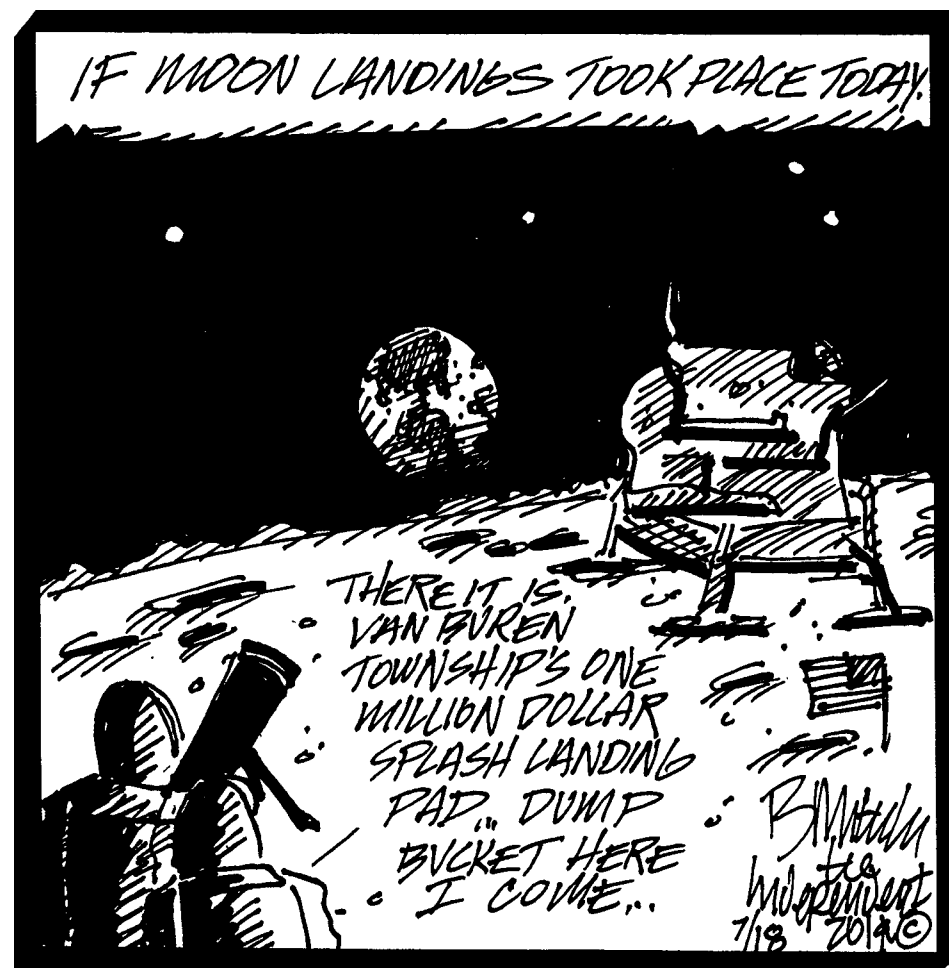
Apparently there was a water pipe that had to be replaced and that's why the newly asphalted road had to be dug up.

When I got to the Sumpter fire hall, I found the residents to the north of the hall on Sumpter Road were getting their driveway asphalted, so several of us drivers had to wait for a safe dart around the truck in the road. They didn't have any flagmen, so we drivers were on our own.

I mentioned the blockage to the Fire Chief Joe Januszyk at the open house and he said the fire department had to respond to a call there on Friday when their paver caught on fire. He explained the paver is the machinery that puts the hot asphalt down and has a heat source. This paver caught on fire. The chief said it was a complete loss.

I said at least they just had to go next door to fight the fire and Chief Januszyk said that wasn't the way it was. He said the fire fighters were at another call almost to Bemis Road when they got the call.

While I was at the fire hall, I went next door to Moe's Produce stand, just to the south. Although the season got off late for many



farmers because of all the rain, Moe's had a lot of wonderful fresh vegetables, including red potatoes, green tomatoes, zucchini and yellow squash, cucumbers, onions, and cabbage. They told me corn was coming the following week.

That huge marijuana greenhouse on Sumpter Road keeps coming up as an example of what Sumpter Township allows to be built for some – and not others. I got a Google aerial shot of the location at 28200 Sumpter Rd. and it's huge, with not a home in sight.

A man, whose land on Oakville Waltz is certified as farmland by the USDA, wanted to put up a building to hold his pesticides for his farm and was denied by the township because he didn't have a house on the property. He has been invoking the Right to Farm Act.

That marijuana greenhouse is on the property right next to the land purchased by Trustee Matt Oddy during the most recent sale by the township of tax-reverted property. He paid \$2,001 for the 8.33 acres.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, we asked council members whose terms were expiring if they were running for reelection in the Nov. 5 election. Petitions are available at city hall and the deadline to turn them in is 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 23.

Councilman Tom Smith said eight years is enough for him and so he is not running

for reelection. He said there are others who would be good in a council position and he pointed to Planning Commissioner Kelly Bates as a good example.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said she is running for reelection and Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria said he has taken out a petition, but wouldn't say if he was running.

After the meeting there were a lot of petitions being passed around for signatures, including one for Kelly Bates.

City Clerk Sherri Scharf said after the story about the petitions was in the *Independent* last week, two people came in for petitions – one for mayor and one for councilman. But, she said, they both lived in Van Buren Township. Sherri said people don't know where they live.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said it's been that way for the last 20 years, at least. She said everyone thinks they live in Belleville – since it's all 48111.

That's one of the things VBT Clerk Leon Wright was trying to correct with his getting VBT resident addresses changed at the post office to a Van Buren Township designation, although the 48111 stayed the same.

The project kind of got out of control and some people in Sumpter Township (48111) and City of Belleville (48111) ended up with Van Buren Township designations. It's still a problem for some people.





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Letters

Appalled at favoritism shown Officer Salajan

To the editor:

I am appalled at the favoritism shown to Sumpter Police Officer George Salajan! This man was operating a motor vehicle when he was three times the limit of 0.8. He was "Super Drunk!"

And, being that he had a medical marijuana card, one could assume he had THC in his system.

I am a retired lieutenant from the M.D.O.C. When I was still working, I received a D.U.I. I did not get a slap on the wrist like Officer Salajan.

The judge told me I would be held to a higher standard because of my employment in the criminal justice field. I lost my license for six months, paid a huge fine, and got probation.

And, Mr. Salajan didn't even go to the home where he damaged the mailbox and offer to repair or replace it?

Shame on you, Officer Salajan!

James A. Allen
Plymouth

The former DNR property? Leave it alone

To the editor:

These are my thoughts about the former DNR property on Belleville Road that was purchased by the Van Buren Township some time ago.

To me, this property looks nice just the way it is, with maybe a bench or two for those who use the new walkway from Meijer to town

I think this land left as is would be a great benefit for all the wildlife: birds, bees, butterflies, and a lot of other creatures of nature. And, our benefit would be low maintenance cost, no added confusion on Belleville Road, and just a peaceful sight to and from Belleville for all to enjoy.

Jim Graham
Belleville

New library color is prison gray

To the editor:

RE: Library color

Having lived here in the area 58 years, I have liked the Belleville feel. BUT WHO decided the color of the new library?

IT'S PRISON GRAY, NOT THE RENDERING RED.

For me, I won't be going any time soon.

David Craven

"We should be eternally vigilant against attempts to check the expression of opinions that we loathe."

— Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, July 18** -- Music Lakeside at Horizon Park at 7 p.m., The Bobby Murray Band, blues.

• **Friday, July 19** -- Eagle Riders Steak Dinner, 5-8 p.m., Van Buren Eagles 3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. (734) 699-8836

• **Sunday, July 21** -- September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., offers free Sunday music from 2 to 5 p.m. This week it's Waco Band. For information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, July 22** -- Belleville Farmers Market, 4-7 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square in Belleville, sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community. Also, Cruise Main Street Classic Car Show, 6-9 p.m. on Main Street in Belleville, sponsored by Egan's Pub.

• **Wednesday, July 24** -- VBT Summer Concert Series winds up. It's 7 p.m. at Quirk Park Senior Activity Garden, 46425 Tyler Rd., behind the Van Buren Township Hall. Free. Bring your chairs. Tonight it's 50 Amp Fuse (Popular '60s music, current, R&B).

• **Thursday, July 25** -- Bunco, 6-9 p.m., Van Buren Eagles, 3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. (734) 699-8836

• **Thursday, July 25** -- Music Lakeside at Horizon Park at 7 p.m., The Stubbs Girls, Motown.

• **Saturday, July 27** -- Friends of Michigan Animals Golf Outing, 9 a.m. -- 4 p.m., Green Oaks Golf Course, 1775 E. Clark Rd., Ypsilanti. Also, PETCO meeting and greet for FMAR, 11 a.m. -- 3 p.m., 35725 Warren, Westland.

• **Sunday, July 28** -- September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., offers free Sunday music from 2 to 5 p.m. This week it's Cool Birds. For information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, July 29** -- State Rep. Joe Bellino, R-Monroe, Sumpter Township's representative in Lansing, invites residents of Monroe and Wayne counties to join him for his monthly coffee hours from 3 to 4 p.m. at Tim Hortons, 404 S. Monroe St. in Monroe. Those unable to attend may contact his office at (517) 373-1530 or JosephBellino@house.mi.gov.

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Teen helps father and two children when jet ski dumps them in lake

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Monday at around 8:30 or 9 p.m., Jack Haase, 16, had just returned from practicing in the Drum Line at Belleville High School when he saw a jet ski in Belleville Lake behind his home on Harmony Lane.

His mother Erin Haase said she was in the front yard when he got home and within minutes they saw that the jet ski had flipped over and three people were in the water. She said her son ran to the water, got in their boat, and went to help.

Erin called 911, but was told there were no police on the lake.

Jack said he saw that the jet ski was tipping upwards and the dad was holding a boy, around 8 or 9, who was struggling. He said the boy had a life vest on, but it was big.

The girl, about 15 or 16, kept saying, "Can I get my phone? Can I get my phone?" and kept reaching toward the craft.

Jack said when the father saw him, he called out, "Please, come help."

Jack pulled the boy into his boat and then helped the girl and father into the boat. They were able to right the jet ski enough to tow it and he took them all to the DNR boat launch.

Jack said the family told him they lived in Plymouth.

"And, the dad paid me \$50 for helping," Jack said, which was a nice surprise.

Court Watching:

Jarell Hill bound over on weapons charges

Jarell Isah Hill, 21, waived his preliminary exam at 34th District Court on July 10 and Magistrate Lisa Martin bound him over for an arraignment on the information on July 17 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice. Hill is lodged in the Wayne County Jail on bond of \$50,000/10%.

Hill is charged with receiving and concealing firearms, possession of a weapon by a felon, and felony firearm on June 19 in the City of Belleville. Retained attorney is Kevin Bessant.

A warrant also has been signed for Hill for a violation of probation for another weapon arrest last November.

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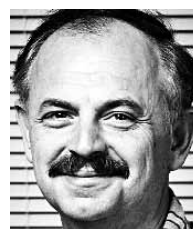
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Obituaries



Gary L. Bradshaw

GARY L. BRADSHAW

June 8, 1941 - July 9, 2019

Gary L. Bradshaw, age 78, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born June 8, 1941 in Detroit, MI, son of George Cunningham & Frances Johana (Shumbera) Bradshaw.

Mr. Bradshaw was a 1960 graduate of Belleville High School and retired from Ford Motor Company, Ypsilanti Plant, after 32 years of loyal service. He was a member of the U.A.W. Local 849. Gary was a faithful member of Berean Baptist Church. He loved sports, enjoyed playing softball (especially pitching), golf, gardening and working out at the gym. Gary loved animals and showed horses when he was in the 4-H. He loved his friends and an impromptu party. He also loved playing cards, especially Euchre, and cherished Tuesday morning Card Club at Tim Horton's. Most of all, he loved his family and time spent with his grandchildren.

He leaves behind the memory of a humble Christian man, known for his kindness, thoughtfulness, dignity, service to and love for others, as well as a quiet sense of humor and a twinkle in his eye.

Gary is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Jo (Bates) Bradshaw; two daughters Connie (Carl) Shull of Ypsilanti, MI and Carrie (Michael) Long of Belleville, MI; 5 grandchildren Megan Shull and U.S. Army 2nd

Lt. Mariah Shull, Jacob Long, Kelsey Long and Alexandria Long. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were held July 12 at Church of Christ, Ridge Road, Ypsilanti. Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton.

Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue, and would be appreciated.

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Janna Lynn Greca

JANNA LYNN GRECA

September 15, 1960 - July 12, 2019

Age 58, of Van Buren Township. Died Friday, July 12, 2019 at her residence.

Janna is the beloved wife of David for 40 wonderful years; loving mother of Jacob (Fee) Greca of Germany, Jonathan (Marissa) Greca of Canton and Greta (Aaron) Stearns of New York; dear grandmother of Liam, Boas, Marlow, Aislynn and "one on the way". Mrs. Greca is also survived by her siblings, Randy (Connie) Harris of Texas, Nathan (Shari) Antieau of Belleville and Neil Antieau of North Carolina along with many extended family and friends.

A Belleville High School graduate (*class of 1978*), Janna had a passion for Bible study and knowing the Word of God. She loved all eight of her cats and enjoyed making sure they were well taken care of, but mostly, her family always came first. She will be truly missed.

Funeral services for Janna have been arranged for 11 AM, Friday, July 19, 2019 in the Main Chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. The Greca family will greet guests from 10 AM. Interment will follow at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

Visiting hours have been arranged for Thursday from 2 until 8 PM at the funeral home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Brennis Donald Folks

BRENNIS DONALD FOLKS

May 3, 1930 - July 12, 2019

Age 89, longtime Sumpter Twp. resident, died peacefully with his family by his side, Friday morning, July 12, 2019 at Heartland Home Health Care of Superior Township.

Brennis is the beloved husband of the late Jessie (d.4/14/2017); loving father of Doris (Larry) Cahoon of Hartland, Gale (Christine) Folks of Belleville and Dale (Constance) Folks of Belleville. Mr. Folks is also survived by eight grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Mr. Folks is also survived by siblings, Lawrence (Clara Belle) Folks of Virginia and Elsie Carr of Delaware.

A resident of Sumpter Township since 1955, Brennis retired from General Motors (*Romulus Plant*) in 1995. In his spare time, Brennis enjoyed gardening, fishing and traveling. Mostly, Brennis loved his family and had a deep faith in his savior, Lord Jesus Christ.

Funeral services were held 11 AM, Wednesday, July 17th in the Main Chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home. 734-697-4500. The Folks family greeted guests one hour prior to the service. Pastor James McKinnies officiated. Interment followed at Tyler Cemetery, Van Buren Township.

Visiting hours were 2-8 PM Tuesday at the funeral home.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, July 22 – Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission, 4 p.m.

• Tuesday, July 23 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 5:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 24 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, July 29 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building

• Monday, Aug. 5 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Aug. 6 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.

Obituaries



Frank L. Shelp

FRANK LEONARD SHELPS

July 20, 1933 – March 26, 2019

In memory of Frank L. Shelp, who would have celebrated his 86th birthday on July 20, 2019, had he not lost his fight to cancer in Palm Bay, Florida, in March.

Frank was the fourth of five children born to Agnes and Elburn Shelp in the village of Bancroft, MI. He was a four-letter, four-year sport graduate of Durand High School in 1951. In 1953, he and his high school gal, Pat, were married in Durand.

They have two living sons, Frank J. and Mark (Beth). In 1955, Frank was in the first graduation class at Michigan State University.

He did a short time in the Army and served 10 years in the Reserves.

For 37 years he was employed at GM Willow Run where he was an engineer and company planner. Frank loved to plan trips for the family.

We saw most of the National Parks in the States and Canada. For over 60 years we've had season tickets for State Football and Basketball and traveled all over the country to watch games.

Frank and Pat have homes in Palm Bay, Florida, and on Wildwood Lake, outside of Wolverine, MI.

Frank will be remembered on July 20 at the WildWood Lakes Association Golf outing, and always by Pat, Len, Mark, Beth, extended family and friends.



Arthur Eugene Stamper

ARTHUR EUGENE STAMPER

September 25, 1949 - July 10, 2019

Arthur Eugene Stamper, age 69, of Toledo, Ohio, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at Garden City Hospital, Garden City, MI. He was born September 25, 1949 in Crum, West Virginia, son of Paul & Amanda (Stevens) Stamper.

Gene retired from Consolidated Freight after many years of loyal driving. He enjoyed cooking, fishing, motorcycles, guns, and was a member of the National Rifle Association.

Survived by son L. Sean (Nicole) Stamper of Toledo, Ohio; daughter Courtney D. (Chris) Carrothers of Tucson, Arizona; 5 grandchildren; mother Amanda Massey of Belleville, MI; sister Donna (Phillip) Stewart of Belleville, MI; three nieces and one nephew: Bridget, Billy, Tabitha and Chrystal; also numerous extended family and friends.

Mr. Stamper was preceded in death by his father, wife Shirley Jean (Fuller) Stamper, brother Fred Junior Stamper, also a sister Bonnie Denise Franey.

Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI.

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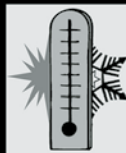
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St. Anthony Men's Club sets golf outing for Sept. 7 at Fellows Creek

St. Anthony Men's Club will hold a golf outing on Saturday, Sept. 7 at Fellows Creek

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UFO investigator speaks to standing-room-only crowd

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Bill Konkolesky, state director of the Mutual UFO Network, spoke to a standing-room-only crowd in the Belleville Area District Library on July 11.

Konkolesky said he has been state director for 15 years and a member for 26 years. He also serves as a consultant to UFO TV, but the stories usually are not accurate.

He said there are 300 billion stars in the Milky Way and one out of six on average has a potential to be a habitable planet. He said there are 100 billion other galaxies currently visible to us with 50 billion worlds that may be capable of supporting life. He said 100 sextillion places have the potential to support life.

He quoted a statement in the *Washington Post*: "UFOs exist and everyone needs to adjust to that fact."

He said last May 28 there were sightings of UFOs by pilots and other Navy staff, which brought the discussion of unidentified flying objects to the forefront again.

The USS Nimitz on the west coast had sightings in November 2004 and the USS Roosevelt has sightings on the east side of the country in 2014-15 almost daily. There were no photos or videos from the two ships.

"Something enigmatic is going on," he said. He spoke of "Fermi's Paradox" which is named after Enrico Fermi and refers to the apparent contradiction between high estimates of the probability of the existence of extraterrestrial civilizations and the lack of evidence for such civilizations.

He said MUFON used to have a TV series called Hangar One, but that is no longer running.

Konkolesky gave a report on how many UFO reports they have had since 2010 and it was 2,379 in Michigan alone. Over the past nine years there were 70,617 internationally and 56,183 in the U.S. alone.

He said in 2012, the previous years' totals of 208 and 279, jumped to 422. He said that was the year Chinese lanterns became popular. Then in 2015 the total jumped to 331, the year drones arrived.

He told the history of Project Blue Book and when it closed its work.



Bill Konkolesky is state director of the Mutual UFO Network.

Konkolesky listed investigations of five Michigan cases, starting with the one on Nov. 23, 1953 when a UFO collided with an Air Force F-89 jet fighter out of Kinross Air Force Base, guarding the Soo Locks. The plane was never found and the pilots are considered missing in action. The UFO and the plane collided and then both disappeared from the radar.

One of the pilots is honored with a memorial in Florida explaining he disappeared after colliding with a UFO.

He then told of the 1966 incident in the Ann Arbor area with hundreds of witnesses, a 1975 incident at a northern Michigan Air Force Base, a 1994 incident in Grand Rapids area with coverage on the front page of the *Detroit News/Free Press* and evidence obtained from the National Weather Service and the March 2005 sighting near Metro Airport.

Konkolesky said at 4 a.m. in March 2005 a man driving in the I-94/I-275 area reported seeing a glowing object, a giant triangle the size of a football field, zipping with lights all over the sky. In the morning he called WOMC morning radio talk show host Dick Purtan. Purtan asked other listeners to call in if they saw this and two more called in.

This followed the sighting Sept. 29-30, 2004

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UFO

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of a UFO landing in Highland Township. He said the guy reported he got up from a nap at 3 p.m. and looked out the window and saw what looked like a car floating over the trees. It landed in his back yard for an hour.

Konkolesky said when he met with the man, he said he was afraid to take pictures for fear they would think he had a weapon and was afraid to call for help. He said he sat on the couch and watched it for an hour and then it went away.

"We came out with antique radar equipment to test the ground, but there was several feet of snow by the time he called and we could get no radiation results," he said.

The man just wanted to get it off his chest and then he didn't want to talk about it any more and didn't want them testing his property any more. He had described the unique shape with three light dots on the side.

Konkolesky said on Nov. 20, 2008 a man driving a truck in Fairland, Oklahoma, reported a UFO with the same shape and three square windows and the object paced him.

He said there are a couple of hundred sightings of unidentified flying objects a year in Michigan, all over the state. He said where there are more people there are more

sightings.

He suggested people report their sightings to mufon.com and contact mimufon.org if they want to become investigators or want more information.

He said the last couple of years the reports are down slightly and he thinks that is because the lengthy report form is hard to fill out on a phone, which is how most are accessing it these days. This means they can't get the number of UFO reports they used to.

Keith Bruder said everyone has cell phones, so there must be more pictures. Konkolesky said what they offer are pictures of a tiny light in a dark sky, which are terrible photos.

Konkolesky said this presentation is an overall view of UFOs in Michigan, but his other presentation is on the best recent cases. He suggested those interested in having him come back contact the library.

"He was a wuss," said one man, referring to the UFO sighter who sat on the couch for an hour without calling police.

"He cried on the phone six months later when he called," Konkolesky said. "He was terrified."

Konkolesky said now people tend to post their sightings on social media and the replies are fierce.

"When you report it to us, it's all anonymous. We stipulate that out front," he said.

"I had a sighting in the late '80s when I

was in a Chevette with buddies," Konkolesky said. "My two friends don't talk about it at all."

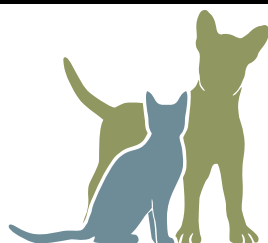
A woman asked about human/alien hybrids.

He told the story of a man who was leaving an outstate Walmart and got into his car in the parking lot and a woman with strange eyes got into the passenger seat. "Are you all right?" he asked and she replied, "Are you all right?" and then got out of the car and got into another car with two men.

Later he was sitting on the porch of his house and the car drove up with the three people with strange eyes in it. They got out of the car and told him they were going into his house and he said OK, sure. It was like they were old friends. They stayed inside an hour and then left and he waved a friendly goodbye. Later he realized how strange the whole thing was and how he doesn't remember anyone saying anything, but they were communicating.

A woman in the audience said when she was four or five her mother woke her up to look out the back window at their home in Fowlerville. They saw a saucer shape, with lights and windows. She remembers staring out at the bright light and, "I don't remember anything after that... I was a little kid in my PJs, I wouldn't have gone outside, but I don't remember anything."

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when Visteon filed for bankruptcy.

Pursuant to an agreement between the parties, this lawsuit was dismissed and refiled in Wayne County Circuit Court.

On Feb. 18, 2016, the circuit court granted Visteon's motion for summary disposition, deciding that the township's claims against Visteon were not ripe for adjudication. On May 16, 2017, the Court of Appeals affirmed the circuit court's ruling that the township's claims were not ripe.

The township filed an application for an appeal before the Michigan Supreme Court and on March 8, 2019 that was denied.

The document states "the township shall be refiled its lawsuit against Visteon promptly after the date that the shortfall in tax increment revenues actually occurs."

The document also states that it "sets forth the parties agreement to take the necessary and prudent steps to minimize the annual shortfall in tax increment revenues and to protect the township's right to receive reimbursement from the Authority from future available tax increment revenues for amounts it is legally obligated to pay to cover the debt service shortfalls on the Authority Bonds."

If the township isn't completely reimbursed by the end of the Development Plan - Dec. 31, 2032 - the LDFA agrees to extend the plan to the maximum allowable term so the township can be paid in full.

The township and LDFA agree to aggressively promote new development in

the Visteon Village Project.

"Any proceeds received by the township through litigation with Visteon, through judgment, verdict, settlement or otherwise shall, first, be reimbursed to the township to reimburse all advances made on the Authority's behalf and interest, and second, to the Authority," the agreement states.

After the LDFA approved the agreement, Supervisor McNamara said currently the LDFA was under the township's economic development department.

"No longer," he said. "We have a shortfall." He said his executive assistant Dan Selman will be the new liaison to the LDFA for the next year or two.

He said there would be difficulty in hiring someone to replace Ron Akers, the current director of planning and economic development, whose last day with the township was July 10.

"We're consolidated under the executive because of the high level of liability this township has taken on," said Peters, an attorney. "We've got to stay focused on this..."

"I believe in growing and then you won't have problems," McNamara said.

"Are we going to pay higher salaries?" Peters asked and McNamara said he offered Akers what could have made him stay, but the new job in Ypsilanti will give him a chance to expand. Akers will be Director of Public Services, including the DPW. After three years, he will be ready for a job as a city manager, and not a small city, either, McNamara said.

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Court Watching: Chad Stevens bound over to face charge of aggravated stalking

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On July 10, a preliminary exam was held for Chad Martin Stevens, 29, before 34th District Court Judge David Parrott. The felony charge was aggravated stalking in Belleville on July 3, 2016.

The only witness called by Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Larry King was Amber Lewis, who testified the defendant was her ex-boyfriend.

She lived in the City of Belleville and worked at CVS Pharmacy in Van Buren Township in the summer of 2016 when this happened.

Lewis testified she got a Personal Protection Order against Stevens after he threatened to push her out of a moving vehicle in March 2016. She said he called her by phone, at home and on her job. She said on June 6 he called saying he wanted his daughter. On June 28, he parked next to her car in the CVS parking lot and she was escorted to her car by her boss.

She said she started to drive home and he followed her, so she called 911 and pulled into a church parking lot across from Burger King to talk to the dispatcher. She testified she was still on the phone with 911

when she saw him again and the dispatcher told her to drive back to CVS, which she did.

She testified on July 2, while at work at CVS, she received a call from her next-door neighbor who told her not to come home because he was parked at her home.

"I changed my number after he came to my work," she said.

Under cross-examination, Lewis testified that there were three or four incidents before she made a report to police. She said she quit her job at CVS.

She testified she has full custody of their six-year-old daughter and she went to court to get that. She said the defendant put his hands on her in Inkster on June 21, 2016. She said she has no records on any phone calls.

Judge Parrott said it was a question of fact and so he bound Stevens over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on July 24.

Stevens was arraigned June 22 at 34th District Court and is free after posting bond of \$7,500/10%. His bond requires no contact to Amber Lewis or her home and no drugs or alcohol.

Belleville officer in charge of the case is Jeff Wickham.

Breonna Catherine Blakely

Breonna Catherine Blakely, 24, was due for her preliminary exam before Judge Parrott on July 10, but the prosecutor asked that the charges be dismissed without

prejudice, which means they can be refiled in the future. The charges were dismissed by the complaining party.

Blakely had been charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and domestic violence in Van Buren Township on June 19. Her court-appointed attorney was Henry Schneider.

Gage Bryant Harris

The preliminary exam for Gage Bryant Harris, 25, was adjourned for a week, to July 17, at the request of the prosecutor, who explained the eye-witness was not in court and the officer in charge of the case had a conflict and could not be there.

Harris is facing charges of home invasion – 1st degree, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence on May 21 in Van Buren Township.

Kathy L. Smith-Franklin

Kathy L. Smith-Franklin had been charged with possession of cocaine in the City of Belleville on June 6. She pled guilty to use of a narcotic, which is a misdemeanor, and the felony charge of possession of narcotic was dismissed. The charge will be taken under advisement for 12 months and then dropped if there are no further arrests. Judge Parrott sentenced her to four days on the work program, but her attorney said she had medical problems. Judge Parrott said the probation department could convert that to community service with proof of physical problems. She also was sentenced to take the Reality Check program and pay \$750.

Her court appointed attorney asked Judge Parrott to order the tether she was wearing removed and the judge so ordered.

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The Music Lakeside Concert Series continues Thursday, July 18, with the Bobby Murray Band beginning at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park on High Street. Next week, the Stubbs Girls return on July 25. In case of rain the concert will move across the street inside Belleville First United Methodist Church. Visit www.bacaart.org and www.musiclakeside.com.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter will be holding their monthly pet adoption event this Saturday, July 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Petco pet store on Warren Avenue across from the mall. Call (734) 461-9458.

"The Day We Walked on the Moon" is the movie this Saturday, July 20, as the Yankee Air Museum celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. Show times are 5:30 and 7 p.m. at the museum. The film includes Apollo Astronaut Michael Collins and children of Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, footage of the mission, and members of mission control. The film is a production of the Smithsonian Channel and is free and open to the public. Visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org and call (734) 483-4030.

Meet Up & Eat Up is a free Summer

Lunch Program at Tyler Elementary School July 22 through Aug. 15. The program is open to all kids and teens, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Parents will be charged \$2.

Diversified Roofing of Saline specializes in roofs and roofs only, according to owner Stan Tupacz. For over 20 years it has been family owned and operated. The business is fully insured and offers free estimates on roof replacements, recovers, repairs for commercial and residential customers. Visit their showroom at 779 West Michigan Ave. and call 1-800-668-1928. Be sure to check out their website at www.diversifiedroofingllc.com.

A one-day sale event on Singer sewing machines take place next Monday, July 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kmart on Rawsonville Road. Prices start at \$149 when you present their ad in today's paper. Call 1-866-342-0508.

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

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VBT Police

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because they were tired and had been partying all day. They were waiting for their friend to show up at Kirkridge.

Then Sloan said she was going back to Ypsilanti and she leaves. No one hears from her

and then her mother pings her phone, because it's the mother's phone and she can do that, Bazzy said. It was in Monroe, right off I-75.

Then, Bazzy said, the mother called the Middletown Police and they put her daughter's license plate number into LEIN (law enforcement information network). There was a lot of activity back and forth with the Belleville

Police. She was last seen in VBT by these girls, so VBT took over the local investigation.

Bazzy said he used the Zero Hit on anyone who ran that plate and Westland PD had run it at 11 p.m. Saturday. Bazzy said they had to wake the officer who ran the plate and he said it was illegally parked in front of a house and then left.

The mother hired a private investigator who put the license plate into a system he uses and it was located in Atlanta, GA.

Meanwhile, the mother sent Bazzy information from Monroe, Ohio, on July 9 as well as withdrawals on July 5 and 6. Sloan's signature on these slips matched her signature.

Police went to the bank near Middletown, Ohio, and found she had used the drive-through and the teller didn't remember her, but said there was nothing unusual that day.

She's quiet for another day and then her license

plate pings in Savannah, GA, Bazzy said.

Canton PD, which uses the same program as the private investigator, pitched in to help and Bazzy got ATF involved because there was some talk about guns.

"At the end of the day, she's 18. She's an adult," Bazzy said, adding they have a video of her driving out of Kirkridge by herself.

On Friday at 6 p.m., the Volusia County Sheriff's Department called to say they pulled her over in Daytona Beach and talked with her.

They said the girl said, "I'm on vacation. I'm 18 years old."

End of search.

At the beginning of the search, her family had handed out circulars all over western Wayne County and her picture and story was put on social media and in Detroit newspapers.

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE

NOMINATING PETITIONS AVAILABLE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
BELLEVILLE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Nominating petitions for the Regular City Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the following offices:

Mayor – Term Ending 2023

Two (2) City Council Members – Terms ending 2023

Deadline for submitting completed nominating petitions is Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Notice is hereby given in conformity with the Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.644e) and the City Charter of the City of Belleville, Michigan.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk

Publish: July 11, 2019
July 18, 2019

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

July 22, 2019

11:00 a.m.

TOWNSHIP HALL

46425 TYLER RD.

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Hearing will be conducted on Monday, July 22, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law for the Special Election to be held Tuesday, August 6, 2018 Said meeting is open to the public and any interested citizens may attend. The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734.699.8909.

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Posted 7-12-2019

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:44 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: Rush, Oddy and Swinson. LaPorte excused. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Fire Chief Januszyk, Police LT. Gannon and approximately 18 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the agenda with the following amendments: Table - 11. Unfinished Business, A. until the Regular Board Meeting, July 9, 2019.

Add - Continue pay for all hours worked in excess of 20 hours per week for the next two (2) weeks. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: no comment

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2019 with clarification on 14. Board Response, A. "Sumpter Twp's Storm Ready Program application". Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2019. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported Swinson to approve the warrant total of \$105,788.91. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Swinson, Oddy, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. LaPorte excused. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson: A. No report for Parks & Recreation. Next meeting scheduled for July 17, 2019.

B. Expressed appreciation for Township Board's consideration of the Wayne County Park Grant Funding Agreement.

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

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy:

A. Planning Commission met on June 13, 2019 and approved the resolution to submit the Master Plan to the Board of Trustees for review and final approval.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals has (2) items for consideration during the scheduled June 27, 2019 Public Hearing.

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

9. Senior Report-Hurst:

A. (12) Sumpter Seniors attended the Older Michiganians' Day in Lansing

B. (30) Senior Travelers went to Shipshewana with Bianco Transportations Services

C. (17) Seniors rode in the new bus to Wayne County Senior Picnic on Saturday, June 22, 2019

D. Maryann Watson received the "Helping Hand Award" from Wayne County Senior Services

E. Cardio Drumming on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm. There is a one-time membership fee for equipment use.

F. Please support the Senior Quilters' "Feed The Homeless" Pizza Drive on August 13, 2019.

Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the Senior report. Motion carried.

10. Board Response:

A. Trustee Rush advised of the updated draft Summary of Fees and application(s) formats. He requested a (30) day review and comment by the Board prior to Agenda Item for Board of Trustees approval.

B. Trustee Rush advised that the last 2019 SkyWarn training will be conducted on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 5:30 pm at Fire Station 1. This training session is open to the public.

11. Unfinished Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to table until July 9, 2019. Motion was carried.

12. New Business:

A. Motion by Swinson, supported by Rush to approve the Agreement with Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR) to provide dog pound/shelter services to the township. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve the recommendation of Hennessey Engineers to award the fire hall drain repair project to G.V. Cement in the amount of \$89,126.40. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to table approval of Resolution #: 2019-09, Sumpter Township Purchasing and Bid Policy. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve to accept the resignation of Vincent Tocco from the Sumpter Township Fire Department effective immediately. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Bednark, supported by Oddy to approve the Guardian Alarm proposal for an intrusion alarm for Fire Station #2 with an installation cost of \$675.00 and monthly rate of \$58.95. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve Resolution 2019-10 The Wayne County / Sumpter Township FY 2018-2019 Park Grant Funding Agreement for Banotai Park and Graham Park. Motion carried.

13. Announcements:

A. Clerk Hurst advised of Ms. Robbins' Keystone Academy Art Class donation of their art project. Sumpter Twp will be accepting donations for each of these (displayed on the back Board Room Table) with all proceeds going to the Sumpter Twp Community Outreach Program.

B. Deputy Supervisor Armatis announced Representative Joe Bellino's Coffee Hour on June 28, 2019 between 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Sumpter Township Hall.

C. Trustee Oddy advised of a number of residents' calls concerning the air traffic over Sumpter Township. It does not appear that the plan to reduce noise levels through higher aircraft elevations and a more dispersed pattern of air traffic is occurring. Trustee Oddy recommended residents approach the airport authority with their concerns.

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

15. Adjournment: Motion by Oddy, supported by Bednark to adjourn at 7:51 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township
Esther Hurst, Clerk
John Morgan, Supervisor
Published: July 18, 2019

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 440 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, July 7:

0044 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood Dr./Vine St.
0126 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.
0929 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd.
1052 – larceny from auto, Ruthan Dr.
1110 – harassment call, McBride Ave.
1146 – family trouble, Outer Dr.
1210 – larceny from auto, Marina Dr.
1358 – leaving the scene of the property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.
1458 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1528 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Coca-Cola Dr
1623 – neighbor trouble, Crowley Ave.
1643 – found property/child, Marina Dr.
1848 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1926 – operating while intoxicated, DNR boat launch/Rawsonville
2046 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
2100 – harassment call, Rawsonville Rd.
2108 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
2143 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
2303 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd.
2317 – juvenile complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2347 – trespassing, Bog Rd.

Monday, July 8:

0053 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0116 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0418 – family trouble, Kennedy Ct.
0801 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.
0821 – larceny from auto, Parkwood Dr.
1028 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1037 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1300 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd.
1330 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1510 – repossession, Belleville Rd.
1821 – suspicious person/vehicle, Florence Ln. / N. Sadie Ln.
1850 – disorderly, Independence Ln.
1908 – civil matter, Van Buren Ct.
2001 – 911 welfare check, E. Archwood Dr.
2009 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
2023 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse
2133 – 911 welfare check, Martinsville Rd.
2136 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
2149 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2302 – parking complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
2319 – parking complaint, Meadows Cir.

Tuesday, July 9:

0002 – parking complaint, Dover Ct.
0202 – parking complaint, Freeport Ct.
0310 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0526 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
0718 – larceny, Castell Blvd.
0805 – 911 welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0817 – hospice death, Vine St.
0833 – animal complaint, Beck Rd.
1114 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Belleville
1153 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1204 – ordinance violation, Hull Rd.
1415 – animal complaint, North Shore Dr.
1444 – harassment call, Rawsonville Rd.
1449 – suspicious person/vehicle, Mission Pointe
1649 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.

1717 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1735 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
1744 – harassment call, Village Green Ln.
1802 – animal complaint, McBride Ave.
1845 – property damage accident, JETS
2010 – suspicious person/vehicle, Farm Rd./Bog
2120 – family trouble, Locust Dr.
2203 – juvenile complaint, Daniel Dr.
2241 – noise complaint, America
2329 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
2341 – disorderly, Rawsonville

Wednesday, July 10:

0035 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave. / Haggerty Rd.
0119 – family trouble, Locust Dr.
0145 – domestic, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis Rd.
0332 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

0509 – larceny from auto, Meadows Ln.
0707 – larceny, Michigan Ave.
1043 – larceny, Oak Ln.
1059 – ordinance violation, Martz Rd.
1136 – domestic, Willow Way
1151 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1400 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1405 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1426 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
1508 – ordinance violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1523 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1548 – larceny, Van Born Rd.
1650 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1659 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1713 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1802 – private property impound, Brookside Dr.
1838 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1911 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
1919 – mental subject, Robson Rd.
2157 – trespassing, N. Bellridge Dr.
2214 – assault & battery, Haggerty
2249 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.

Thursday, July 11:

0020 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler
0036 – repossession, Daniel Dr.
0244 – breaking & entering, Haggerty Rd.
0325 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
0801 – fraud, Oak Ln.
0939 – property damage accident, WB Michigan Ave. / bypass
1025 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury Dr
1050 – ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd.
1149 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1406 – fraud, Fret Rd.
1552 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1642 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. / Montague Ave.

1707 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
1723 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove Rd.
1742 – disorderly, Lake Villa Dr.
1850 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2018 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2018 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2017 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
2053 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2058 – threat, Haggerty
2232 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd./Ecorse
2243 – suspicious person/vehicle, Landmark
2258 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
2318 – follow up by officer, Willow
2322 – noise complaint, Andover Dr.
2355 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.

Friday, July 12:

0119 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0301 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sheldon Rd.
0937 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury Dr
1013 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
1038 – animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr. / Elwell Dr.
1040 – abandoned auto, Harbour Club boat area
1113 – larceny, Ash Dr.
1222 – larceny, Belleville
1304 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1501 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.

1525 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1613 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1702 – threat, Village Green Ln.
1719 – family trouble, Oak Ln.
1753 – family trouble, Oak Ln.
1810 – private property impound, Van Buren Ln.
1909 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
2047 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2049 – domestic, Lake Pointe Pass
2237 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Parkwood Dr.

Saturday, July 13:

0027 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0412 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0544 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave./Van Allen
0835 – parking complaint, N. Cumberland Dr.
1109 – parking complaint, Wheeler St./Millard
1125 – trespassing, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1200 – parking complaint, Stonebridge Ct.
1231 – ordinance violation, E. Walden/Solitude Ln
1313 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Westlake Cir.
1323 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.

1407 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1547 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1656 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1809 – 911 welfare check, Savage Rd.
1858 – civil matter, Pebblebrook Dr.
1926 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1949 – parking complaint, Ventura Dr.
2142 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
2152 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
2200 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton
2213 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.

Also on this week's log are 118 traffic stops and 60 of those were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 7:

0229 – suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St.
1029 – private property/property damage accident, High St.
1047 – found property/child, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1546 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1720 – follow up by officer, Henry St.
1842 – sexual assault, Estrada Dr.
2207 – welfare check, Bay Pointe Dr.
2208 – follow up by officer, E. Medical Center Dr.

Monday, July 8:

0032 – fight, Main St.
0139 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
0405 – parking complaint, Victorian Ln.
0917 – welfare check, South St.
0957 – found property/child, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1203 – property damage accident, Main St.
1254 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1831 – 911 welfare check, Victorian Ln.
2041 – warrant arrest, Clinton

Tuesday, July 9:

0944 – suicidal person, Henry St.
1232 – vehicle lockout, E. Columbia Ave.
1723 – assist fire dept., N. Aberdeen Ct.
1942 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
2046 – civil matter, South St.
2121 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St.

Wednesday, July 10:

0045 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.
1516 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / N. Liberty St.
1522 – larceny, Sumpter Rd.
1625 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1701 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1717 – malicious destruction of property, Loza Ln.
1730 – disorderly, South St.
1744 – assist other dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
2105 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
2252 – follow up by officer, Loza Ln.

Thursday, July 11:

0152 – suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St.
1350 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1500 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St. / E. Columbia Ave.
1525 – follow up by officer, Owen St.
2058 – miscellaneous complaint, Tyler Rd.
2305 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Loza Ln.
2350 – warrant arrest, Hogback Rd.

Friday, July 12:

0029 – suspicious person/vehicle, Astor
1316 – assist other dept., Loza Ln.
1515 – found property/child, Menlo Park Dr.
1718 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
2038 – warrant arrest, Main St.

Saturday, July 13:

0514 – family trouble, N. Aberdeen Ct.
0830 – malicious destruction of property, W. Thornhill Ct.
1523 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1614 – welfare check, Carmell St.
1751 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1811 – property damage accident, Main St.
2211 – parking complaint, Henry St.
2241 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

Also on this week's log are 21 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 7:

0156 – fireworks complaint, Willis/Sumpter

0604 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
0738 – alarm, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0909 – assist other agency, Redwood
0909 – warrant arrest pick up, Redwood
1022 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1049 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1457 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.
1556 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1723 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Rd.
1820 – alarm, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1918 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1927 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Clay
2149 – parking complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2207 – property damage accident, Judd/Karr
2220 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
2224 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.

Monday, July 8:

0254 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0754 – neighbor dispute, 20000 bl. Martinsville
0953 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1051 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1148 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1324 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1334 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1436 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.

1445 – threats complaint, Knollwood
1632 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1939 – juvenile complaint, Wayside Dr.
2026 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
2037 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2250 – animal complaint, Oregon

Tuesday, July 9:

0050 – warrant arrest pick up, Willis/California
0200 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Martinsville
1325 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1614 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1731 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2305 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Wednesday, July 10:

0521 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0541 – assist other agency, Karr/Oakville Waltz
0601 – assist other agency, out of township
0749 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
0838 – assist other agency, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
0923 – ORV complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1009 – ORV complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1047 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1154 – warrant arrest pick up, 45000 bl. Harris
1225 – well-being check, Country Club Blvd.
1510 – ordinance violation, 28000 bl. Sumpter
1542 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1622 – fire dept. assist, Redwood Ct.
1636 – traffic hazard, Willow/Rawsonville
1656 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1850 – ORV complaint, Judd/Elwell
2238 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Bemis / Martinsville

Thursday, July 11:

0926 – fire dept. assist, out of township
1045 – warrant arrest pick up, 41000 bl. Willis
1052 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Arkona
1311 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.
1316 – ordinance violation, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1334 – runaway juvenile, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1527 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Bontekoe
1733 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1741 – larceny, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1822 – larceny, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1901 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
2015 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2049 – alarm, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2154 – civil dispute, Hampshire
2249 – well-being check, 47000 bl. willow Rd.

Friday, July 12:

0100 – alarm, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0449 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0831 – breaking & entering report, New Mexico
1133 – alarm, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1246 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
1406 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl Carleton West Rd.

1559 – alarm, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1610 – traffic hazard, Sumpter/Bemis
1639 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.
1653 – alarm, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.

1704 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1750 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Clay
1801 – property damage accident, Willis / Rawsonville
1837 – assist other agency, 18000 bl. Martinsville
2312 – suspicious person, 28000 bl. Martinsville

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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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Saturday, July 13:

0923 – well-being check, Country Club Blvd.
1435 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
2002 – warrant arrest pick up, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2144 – mental health commitment, Sumpter /
Arkona

Also on this week's log are five follow-up
investigations, 12 miscellaneous details, 55 patrol
checks, and 32 traffic stops.

Birthdays

May 22 – Karen Kubit
July 19 – Autumn Warren
July 21 – Lisa Tyrell
July 25 – Paula Cripps
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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, July 1, 2019

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of
Belleville was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem
Loria at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main
Street, Belleville.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Absent
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present

Mayor Conley	Absent
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3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations None

Council follow up list

Council Member Marcotte inquired about the status of
the Doane's Landing seawall repair project and
DPS Director Rutherford stated that steel would be
delivered the week of July 8th.

Citizen Comments None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Smith, Second by Marcotte to approve
the agenda with one change: delete the item under
General Business: Public Safety Special Assessment.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Smith to approve the
City Council meeting minutes from June 17, 2019 as
presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. Outdoor Café Ordinance

City Manager Kollmeyer discussed the outdoor
café ordinance changes adding that if approved,
this version would allow rooftop dining. Planning
Commissioner Mike Renaud said a lot had changed
in the 10 years since the original ordinance
was written. DPS Director Rutherford stated
that the members of this Planning Commission
Subcommittee did a very thorough job during a
review process that took several months.

B. Central Business District (CBC) Zoning

Ordinance Changes

Planning Commissioners Hawkins and Priest
initiated discussion that led to proposed changes
in the CBC. DPS Director Rutherford stated that
the "special approval" phrase was eliminated and
now described as just "permitted uses." Planning
Commissioner Mike Renaud said their intent was to
encourage more development in the City.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing – Outdoor Café Ordinance

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Smith to set a Public
Hearing on the Outdoor Café Ordinance at the next
Council meeting on July 15, 2019.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Public Hearing – Central Business District Zoning Ordinance Changes

Motion by Smith, Second by Marcotte to set a Public
Hearing on the Central Business District Zoning
Ordinance Changes at the next Council meeting on
July 15, 2019.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Millage Reduction Fraction Computation

Motion by Smith, Second by Marcotte approving
Resolution No. 19-045, establishing the 2019 tax
rate of 16.5067 which incorporates the Headlee
rollback as provided by Wayne County.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Smith to approve
Resolution No. 19-046, for accounts payable and
purchases over \$500.00 totaling \$140,216.12 as
presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Fire Chief Loranger said the BYC would launch its
fireworks on Thursday, with Friday being the rain
date

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Smith to adjourn
meeting at 7:53 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf

City Clerk

Approved: July 15, 2019

Published: July 18, 2019

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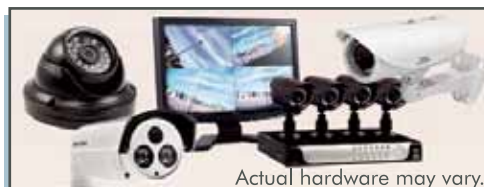
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