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Children enjoyed shopping for Christmas presents for their families during the “Shop with a Hero” event at Meijer in Van Buren Township on Dec. 13. Participants came from police and fire departments of Van Buren Township, Michigan State Police, Huron Valley Ambulance, and Belleville.



On Dec. 14, the “Shop with a Hero” event was at Walmart in Van Buren Township, where a different set of children shopped for their families’ Christmases. Participants included those from the Van Buren Township Police, Sumpter Township Police, Belleville Police and Fire, and Michigan State Police. The Grinch also made an appearance and handed out extra gifts to the children.

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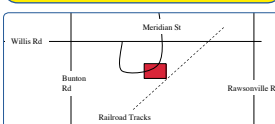
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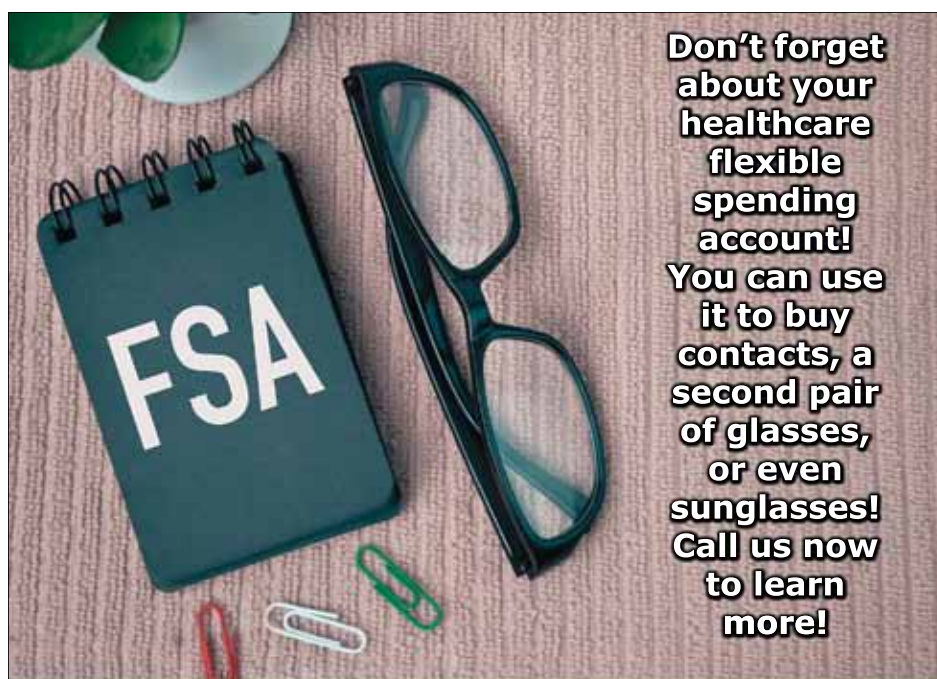
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT approves selling old fire station on Ecorse to DTE Gas

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The old fire station at 45581 Ecorse Rd., just west of Belleville Road, was officially sold to DTE Gas for \$220,000 at the Dec. 20 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said an appraiser was hired by the township and he determined the fair market value was \$220,000. He said DTE will pay the \$2,000 cost of the appraisal, as well.

Director Power said the site will provide redundancy for 160,000 people in Western Wayne County with a gas transmission line. He said the board determined at a previous meeting that the property was not in the long-term interest of the township. A quick-claim deed to DTE was approved for the "Ecorse Valve Site."

He said it is considered an essential service, so no site plan is needed. Power said his department gave DTE advice on security fencing and landscaping. The site will contain no buildings.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said this will serve the residents of Van Buren Township and this second pipe is being put in place in case the first pipe goes bad.

The site also will provide for the installation of remote-control valves for emergency remote shutoffs.

In other business at the 36-minute meeting on Dec. 20, the board:

- Witnessed Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous honor Trustee Kevin Martin with a framed resolution from the county commission telling of his service in the Navy providing national security and his 45 years at General Motors. He recently retired from GM. Trustee Martin said, "On behalf of Judge Martin and myself, I am humbled and honored to be so honored." He referred to his wife, 34th District Court



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous, left, honored Van Buren Township Trustee Kevin Martin with a framed resolution from the county commission telling of Trustee Martin's service in the Navy and his 45 years at General Motors, where he recently retired. At right is Martin's wife, 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin.

Judge Lisa Martin, who stood by his side. He said he will continue to serve his community;

- Approved a contract with apparent low-bidder of four bids, TSP Environmental, in the amount of \$279,233.60 for the replacement of the Wildbrook Pump Station. The existing suction pump station has historic problems with pulling prime and keeping prime due to excess grease in the wet well. Two submersible pumps will be installed in the well and above ground storage. Due to the long force main, a pump-down performance test will be performed. Kevin Lawrence, director of water and sewer, said it is likely the excessive grease has settled in the force main and a pump-down comparison to

performance curves will indicate the need for a pipe-cleaning program. He said this work will correct a design issue, going from suction station on top to submersibles within the wastewater well;

- Approved the personal service agreement with Elena Manalp in the communications' department. Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter said Manalp has more than 12 years of experience on social media and graduated from Michigan State University in August. She had served as assistant to the campaign manager for Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, who was reelected;

- Approved a rate increase for the Van Buren Today Magazine from \$350 per page to \$400 per page. Community Publishing & Marketing of Taylor sells all advertising

within Today Magazines and retains all monies owed from these advertising and sponsorship endeavors. Total estimated amount due from the township per 16-page issue is \$6,400. Photos and artwork are provided by VBT;

- Approved the appointment of Alex Dine to the Local Development Finance Authority with a term to expire Aug. 12, 2023;

- Approved the 2023 regular work study and board meeting schedule, with work study session beginning at 5 p.m. and regular meetings at 6 p.m. on meetings that generally are the first and third Tuesdays of the month, except for holidays. Also, the Aug. 14 budget review meeting will begin at 8 a.m. There is only one meeting in January 2023 and that is Jan. 17;

- Approved the resignation of Trustee Reggie Miller from the Board of Trustees effective Dec. 15. She assumes her new office as Representative for District 31 in the Michigan House of Representatives as of Jan. 1. She was elected Nov. 8;

- Approved the Wayne County Annual Permit for the 2023 Fiscal Year. The permit covers maintenance, restoration, and special events on the Wayne County road right-of-way;

- Heard Supervisor McNamara say the township is expected to get \$35,000 from the national opiate settlement and that money will be used for some things like at-risk students; and

- Approved the voucher list, which included a severance payout of \$53,500 for Lisa Lothringer, former deputy executive director of the Downtown Development Authority, a position she had held since January, 2015. There was another payout to her civil rights attorney Salvatore Prescott Porter and Porter for \$16,500, making the total payout \$70,000.

Denton Road bridge: Construction work won't begin until 2025

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The 95-year-old Denton Road Bridge is going to be completely replaced, instead of repaired as previously announced, and work on it is unlikely to take place before 2025 or 2026.

This was part of a report given by Ron Akers, director of municipal services, to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its Dec. 20 regular meeting.

He said on Dec. 19, he and Supervisor Kevin McNamara met with Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous and county officials to discuss the status of the Denton Road bridge.

Director Akers said the county indicated the bridge needed to be reconstructed and the estimated cost of the project is between \$4 million and \$6.5 million.

"We discussed options for the bridge, the addition of a non-motorized trail on the bridge, increasing the height of the bridge to accommodate boaters, and adding decorative elements to make the bridge more attractive," he said.

"Due to the unexpected nature of the project, required environmental permitting, and other planned bridge projects already under way, the county is not expecting construction to begin on the bridge until 2025 or 2026," he said. "We

discussed seeking outside funding sources such as state and federal bridge programs and plan to work with the county to make applications for these programs. The county has already begun obtaining cost estimates and had a preliminary discussion with EGLE about the environmental permitting process."

Akers said that during the meeting the county officials committed to working with the township on the bridge project to help move the project forward as quickly as possible and to work with the township on the bridge design.

"This closure is unfortunate and will be disruptive to those who use it on a

regular basis," Akers continued. "We will work with the county to move this project forward as quickly as we are able, but while we are doing so, we will be looking to take advantage of the opportunities that this situation presents."

"These include the opportunity to construct a portion of the Iron Belle Trail on the bridge, to add decorative elements to the bridge to create an attractive gateway to the township, and to increase the height of the bridge to improve boater safety. Some of these improvements will likely need to be funded by the township or with additional grant funding."

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

What will 2023 bring to the tri-community?

If all goes well in Sumpter Township, it will get big federal grants through the Wayne County Commission – enough to completely redo Banotai Park/Sherwood Pond and the fairgrounds/community center. Also, grants for a township hall would be nice, as well. Officials are working hard to move forward in these areas and get lots of grant money to help.

In the city of Belleville, the north end of town is completely redoing itself with Scott Jones' shopping center and various other properties around town that he owns. The city manager wants to develop the south side of town, as well, and he is working on Victory Park/Victory Station and recently got a federal grant to help.

The party store connected to the police station has been demolished and a new brick facing put into place to cover up the scars of the old store. The city owns the whole corner now and it's considered the best sited property in town for a business. Hopes are to sell it to someone to develop something grand and to figure out where the new city hall/police station should be.

In Van Buren Township, the new community center/senior center is being constructed and plans being developed to have a special Denton Road bridge built. There's money set aside for something on the old DNR property and that will move forward soon. VBT is good at getting grants, so many things are under way, including a new Haggerty Road between Ecorse and Van Born. Happy New Year.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We had two collections by Toys for Tots because the first vehicle couldn't get all the toys in it. People have been very generous this year. After the second collection last week, an unmarked box was inadvertently left out in the hallway and toys continued to be placed in it.

I called Reg Ion, who is in charge of the St. Vincent DePaul program at St. Anthony Catholic Church, to ask him if he could use the toys we have. His answer: "The Lord moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

He said a friend referred a set of local grandparents who just got custody of three small grandchildren and the grandfather called and asked if he had any toys for them. He said he didn't, but he would get some. Then we called. He came over to pick them up, his grandson carried out the box, and both our problems were solved.

My son Bill went Christmas shopping at Meijer last Friday and it was windy and stormy and the bag with his special Christmas cards blew out of his basket in the parking lot and up over the roof of the Meijer building. He said he went to CVS and got more cards.

It was pretty windy, wasn't it? And, cold.

I was reading the Farmer's Almanac for 2023 to check on the weather for the year and found lots of interesting items. One entry said, as a trend, municipalities are changing their ordinances to allow people to have miniature goats as pets.

A resident of Lohr Road, across from Van Buren Estates, said that he likes the tall



vegetation growing in the ditch in front of his home because it hides the trailer park and gives him privacy.

He said someone in a green John Deere tractor came and cut down all the growth and he said his privacy was removed. He sent me some pictures to show what he meant.

He said his neighbors didn't have their ditches cut, so he doesn't understand. It is the job of Wayne County to take care of the ditches, but he insisted the tractor wasn't orange, but green. I suggested maybe Van Buren Township was using its new equipment to cut ditches.

He sent me the following message: "I am just letting you know that I have been in contact with the Wayne County forest department and the Van Buren mowing department. Both departments denied that they did any mowing to the privacy in front of my home ... A representative of Van Buren came out and took pictures a week ago and said he was going to look into this matter. He never called me back. I wanted to tell you that Wayne County just gave me a big runaround for days."

Most of the people at local meetings are complaining about the county NOT cutting the ditches. This person is complaining because somebody DID cut his ditch.

A reader dropped by to tell me that in the dispatch logs for Van Buren Township I was calling the apartments by their old


name of Harbour Club when it should be called Waverly on the Lake, the new name. I explained that I used what was on the dispatch log furnished to me by VBT. Sometimes it's called Waverly, but many times it's referred to as Harbour Club. Actually, most of the time there is no name and I-94 S. Service Drive is just listed as the location.

I seldom change what they give me on the dispatch logs. I do change E. Savage Rd. to just Savage Rd. because there is no other Savage Rd. in VBT. Also, I always change "alarm intrusion" to "intrusion alarm" because it makes more sense to me. Other than those minor edits, it's just the way they send it.

I do wish to commend Ken Dandy in Van Buren Township and Malissa Paquette in Sumpter Township for sending me the dispatch logs even when they are on vacation. I remember once Malissa sent them to me from her car on her way to Cedar Pointe. And, Ken sent them while he was off about to take part in a marathon. They know we have a deadline at the printing plant and they are very faithful.

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There are still openings at Faith Community Church in Belleville for "Faithful Tutoring: Growth, Learning, and Gospel" programs for all Van Buren Public School elementary students, K-5th grade on Tuesdays, from 4 to 6 p.m. starting Jan. 10. The sessions will feature homework time, personalized help, and daily devotion. To register, simply scan in the QR Code from their ad in today's paper and call (734) 697-6704. The church is also collecting donated, gently used children's books for its reading program for K-5. There's a drop box for them located in front of the building.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue in Sumpter is looking for volunteers to help with cats and dogs and it's easy to apply. Simply go to their website and fill out the questionnaires. There's also plenty of ways to support the no-kill shelter by way of Community Rewards at Kroger, Amazon Smile, and Mr. Chewey, where \$20 will be donated to FMAR with your first order. Visit www.mrchewey.com. There are even bigger ways to help by way of Charity Motors, Bissell, and Pets for Patriots. There's even a link to make a direct monetary donation. Visit www.friendsofmichigan.org.

As we flip the calendar this weekend to 2023, we say thank you to our readers and all of the advertisers for running your ads with us for another year, with some in our paper since day one back in 1995. We appreciate you. Also, happy anniversary

to us, the Independent as we celebrate the completion of our 28th year of publishing on Jan. 5. My hats off to my coworkers, a dedicated team of professionals that bring you this free newspaper each week. And to our readers, who bring it around full circle. To even better times in the new year!

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Sunday, Jan. 1** – Bugles Across America starts at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street on the lake in the city of Belleville. The brief ceremony honors all veterans, living and dead, with a pledge to the flag, National Anthem, and Taps. Everyone welcome.

• **Tuesday, Jan. 10** – "Introduction to Computers" is set for 10 a.m. at the Sumpter Media Center at 23465 Sumpter Rd. This introductory class is designed for the absolute beginner. We start by teaching you how to turn the computer on. Learn about desktop and laptop computer set-ups, basic functions, and get lots of practice using the keyboard and mouse. Registration required.

• **Saturday, Jan. 21** – Join the Belleville Area Friends of the Library at its annual meeting at 11 a.m. at the library.

• **Saturday, Jan. 21** – A "Preserving Family Heritage" three-part series begins at 2 p.m. with a workshop concentrating on preserving photos for future generations. Fabric and organic materials will be discussed at 2 p.m., Feb. 18, and books and documents at 2 p.m., March 18. Registration is required. Register for one session or all three.

• **Wednesday, Jan. 25** – "Microsoft Word 101" is set for 6 p.m. at the Sumpter Media Center at 23465 Sumpter Rd. In this introductory class you will learn how to create and edit documents such as letters and resumes in Microsoft Word. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse and keyboard. Registration required.

• **Sunday, Feb. 5** – Bugles Across America starts at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street on the lake in the city of Belleville. The brief ceremony honors all veterans, living and dead, with a pledge to the flag, National Anthem, and Taps. Everyone welcome.

• **Wednesday, Feb. 8** – "Introduction to Internet Searching" is set for 6 p.m. at the Sumpter Media Center at 23465 Sumpter Rd. Learn how to perform basic, effective internet searches using popular search engines. Participants must be proficient using a mouse and keyboard. Registration required.

• **Sunday, Feb. 12** – Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra performs at 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti.

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MSP says body on freeway was that of Van Buren Township man

Michigan State Police say the body found on the I-94 freeway in Van Buren Township on the evening of Dec. 13 was that of a Van Buren Township man. Police said the family has been notified, but did not release the name.

The Detroit Regional Communication Center was alerted around 8 p.m. of an object which was struck in the roadway and caused a crash on westbound I-94 near Haggerty. Several motorists said they had hit something on the freeway.

When troopers arrived, they found the body of a person, initially described as a woman, which had been run over multiple times. The next day, MSP issued a correction and said the medical examiner determined the body was that of a male from Van Buren Township.

"The body was struck multiple times and the original vehicle that struck the body pulled off the freeway at Belleville Rd.," MSP said on Twitter.

As state police combed the scene, westbound I-94 lanes were closed at Haggerty, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation. The lanes reopened around 2 a.m., Dec. 14.

Neighbors in the area said they had heard the man had jumped off the Haggerty Road bridge, but police have not confirmed that.

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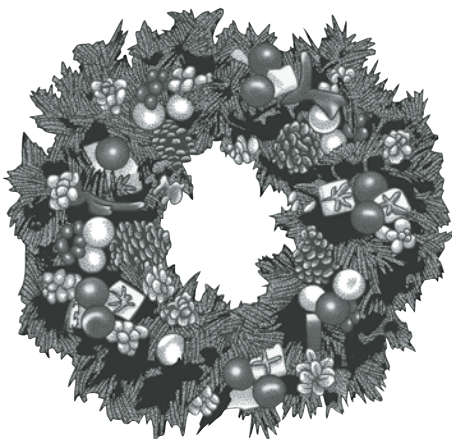
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RACER Trust asks VBT to pass ordinance to prohibit wells in area

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

The RACER Trust plans to remediate the old General Motors property on Ecorse Road, north of Willow Run Airport and wants Van Buren Township to prohibit wells in that area.

At the regular meeting of the VBT Environmental Commission on Dec. 21, Ron Akers, director of municipal services, reported that RACER Trust which was put in place by GM's bankruptcy spinoff, has received EPA permission to remediate the old GM properties.

He said the property is the old City of Detroit landfill. They will put six inches of topsoil on top to flatten the property.

A well-prohibition ordinance, north to the former Harold Smith farm to the trailer park is being sought from the township.

Director Akers said there are no active wells in that area now.

He said the township will put together an ordinance for this area.

RACER will disconnect any residents from their wells and pay to connect them to city water, but there are none they know of, Akers said.

He said there is not major contamination, but the topsoil is recommended.

RACER Trust stands for Remediating Auto Communities Environmental Response Trust.

In other business at the Dec. 21 meeting, the commission:

- Voted unanimously to change the meeting start time from 7 to 6 p.m. beginning in 2023. The commission meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month;

- Learned that at the Jan. 18 meeting, there will be a presentation on microplastics from the person who recently presented a program on the issue at the Belleville Area Public Library. The program was not recorded and members of the commission

had voiced interest in having the presenter speak to them;

- Akers reported that he reached out to the Airport Authority and it told Director Larry Luckett that deicing fluids go into the storm drain system, but it is treated before it is let into the storm drains. Commissioner Tony Gibson had asked about the current process at the previous meeting. Chairman Norm DeBuck asked if it's in the southeast section of the airport and if it is an underground system. He asked if each air carrier had it's own system or if it is in one major area. DeBuck said he would like a diagram and it would be nice to know exactly how it is handled. Akers said he would get more information;

- Heard Akers urge them to take the township's residential solid waste survey which is on the township website or available on paper at township hall. He said as of that day, there have been 367 responses and the township's goal is 380 which would make it representative. This survey is to get information on how the township will handle what will happen next summer when Waste Management (WM) will no long provide free pickup; and

- Also, discussed lily pads on Belleville Lake, Drain Commission maintenance, and signage at public areas around the lake, but the *Independent* was at another meeting and not present for those discussions and the meetings are not video recorded.

Court Watching:

Jury trial set at circuit court for weapons charges against James

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

Raina Camelia James, 35, of Luna Pier, was in 34th District Court on July 13 for her probable cause conference on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, assault with a dangerous weapon, and felony firearm on July 3 in Van Buren Township.

She was not there on time and Prosecutor Bryn Bailey asked for a bench warrant. Defense attorney Kim Michon said her client was in the courthouse for the remote session and she was trying to sign on. The court has a place defendants can sign on for remote sessions.

Michon said she still needed discovery and so Judge Lisa Martin adjourned the session to July 20. Then the live preliminary exam was set for Aug. 24, but the defendant changed counsel on Aug. 19 and so the exam was reset for Oct. 5.

The defense attorney was changed to Maurice Davis.

On Oct. 5 the exam was held before Judge Martin, who afterward bound her over on two charges, assault with a dangerous weapon

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Court Watching:

Anthony Tavares Graham, 37, of Dearborn, was present at 34th District Court for his probable cause conference on Dec. 21 to face a charge of larceny in a building on Dec. 10 in the city of Belleville. His defense attorney Ken Riggins worked out a plea deal with the prosecutor to plea guilty to a new charge of larceny less than \$200, a 93-day misdemeanor, with restitution and

probation.

Riggins told Judge Green that there was about \$7 in the jar and Judge Green said there apparently were a couple of \$5's in the jar. She said the court will send a restitution letter to the victim and release the defendant from his tether.

Graham pled guilty to taking property that was not his. Judge Green sent him to probation and said he will be sentenced by zoom in 30 to 45 days.



On Monday, Dec. 19, Pam Fleming and Craig Bird from the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows brought a trailer filled with food to the Emergency Food Closet housed at the First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. This generous donation will help fill many bags with needed food, said Marilyn Wood of the Food Closet. The Emergency Food Closet is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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Sumpter OKs offer for 9.32-acre parcel after year of discussion

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees accepted an offer for \$65,000 from Kurtis Myers for the 9.32-acre vacant Commercial parcel behind the former Sumpter Medical Center on Sumpter Road. This was at a special meeting on Monday, Dec. 19 and the Myers' bid was the only bid on the table.

It hadn't been easy getting to this point.

Supervisor Tim Bowman brought up selling the parcel at a meeting in September 2021 to someone who reportedly planned to use it for a self-storage business.

A homeowner adjoining the site, Corey Blue, objected to the way the possible sale was being handled and said he had tried to buy it in the past, but was told the township was not interested in selling it. Things went back and forth over a year until the recent move that listed it with Moving the Mitten real estate.

At its Nov. 22 meeting, the board had offers through Moving the Mitten for \$60,000 from Trustee Don LaPorte and for \$55,000 from Kurtis Myers who stated one acre was not useable, so he was deducting \$5,000 from his bid. The board sought clarification and the "best and final purchase offer" from each bidder and anyone else interested.

At its Dec. 13 meeting, the board received what were supposed to be the "best and final purchase offers" for the property, but while one from Trustee LaPorte remained at \$60,000, the other from Myers was for \$5,000 more than the highest offer, or in an addendum, not more than \$67,500.

Trustee Matthew Oddy said they said they would pay \$67,500 if they had to. He said the board should just tell them to put a bid in an envelope, seal it and bring it to the real estate office who would bring it to the board table to be opened there.

He said it's not enough, anyway, because the board received two appraisals on the property for \$75,000 and \$78,000.

Trustee Peggy Morgan agreed that the bids are confusing. She said it is one of the prime properties in the township and somewhere down the road someone would buy it and put in something good.

"We sold the medical center and it's still there collecting dust," Trustee Oddy said of the property that had once been attached to the 9 acres.

Treasurer Bart Patterson, who said he had a real estate background, said it was a valid

offer. He said the appraisals were in June and things have changed. Patterson said the board could pull off and not sell. He said the board asked them for offers and one offer was 86% of the appraisal and one was 80%.

Trustee Tim Rush said, "With inflation and everything going on, we should take the money and run. Our goal was to sell. I say, go with the \$65,000 and call it a day."

The discussion was during the workshop and at the regular meeting that followed, Trustee Rush made a motion to accept the \$65,000 offer. The vote was a 3-3 tie, with no votes by Trustees Morgan and Oddy and Clerk Esther Hurst.

Yes votes were by Trustee Rush, Treasurer Patterson, and Supervisor Bowman. Trustee LaPorte had recused himself from the discussion and the vote to prevent a conflict of interest and so did not vote.

Since it was a tie vote, the motion failed.

When the board started talking about what to do next, Township Manager Tony Burdick pointed out that the agreement with Moving the Mitten runs out Dec. 27 and the numbers needed to be secured before then.

The board decided to ask the bidders to give a final number for the purchase plus any contingencies, put it on paper and in a sealed envelope to deliver to the real estate office by 4:30 p.m., Jan. 6, to be carried to the township offices and put on the table for that night's meeting and opened at the meeting.

"We're just dragging this on," Supervisor Bowman said. "We have the highest bid."

Attorney Rob Young said they could have a special board meeting on the following Monday, Dec. 19, and open the bid envelopes there, which they voted to do. The bids would contain the highest amounts they are willing to pay and contingencies. Trustee Morgan voted no.

At the brief, special meeting Dec. 19, with only this item on the agenda, the bid for \$65,000 from Myers was approved. LaPorte did not submit a bid.

In other business at the Dec. 13 meeting, the board:

- Approved paying all warrants through Dec. 31. The township offices are closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 2;

- Approved awarding the township hall HVAC system cleaning to DUCTZ for a total cost of \$6,960 to be scheduled during January. Manager Burdick said they also have quotes for cleaning the carpets and

walls, department by department, which will be done later. He said the "restroom mania projects" caused lots of dust and material flying all over. He said one gave the township a bid before it went out for bids and they used that as a guide when writing the call for bids. Only two responded;

- Approved renewing the TownWeb website and its full support, maintenance, and hosting for three years at a cost of \$3,108 per year;

- Approved closing the township hall on Dec. 15 from noon to 130 p.m. for an employee holiday luncheon;

- Approved the final payout of all unused, remaining benefits bank time for Roxanne Bardell in the total amount of \$6,070.50 for vacation and paid time off, regrettably, due to her separation of employment as of Dec. 1. Trustee Morgan asked for an explanation. Attorney Young said this is what the board expressed in closed session. He said it was finalized by the clerk's office, Finance Director Scott Holtz and Manager Burdick. Morgan voted no;

- Approved Resolution 2022-13 for the annual exemption from Contribution Act 152 of 2011 as the township meets the provision for exemption as provided in the Act;

- Approved, with Morgan voting no, a three-year employment agreement

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amendment for Finance Director Holtz effective Feb. 1, 2023, with a 4% base salary increase for agreement years 2024 and 2025;

- Approved directing the township manager, attorney, and finance director to research, take appropriate administrative

actions, submit formal applications, and pursue appropriate grant funding for any and all board-approved strategic initiatives and projects. Each grant is to receive board approval prior to township commitments to grant and terms. This concerns grants the administrators will seek for the festival grounds/community center and the Banotai Park/Sherwood Pond upgrades;

- Heard Mary Ban say the small bathroom

in the kitchen area of the community center was made for Kindergarten/preschool and it is too small. It is used by the Bible Study class and is not ADA. It needs a new toilet and bars. She said Wayne County finally came through and trimmed the brush along her road. She learned the officials of the three communities involved will have a meeting about the museum soon. Ban also praised township attorney Rob Young,

who she said was the thread that kept the township together for 34 years. She said she hoped he wasn't retiring;

- Heard Trustee Rush report on the Council of Western Wayne meeting where he addressed the problems Sumpter has with the county services. He said the CWW plans to talk about it again in January and February. Treasurer Patterson took a video of Rush talking and Trustee LaPorte said he would like to see it posted. The board voted to have it posted;

- Heard LaPorte thanked McShane's for opening its restaurant on a Monday, its regular day closed, to host the fire fighters' Christmas dinner; and

- Heard Oddy congratulate the Belleville High School championship football team and complain, again, about the Independent. He said the headline in the Dec. 8 edition said the board voted 6-1 on an issue in the Nov. 22 meeting and it actually voted 5-2.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN - CORRECTED BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARINGS

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- Case # 22-042- A dimensional variance** request by Tyler Edwards on behalf of Menard's, Inc. to install an addition to an existing accessory canopy, which is attached to the principal building, to within fifteen (15) feet of the side lot line. The project is proposed to be located at 10010 Belleville Road, located on the west side of Belleville Road between Westlake Circle and Tyler Road. The site has tax parcel ID # 83 061 99 0005 726 and is zoned C-2 – Extensive Highway Business District. This is contrary to the requirements of Section 3.112(E) of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance as described below:
 - Required side yard setback: 25 feet
 - Existing side yard setback: 35 feet
 - Proposed side yard setback: 15 feet
 - Variance requested: 10 feet
- Case # 22-057- A dimensional variance** request by Bazo Construction on behalf of Meijer, Inc. for 9701 Belleville Road (Parcel ID# **83 058 99 0006 710**) to install a combined total wall sign area of 628.77 square feet. The site is zoned C-2 – Extensive Highway Business District. This is contrary to Section 11.108(B) (Sign Regulations Applicable to the C, C-1, C-2, and FS Districts) as described below:
 - Allowable maximum wall sign area: 3 sq. ft. per linear ft. of building frontage, not to exceed 300 sq. ft. per business or 50% of the façade exclusive of window and door openings.
 - Existing total wall sign area of Meijer store and gasoline station: 266.07 square feet
 - Proposed total wall sign area of Meijer store and gasoline station: 628.77 square feet
 - Variance requested: 328.77 square feet
- Case # 22-056- A request for exception, modification, or appeal** by Belleville Yacht Club to install two (2) dock structures each with a length not to exceed 120 feet, subject to approval by the State of Michigan, in contrast to the requirements of Section 3.120(D)(5) of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance which limits the dock length to 40 feet into Belleville Lake, measured perpendicularly from the shoreline, unless greater length is necessary to reach water with a depth of three feet. The subject site is Township Lake Property adjacent to 831 East Huron River Drive (parcel ID number 83 088 99 0005 000), on the north side of East Huron River Drive between Loza Lane and Evelyn Court. The site is zoned Belleville Lake Shoreline District B – Non-Single Family Residential (BLB). The request will be reviewed by the BZA per the requirements of Section 3.120(F)(7) of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Jan. 9 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 10 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Board of trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 11 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 12 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 17 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education organizational meeting, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.
- Wednesday, Jan. 18 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 6 p.m.

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Denton bridge

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Akers said the life of a bridge is approximately 80 years, so this may be the only chance the township gets to make some sort of these changes during the lifetimes of current leaders.

"It is our hope that we are able to make positive improvements from this difficult situation and use this rare opportunity to improve the appearance of an entryway of the township, improve non-motorized access, and improve boater access and safety," he said.

Akers said the Community Services department will contact groups working with the township on the Iron Belle Trail construction to coordinate scheduling.

At the end of Akers' report, Supervisor McNamara said two weeks ago he contacted the township's consultants, Fishbeck engineers, to get estimates on the cost and how long it would take. He said Fishbeck said it would take \$4.3 million and three years, which includes two years of engineering, which is what the county said.

He said the county will pay for the bridge but would charge for amenities. He said the bridge was built in 1927 and now they can take the 95-year-old bridge and make it a plus to the community.

"How did we get here?" asked Trustee Kevin Martin. "It's a 95-year-old bridge. Do they inspect regularly?"

Akers said the county inspects every two years, but he said he didn't have the report on the last inspection.

"They had a problem with an inspector who was approving bridges without inspections," Supervisor McNamara said, adding that's what happened with the Grosse Ile and New Boston bridges that also were suddenly closed.

Supervisor McNamara said the township always thought that the Denton Road bridge was a Belleville bridge, but the whole bridge is in Van Buren Township, with the causeway up to it in Belleville.

He said this will not be an 80/20 match, but Belleville should help the township with this to do something to make it look nice. He said it will be about 40" higher, with a walkway on one side. The county didn't agree with paying for the walkway on the

causeway.

Trustee Martin said the bridge should be made accessible and safe and its appearance is secondary. Clerk Leon Wright agreed with Trustee Martin.

"It's not an entrance to the township," said Clerk Wright, noting its appearance is not the most important thing.

"We'll have to make that decision in a year or two," McNamara said.

At the VBT Environmental Commission meeting the next night, Akers said the county was getting started with environmental permits for the bridge.

He said there is a danger that freshwater mussels are present and the survey for them has to be done during the right season.

"If you find them, it's a two-year moving project," Akers said, referring to the freshwater mussels.

Akers said another thing was the 40% cost increase of construction over the last couple of years. He said they need at least a six-foot pathway on one side and they are talking with groups who fund the Iron Belle Trail.

Akers told the commission that the Wayne County Public Service Director and the head of the county's Engineering Department are committed to working with the township. The officials said the height could be increased 40 inches and it could be decorative or more attractive.

Environmental Commission member Peter Creal asked if while the bridge is closed is it safe for boaters to pass underneath it?

"They never said that was a problem, but I'll make sure we get 100% clarification," Akers said.

"It will split the lake in half" if boaters can't go beneath that bridge, Creal said, "and limit accessibility."

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Court watching

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and felony firearm. She was scheduled for an arraignment on the information in circuit court on Oct. 19. A final conference was set for Dec. 7 in circuit court and a jury trial for Feb. 23 before Judge Mark Slavins.

At the preliminary exam in district court, Prosecutor Bryn Bailey withdrew the original charge of carrying a concealed

weapon because the testimony did not show it was concealed.

The first witness at the exam was Van Buren Township Police Officer Mark King, who said he had been at VBT for eight and a half years after spending 28 years with the City of Fraser Police Department. He testified he was dispatched to the home on Freeport Court at 5:30 p.m. where a party was going on.

He testified that he questioned seven or

eight people at the party which had about 20 people. He said the defendant had left the party and so he called her to come into the station to talk to him and she did. Officer King said she said she got into an argument with her uncle, she had a weapon in the pocket of her shorts, and she pulled it. It was taken away from her and secured, he said.

Her uncle Renell Anderson was the next witness. He explained the party was at his home and 23 people were over. He testified that James was not welcome at his home and after he spoke to her about what her son was doing, she threw a plate in the air, "flew

off the handle and ran up the hill."

He testified after that she came in the front door behind him with "a lot of talk" when he was in the kitchen and when he turned around, he saw the gun pointed at him. He testified she said, "I will kill you. I will do it."

He said she did a lot of ranting and people came in from the deck and it took more than one person to disarm her. He said his wife told him she had to peel the defendant's fingers from the gun.

James is free after paying bond of \$5,000/10% and she must have no contact with the protected party.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold public hearings on **January 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room. Instructions for attending the meeting electronically are provided in this notice. The Planning Commission will consider the following items:

Case 22-048: A request by Nicole and Robert Burke to begin a Day Care, Group Home use as defined per Section 2.102(A)(60)(b) of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance, at 45921 Chatsworth Drive (parcel ID number 83 061 01 0231 000). The parcel is zoned R-1B – Single Family Residential. Day Care, Group Home is a Special Land Use in the R-1B (Single Family Residential) District, and the proposed Special Land Use requires a public hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with Article 12, Chapter 3 (Special Land Use Review) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Case 22-053: A request by Crossroads Distribution Center North, LLC on behalf of owner Frankel-Nodlehs (Stuart Frankel Development Company), to rezone the parcel described as Parcel ID# 83 006 99 0004 000, from **R-1B – Single Family Residential District to M-1 – Light Industrial**. The parcel is located on the west side of Haggerty Road on the south side of Van Born Road.

Case 22-059: A request by Belleville Yacht Club for site plan review and special approval to construct a marina as defined under Section 3.120(B)(15) of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance, including two (2) dock structures, each containing a single dock stem with up to five (5) connecting docks. The project is proposed to be located in Township Lake Property adjacent to 831 East Huron River Drive (parcel ID number 83 088 99 0005 000), on the north side of East Huron River Drive between Loza Lane and Evelyn Court. The site is zoned Belleville Lake Shoreline District B - Non-Single Family Residential (BLB) and the adjacent upland parcel is zoned R-1C – Single Family Residential. Marinas are a use that require special approval in the BLB district, and the use requires a public hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with Section 3.120(F)(3) (Belleville Lake Shoreline Districts - Belleville Lake Shoreline District Approval Process) of the Zoning Ordinance.

On the agenda for the meeting, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel. A complete procedure for public comment by electronic means is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments or questions about the meeting via e-mail to dpower@vanburen-mi.org. To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900, extension 9205.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 20, 2022

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright and Trustee Martin. Absent/Excused: Trustee Frazier, Trustee Boynton and Trustee Miller. Others in attendance: Director of Community Services Renaud, Executive Assistant Dohring, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of Human Resources Sumpter, DDA Director Ireland, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power and an audience of five (5).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Martin seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2022, Prepaid List of December 8, 2022, Prepaid List of December 15, 2022, Voucher List of December 20, 2022, Approval of the appointment of Alex Dine to the LDFA with a term to expire on August 12, 2023, Approval of the 2023 Regular Work Study and Board Meeting Schedule, Approval of the resignation of Trustee Reggie Miller from the Board of Trustees and Approval of Resolution 2022-35: Wayne County Annual Permit for 2023 Fiscal Year. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: There was a presentation on the Denton Road Bridge with reconstruction unlikely to begin prior to 2025.

Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous recognized Trustee Kevin Martin through a

Wayne County Resolution for serving in the Navy, for working 45 years at General Motors and for his service to his community.

The Township Administrative Offices will be closed from December 22, 2022 to January 3, 2023 and the Treasury Department will be open on Friday December 30 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. to accept tax payments, payments in the drop box before January 3rd will not be considered late.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve the Personal Service agreement between Elena Manalp and the Township, and to authorize Supervisor McNamara and Clerk Wright to execute the agreement. Motion Carried.

McNamara moved, Budd seconded to approve an update to the agreement with Community Publishing, for a rate increase for the Van Buren Today Magazine from \$350 per page to \$400 per page. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve Resolution 2022-33: The sale of Township owned property 45581 Ecorse Road Parcel No. 83-033-99-0020-000 to DTE Gas. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve the selection of TSP Environmental for the Wildbrook Pump Station Replacement for a total of \$279,233.60 and to enter into a contract subject to approval of the Township attorney. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: The Board wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe prosperous New Year.

ADJOURNMENT: Martin moved; Budd seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Publish: December 29, 2022

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 280 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Dec. 18:
0015 – traffic offense, Oak Ln.
0122 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0410 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0832 – breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.
1136 – breaking & entering, Lighthouse Dr.
1203 – intrusion alarm, Stonebridge Dr.
1259 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
1301 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1338 – property damage accident, pond Bluff Dr.
1411 – intrusion alarm, E. Walden Dr.
1415 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
1429 – animal complaint, Edwards Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1519 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1602 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1630 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd./Grove
1816 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1849 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
2051 – misc. complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2140 – motorist assist, W. Huron River Dr. / Edgedale Dr.
2331 – threat, Denton Rd.

Monday, Dec. 19:
0118 – fraud, Lake Point Blvd.
0359 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0750 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0821 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.
0856 – animal complaint, Sheldon Rd.
0927 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hull Rd.
1040 – parking complaint, Homestead
1106 – welfare check, N. Woodbury Dr.
1140 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
1220 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1238 – trespassing, Meadows Cir.
1252 – fraud, Filmore St.
1258 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1325 – follow up by officer, Harmony Ln.
1402 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bog Rd.
1411 – suspicious person/vehicle, Dewitt Rd.
1418 – warrant arrest, Tallgrass Ct.
1446 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1516 – animal complaint, Sheldon Rd.
1532 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1532 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1632 – assist fire dept., Denton Rd./Michigan Ave.
1641 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
1646 – fraud, Salem Ct.
1654 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1716 – welfare check, Monroe Ct.
1820 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2024 – personal injury accident, Michigan/Denton
2039 – assist citizen, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2159 – family trouble, Sylvia Dr.
2202 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2244 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, Dec. 20:
0132 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0215 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
0357 – welfare check, S. Timberview Dr.
0701 – suspicious person/vehicle, Togowtee Pass
0712 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0817 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
0931 – suspicious person/vehicle, Southport Apts.
0946 – intrusion alarm, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1157 – private property/property damage accident, S. Schooner Dr.
1412 – fraud, Martz Rd.
1436 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1444 – welfare check, Maple Dr.
1544 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1652 – 911 welfare check, Harmony Ln.
1659 – private property impound, W. Huron River
1721 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1817 – family trouble, Pond Ridge Dr.
1820 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1827 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd.
1950 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
2055 – property check, Belleville Rd.
2244 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sheldon Rd.
Wednesday, Dec. 21:
0205 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0751 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0821 – intrusion alarm, S. Sadie Ln.

0852 – abandoned auto, Birch Dr.
0909 – welfare check, Maple Dr.
1107 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1111 – animal complaint, Sheldon Rd.
1244 – road hazard, Van Born Rd./Sheldon Rd.
1259 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1404 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1544 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1601 – intrusion alarm, Wildbrook Dr.
1606 – property damage accident, Sadie Ln.
1708 – larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
1920 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1946 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pine Woods / Togotwee
2059 – noise complaint, Meadows Cir.
2125 – 911 welfare check, Tyler Rd.
2229 – suicidal person, Quirk Rd.
2232 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 22:
0054 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service
0656 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0719 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Textile Rd.
0821 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
0923 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1107 – welfare check, Celestine Dr.
1120 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1227 – misc. complaint, Hull Rd.
1259 – intrusion alarm, Brookview Dr.
1303 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd.
1320 – suspicious person/vehicle, Willow Way
1451 – PPO violation, Hamlin St.
1550 – PPO violation, Hamlin St.
1602 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1635 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1644 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
1654 – suspicious person/vehicle, Chinkapin Dr. / Pinewood Ln.
1711 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1720 – vehicle lockout, Lancaster Dr.
1724 – juvenile complaint, Robson Rd./Marlowe
1756 – property damage accident, Belleville/Yost
2014 – domestic, S. Woodbury Dr.
2252 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.
2307 – assist other dept., N. Edgemont

Friday, Dec. 23:
0042 – intrusion alarm, Morton Taylor Rd.
0404 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0416 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0604 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./N. Ponderosa
0613 – intrusion alarm, Edwards Rd.
0910 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1021 – larceny, W. Archwood Dr.
1023 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1044 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1054 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
1059 – larceny, W. Archwood Dr.
1216 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1224 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1250 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1336 – fraud, Stanley Rd.
1355 – private property/property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1454 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1506 – civil matter, Country Walk Ct.
1531 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1531 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1607 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1627 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1700 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
1717 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1756 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
1815 – welfare check, Michigan Ave./Dellor St.
2118 – intrusion alarm, Alden Ave.
2211 – domestic, Pine Dr.
2230 – welfare check, Old Michigan Rd.
2329 – domestic, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 24:
0014 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0103 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
0122 – welfare check, Greenbriar Dr.
0233 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
0253 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0447 – noise complaint, Meadows Ct.
0503 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
0519 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0649 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0850 – missing person, Waters Edge Ln.

1011 – intrusion alarm, Arlene Ln.
1027 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1048 – property damage accident, Oak Ln.
1156 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1210 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1242 – larceny, sawgrass Ct.
1351 – assist other dept., Oak Blvd.
1557 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1902 – hospice death, E. Huron River Dr.
1905 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1943 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2150 – domestic, Lohr Rd.
2213 – noise complaint, Freedom Way
2307 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
Also on this week's log are 89 traffic stops, 27 of those on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 18:
0902 – 911 welfare check, Carmell
1100 – traffic stop, Main St.
1133 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1202 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St.
1418 – traffic stop, Madelon/E. Columbia Ave.
1425 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1428 – abandoned auto, Sumpter Rd.
1759 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1855 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1916 – disorderly, E. Columbia Ave.
2019 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.
2141 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.
Monday, Dec. 19:
0503 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
1318 – mental subject, Menlo Park Dr.
2014 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2054 – welfare check, South St.
2114 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2211 – traffic stop, S. Liberty/E. Columbia Ave.
2215 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
Tuesday, Dec. 20:
0200 – operating while intoxicated, Third St. / N. Liberty St.
0832 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1644 – 911 welfare check, Main St.
1959 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2046 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2157 – assist other dept., Main St.
2211 – traffic stop, High St.

Wednesday, Dec. 21:
0602 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.
1147 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
1759 – traffic stop, South St./E. Columbia Ave.
1814 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
Thursday, Dec. 22:
0512 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Edgemont
0750 – larceny from auto, S. Biggs Ave.
0821 – larceny from auto, S. Biggs Ave.
1039 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1312 – larceny from auto, N. Edgemont Ave.
1323 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
1410 – fraud, Main St.
1502 – larceny, Fourth St.
1753 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1858 – private property/property damage accident, Savage Rd./E. Columbia Ave.
1928 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1952 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
2030 – traffic stop, Huron River Dr./Harbour Pte.
2143 – domestic, Carmell St.
2216 – noise complaint, Carmell St.

Friday, Dec. 23:
0428 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1223 – suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Pk. Dr.
1232 – property damage accident, Third St./Main
1304 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.
1336 – larceny, South St.
1609 – domestic, Menlo Park Dr.
1657 – 911 welfare check, W. Wabash Ave.
1905 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1908 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Lane
Saturday, Dec. 24:
0116 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2229 – welfare check, Anaheim
2241 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
There were 19 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 18:
0004 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Carleton West
0036 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0109 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Elwell
0338 – 911 hang up, Mulberry Dr.
0750 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0856 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1125 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1437 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1648 – civil matter, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1806 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1819 – follow-up investigation, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1927 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1945 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
2001 – suspicious person, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2312 – noise complaint, Edgewood Dr.
2323 – assault, Rawsonville Rd./Judd Rd.

Monday, Dec. 19:
0302 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
0328 – mental health call, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1048 – assist other agency, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1233 – alarm, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1354 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1634 – juvenile matter, Rustic Ln.
1943 – warrant arrest, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.
2209 – follow-up investigation, Mulberry Dr.
2303 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
2321 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.

Tuesday, Dec. 20:
0236 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
0809 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1032 – suspicious circumstance, Greenmeadow Dr.
1058 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1226 – civil matter, Nevada St.
1304 – traffic complaint/hazard, 51000 bl. Arkona
1401 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1407 – subpoena service, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1522 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1800 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.
1943 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1954 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis
2001 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
2104 – welfare check, Georgia St.
2335 – assault, Arizona St.

Wednesday, Dec. 21:
0537 – patrol check, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0636 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis/Sumpter
1120 – larceny, Judd Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1509 – recovered stolen vehicle, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1544 – alarm, 48000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1758 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter
2001 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2047 – open burning, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2141 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Arkona

Thursday, Dec. 22:
0020 – alarm, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0155 – carrying concealed weapon violation, Rawsonville Rd./Willis Rd.
0247 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0611 – malicious destruction of property, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0721 – welfare check, Mulberry Dr.
0751 – property damage accident, Elwell/Bemis
0851 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1043 – breaking & entering report, Oregon St.
1104 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1338 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1355 – trespass complaint, Montana St.
2053 – mental health call, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.

Friday, Dec. 23:
0434 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0443 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville
1010 – welfare check, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 24:
0501 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
1609 – welfare check, New Mexico St.
1627 – property damage accident, New Mexico St.
1913 – civil matter, Nevada St.
2109 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

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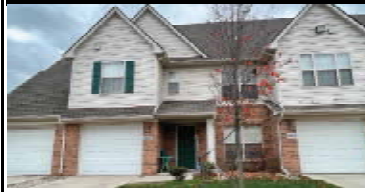
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