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At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, drone photos of the new turf at the Belleville High School football field were shown by Rob Kakoczki, vice-president of Plante Moran Cresa, who was giving an update on the district's bond program. Foresite Design, designer of the project, took photos on July 8. Turf installer is Shaw Sports Turf and earthwork contractor is S&H Trucking and Excavating. The contractor is still working on the turf and the track is yet to be done, Kakoczki said.

Belleville City Council votes to brings back the goats

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The shore-trimming goats will be back to Horizon Park sometime in August following a unanimous vote of the Belleville City Council at its regular meeting July 5.

Ten goats for two weeks at a charge of \$3,600 was approved as proposed by Randy Brown, who brought about 20 goats to Horizon Park last year, much to the delight of the public.

Although the item wasn't on the agenda for the meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt, who pushed to get the goats last

year, put the item on the amended agenda.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson explained that although Brown had signed a contract last year to spray to keep the vegetation from growing back on the banks after the goats left, he put together a different proposal earlier that day to present to the city. Brown, who runs a landscaping firm in Van Buren Township, was not present at the meeting.

Robinson reported that Brown feels bad that he's unable to do the spraying because the person he uses for spraying does not have the proper permit and the state's EGLE [Environment, Great Lakes and

Energy] has an issue with killing vegetation on the banks that would bring erosion.

Brown said he contacted Twin Willow Ranch, a family farm in Milan which brought the goats last year, and was able to get a proposal for two weeks in August at its cost of \$3,600. Brown said he will again manage the goat project but at no cost for his services because he is feeling bad that he couldn't spray.

Robinson reports Brown said last year's goat project was an experiment for him because he hadn't used goats before.

"I think last summer was proof of concept," said Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt. "I had seen it work in other communities ... The cost of goats was the lowest of six bids [for cleaning up the shoreline] ... The vegetation has already grown up quite a bit...

"That park is the gem of the city because

the lake is our biggest asset."

Voigt made the motion to accept the proposal for \$3,600 to have the ten goats for two weeks and it was unanimously passed by the council.

"It's a great PR tool and people come," he added.

City Manager/Chief Robinson pointed out this is only for this year.

Voigt replied, "If we find a better way to the maintain it, that's great... If we can pursue grant opportunities ... plant with a ground cover, such as daylilies ... I want it to look better from the lake."

A resident who said he lives on High Street said he and his wife are fans of the goats and they seem to be a draw. He said last year the shoreline looked good and then it grew up. He said he thought daylilies are a good idea. He suggested seeking grants for

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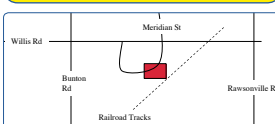
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT board hears many concerns connected to homelessness in twp.

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees discussed homelessness and many of the issues involved after an impassioned plea by Ashley Shukait during an hour-long work/study session on July 5. That was the only item on the workshop agenda.

The session began with Dan Power, director of building and planning, who explained the township's zoning ordinances that differentiate between motels/hotels that are there for a few days of simple vacation and apartments where people have cooking space and more room.

The ordinances say that no motel/hotel guests shall establish residency for more than 30 days in one calendar year. He said that rule has applied over the years, even before the 2017 rewrite of the ordinance. He said there now is a blur between apartments and motel usage.

"It has come to our attention that people who are displaced or doing work in the township are staying more than 30 days," Director Power said.

"I have removed reference to the hotel's name that allows longer-term stays," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara, who noted there is corporate placement for people from weeks to months and up to a year during projects. He said there is military placement and because of the work shortage, corporations bringing in laborers and those with technical expertise. He said nurses have been brought in for COVID testing and stayed over a year.

"Others are waiting for housing to open up," Supervisor McNamara said, adding those with fire damage are put into temporary housing by insurance companies and that could be up to six months. And, the federal government had refugees housed in the township temporarily until they found permanent housing.

He said there are also barriers for people in getting apartments and transportation to work and to shop in the area.

"I did not talk to the hotel in question about the \$119 a night and 30 days," he said, adding a homeless advocate for the State of Michigan is against the 30-day limit.

Police Lt. Charles Bazzi said several hotels for several years have allowed guests for more than 30 days and, "We've been enforcing."

"It's a longterm issue, a COVID issue," said Shukait starting her long presentation on homelessness and what to do about it in the township.

She said her husband is a nurse and they had problems with getting a home and now they live in a trailer park. She said people have trouble with housing because of fires, housing crises, and not being able to get

into shelters.

"I'm paying over \$4,000 out of my pocket for one affordable housing place," she said, adding she couldn't get shelter place for the handicapped senior citizens because Ann Arbor and Troy shelters were full and otherwise they'd have to live in a tent.

McNamara said this is "permanent residence" for some and the people he talked to don't have a plan to move on. "I don't want them to live here forever," he said referring to the motel.

"Nobody wants to live in a hotel for the rest of their lives," Shukait said. "I call shelters and can't get them places."

"There has to be a plan," said Clerk Leon Wright. "The ordinance now says 30 days limited stay." There should be something in place working for an end date, he said, like "if we're working for a person to move into a house ... or affordable housing. We don't want people staying in the streets."

Clerk Wright said last year he found a family sitting by Planet Fitness and he paid to have them in a motel for a week, with an end date.

"Extended stays are for however long they need to be there," Wright said.

Trustee Don Boynton said the township needs to come up with different factions, economic sites ... for six months or nine months. Maybe someone is staying at a motel waiting for a home to be built.

He said he does not support staying at a motel without verification of why they're there. He said some are employed, but don't have time to find an apartment and no vehicle but can afford to stay in a motel.

Trustee Boynton said they should send this to a committee and the planning commission for a recommendation.

Trustee Reggie Miller suggested renting a mobil home as a place to stay.

Shukait said there are very few mobil homes available, but a few mobil home parks will rent.

"Myself and my husband are trying to find a home," she said.

She said some are ineligible for renting because of past evictions.

She said more groups have to have community input on this issue. She said you can't put it before the planning commission because they don't have training in social welfare.

"This came down to an issue with a motel who removed someone from the motel and they told him Van Buren Township won't let them stay over 30 days," McNamara said.

"They didn't have a problem with the person, but individuals were asking for a list of those over 30 days without a warrant," she said. "A few seniors who were disabled" were involved.

"They ended out on the street?" said

Trustee Miller in shock.

"They ended out on the street with nowhere to go," Shukait said.

Trustee Kevin Martin said the motels are the motels' properties and they can sell housing to anyone they want. He did not want to start levying the ordinance on isolated incidents. He said he didn't see one hotel owner in the audience concerned about this.

Miller said prior to this isolated incident, the issue came up before.

"This has been an ongoing issue for years," said Lt. Bazy. He said the court has told police to enforce the law. He said a certain hotel recently lost its corporate membership and the cause wasn't the ordinance enforcement.

Lt. Bazy said the conditions of the rooms with people staying so long was unhealthy, inhumane. He said there is no facility for cooking and all they have is a bathroom and a bed.

He said he looked into availability at mobile home parks and found Town and Country and Belleville Manor had vacancies at a cost of \$700 to \$900 a month, versus \$450 a week in a motel.

"How do you get this information out to the people?" Trustee Martin asked.

Shukait said Town and Country accepts vouchers, but, "Not everyone wants to live in a trailer." She said there are costs for repairs, "etc.", and, "A trailer is not a good place to live. It's more expensive than an apartment."

Trustee Martin asked what they are paying in a motel and Shukait said it is \$420 a week for two beds and, "We don't have affordable options."

"I'm a community advocate for the homeless," said Clerk Wright. "It's sad we have homeless. Can we work out funding with motels? We have homeless people who work."

McNamara said the township hired Shukait in 2019 and she designed the system they are using. She put together a 75-page Resource Guide of places to go for assistance and it was put on the township website.

Lt. Bazy said if you are just renting and not buying the trailers, you don't pay for repairs, as Shukait said.

Clerk Wright said four weeks in a motel is \$1,600 a month and they can get someone in a home for \$800 a month.

Shukait said most places do not accept HUD, which is less payment. Some get funded at hotels, she said. She said you can't use the ordinance to say you can't have housing.

"I don't want more people in the woods," Shukait said. "I spent hours on the phone just trying to get them shelter." She said there are so many pieces to the puzzle and

if you talk to any social worker dealing with the homeless, they'll say, "It's a nightmare."

Fire Chief Dave McNally said the motel in question is the only motel the township has that is unsprinkled. He said people can't cook in the room because it's not designed for that. He said this is not only for the safety of the room residents but for the other 200 residents in the motel.

Shukait said Van Buren Township should use the Housing First Model like Ann Arbor and McNamara said the township can't do that with its money.

"Then, don't enforce the ordinance," Shukait said. "Figure out someplace people can go. It's a community health issue."

McNamara said the township uses Wayne Metro for its shelter. He asked if the board was asking for a moratorium on the ordinance.

He said if you use a hot plate in a room you get moved out by a motel.

"Who feeds these people?" asked Treasurer Sharry Budd. "How to they get food?"

Shukait said that a lot of the people work, but everybody gets food.

"Why are they allowing rooms to get so bad it's condemned?" asked Trustee Martin. "The property owners are responsible for the conditions of the rooms."

Trustee Miller asked if maids don't come in.

"When we did the fire safety check, the smoke alarms were torn off the wall," said Fire Chief McNally. "They wanted money," he said of the motel owners. "And as long as they got paid they were OK. When they don't, then they called Bazy."

Martin said as a property owner your recourse is to go to court.

"What about people who are clean, work, have no transportation, uses shuttle to get to work and a ride home from coworkers ... What do you do with that person?" asked Trustee Boynton.

Lt. Bazy said you can't take them to court to get them evicted because it's a temporary facility, legally defined. "They can kick anyone out any time they want," he said.

Clerk Wright said they are using the township's ordinance to get rid of tenants.

Shukait said the hotel is not calling the police, the police go in and ask for a roster.

Lt. Bazy said yes, that is true, and there have been problems over the years. "When I got tasked with this, I called Lansing and Wayne County and had to leave messages because I couldn't talk to anyone in person. This is a county, state, federal issue. Who do we have to talk to to get help for this?"

Martin suggested getting experts to talk to about this issue.

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

New law requires legal notices in one statewide location

On May 12, Gov. Whitmer signed a new law that took effect immediately. Since then newspapers across the state have been moving quickly to get in compliance.

Senate Bills 258 and 259 require newspapers to keep printing their legals as they have been, but to also make them available free on line on their sites and on a state website.

The Michigan Press Association is running the state website and every legal posted there is at a charge of \$5 each per week, which has newspaper publishers statewide grumbling, but complying.

The *Independent* website has a "LEGAL" spot on the top of the home page and when you tap that you go to a link to the state website with the *Belleville-Area Independent* name already typed in. Theoretically, readers will be able to get legals from any municipality in the state using this procedure.

The MPA explained that it has been resisting proposals for many years at the Legislature to have legals no longer required to be printed in local papers in favor of only being on the municipal websites. But, some municipalities don't keep their websites current and there's lots of old information on them. Check it out for yourself. Scary.

This is a compromise, the MPA said. But some legislators want municipalities free of paying for legal notices in papers and so other bills are pending. Stay tuned.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

When we were delivering papers at Five Star Market in Sumpter Township a couple of weeks ago, longtime owner Roy Atcho came out of the store with another man and Roy introduced us to the man, who is the new owner of Five Star Market: Mandeep Lohcham.

Roy told Mandeep about the weekly paper and how sometimes people come in just for a paper and then see something else they want to get. He also told the man how the paper informs the public on local news.

Roy said business at Five Star will continue as it is now and will keep the same employees. Roy said it was time for him to sell and so he did.

It was before 8 in the morning and we don't usually see anyone at the store that early, but this time we did. Five Star and its adjoining Benito's Pizzeria is located south of Willis Road near Rawsonville.

With all the new mobile homes being installed in Holiday West just down the road, the new store owner should have lots of new customers.

In an interview in the past, Roy said the party store opened in 1991 and was owned by him and Jeff Haisha. The two also owned Hayward's together in the City of Belleville. Roy said the co-owners split up amicably and are still the best of friends. Roy took Five Star and Jeff took Hayward's.

Roy remembered that when they were at Hayward's, Benito's next door would bring over pizzas to share after someone made a mistake in the preparation. Roy said it was always delicious, even with the mistakes. After ten years at Hayward's, he never got tired of the pizza, he said. He said his wife Debbie had the idea to



open a pizzeria at the Sumpter store so they did. Roy said he bought the building from Jeannie Chudzinski in 2012.

In investigating situations at Van Buren Township motels, the VBT police report they found that people being quarantined for COVID have been put in VBT motels by the Washtenaw County Health Department.

The motel that reportedly lost its franchise because of contract violations is Red Roof Inn, 45501 N. I-94 Service Dr., Van Buren Township, which now is being called something else.

It is reported there was a very loud noise at about 2:29 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6. A resident of Van Buren Township said several people called VBT dispatch and were reportedly told that it was lightning. Then, he said, on a local Facebook site a man explained the natural phenomenon that can cause the loud sound over a 25-mile radius. People reported hearing the sound in the Tyler/Morton-Taylor area, Milton Drive, the Savage/Haggerty area, and other parts of VBT, Romulus, and nearby towns.

Yet another reader suggested it might have been a Tannerite explosion, which he said is getting quite popular in some areas. I never heard of it and he explained that Tannerite is a rifle target that only explodes after mixing the ingredients and a direct hit

at 2,000 feet per second or higher. It will not cause a fire and can only be exploded by a direct shot. It could set nearby flammable stuff on fire. It doesn't seem to be against the law to use, unless you are not allowed to possess firearms for some reason. The user is advised to wear ear and eye protection.

On Monday at 12:49 p.m. an earthquake registering 2.5 on the Richter Scale was felt a few miles west of Luna Pier in Monroe County, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The exact quake location, according to USGS coordinates, places it off Strasburg Road between Rauch and E. Samaria roads.

The USGS said the last earthquake reported in Michigan was a 3.2 in Lake Erie's Brest Bay near Monroe on Aug. 21, 2020.

On Monday, the Van Buren Public Schools' school board meeting was held at the administration building, which often happens in the summer when BHS is being cleaned and readied for the new school year. I like that meeting room where everyone is closer and board members don't have to speak into microphones so the audience can hear.



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Letters

Say NO to Sumpter Twp. Police Millage

To the editor:

Sumpter Township Police Department Millage Proposal -- "SAY NO." The taxpayers of Sumpter Township, MI, are tired and broke of providing more funds to a dysfunctional township as the current finance director has already stated. It is overspending more money than what's coming in. We must do more with less.

Before we taxpayers agree to spend any more tax dollars for millages, raises, hiring, contracts, contractors, or other expenditures we want a thorough, transparent, forensic investigation from state-certified examiners -- with Michigan Attorney General's oversight authority.

In my opinion, we have a disease in this township. The only way to cure it is to elect individuals that truly care about others and their welfare. Stop blaming others from different communities for littering and damaging our parks. Our parks have been an eyesore and disgrace for years. Weed growth, broken rail fences, trash, litter, tree limbs, portapotties are not fit for human use most of the time. Why?

Ronald Barry Robinson,
Elected Sumpter Township Precinct Delegate

Sumpter parks: A story of neglect, disrepair

To the editor:

On June 6 I had an appointment with a Sumpter Township trustee where I expressed my views on several subjects, foremost of which was the often unresponsive and dismissive attitude of the board members towards the opinions and concerns of the residents of the township.

I also expressed my own concerns regarding the township's seemingly inability to conduct routine maintenance where needed. I cited several examples, including the neglect of the dock at Banotai Park; the damage to children's rides in the playground, which have gone unrepaired in two years; the pile of wood chips dumped in the parking lot of Graham Park (which has gotten smaller over a two-year period due to theft, according to a resident who lives on Wear Road); and the shameful condition of the bathrooms in Banotai Park.

On April 23 Supervisor Bowman, while at the park, stated publicly that a family member had to make the 4.2-mile round trip to her home to use the bathroom, because the bathrooms at the park were unusable, due to the filth. I later took pictures of the two bathrooms near the pond. There was no toilet paper, the walls were dirty, the floor filled with dirt and debris. All the light fixtures were broken and one housed an old hornet's nest. Quite a contrast to the

bathrooms located in a building at 23480 Sumpter Road, which are clean, as are all of the other rooms in that building and maintained on a frequent basis. Township Hall is where the supervisor has an office, and where it is rumored he visits on occasion.

On May 13, three weeks after the supervisor's remarks, a young mother approached the bathrooms in Banotai Park with her two young children. A man standing nearby suggested that she may not want to use the bathrooms. The woman opened each door, looked inside, then, out of frustration, walked her children around the back of the structure. She was holding swimming trunks in her free hand and it was evident that she wanted to use the bathrooms only as a "changing room." She had the children change outside, probably using her body to shield them from view off of Sherwood Road, only yards away. No excuses.

In the afternoon of June 25, I drove through Banotai Park and noticed a group of young men on the dock, not fishing, but somewhat unruly, just hanging out. The next day I checked on the park again. A gentleman was on the dock with his two young sons, fishing. The man was upset because vandalism had taken place, probably the night before, with guard rails and floorboards ripped out and discarded. The dock had been neglected and in disrepair for the past year; the land-side dock entrance was underwater, boards missing, with a single board to teeter across to the sturdy surfaces. There had been some repairs tended to over the past year, by that gentleman, himself. At 2:47 p.m. I called dispatch to report the vandalism and requested that caution tape be strung along the entrance to the dock until repairs could be made.

The next day, June 27, the supervisor was out at the park with a crew and equipment, demolishing the entire dock. Evidently, that decision had been made within the past 24 hours, but by whom? The Parks and Recreation Department had not been consulted. If they had they would have learned that there was a sizable grant application pending for repairing that dock, an application made null and void by a very hasty decision.

Now, the township board has asked a fellow member to come up with a "plan" for the park. One of the first things that board member wants to do is get rid of the Parks and Recreation Department and appoint a single person to run the show. No need for consultation, evidently, or input from the residents. Not in this administration. And who is the board member who is tasked with coming up with an overall plan? Supervisor Bowman, who has an office at 23480 Sumpter Road, and where it is rumored he visits, on occasion.

Randall Miller
Sumpter Township

"Genius without education is like silver in the mine."
— Benjamin Franklin

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"I have a problem having permanent residents [in the motels]," McNamara said.

"I won't say people won't stay," Shukait said. "They get sick of programs working against you ... there's a feeling of helplessness ... kicking them out on the street can lead to death ... displacing them put them in the City of Detroit on the streets." She said only five or six are getting funded like herself.

McNamara said, "We're not going to solve this tonight."

Trustee Boynton said they are going to sit down and discuss this further.

"Can't tell the police not to enforce our laws, no," Boynton said, emphasizing this is something that needs to be discussed.

McNamara suggested Shukait come into his office and talk with him about it.

"This community gets money from HUD," Shukait said and Treasurer Budd said, "Not any more. Now the money goes to Wayne Metro."

Shukait said the two seniors called the township over and over.

McNamara said the township cannot support them and Shukait said, "Don't evict them."

Martin said there were a lot of principles to look at.

Deputy Supervisor Dan Selman checked and said there were no public comments on the internet on the subject.

McNamara said he would sit down with Shukait and hotel owners. "I don't know a solution right now. I hired you to figure that out two years ago," he said to her. "I recognized how bad it was five years ago."

Trustee Miller said to Shukait, "You're a community hero and we respect and appreciate you and should applaud you."

"The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money."

— Margaret Thatcher

More Letters

Thank you to volunteers who helped at gardens

To the editor:

THANK YOU! To all volunteers that helped last Saturday at Sherwood Pond Gardens, in Sherwood Forest Monarch Waystation. Especially the Belleville Area Garden Club. Awesome job. THANK YOU!

Jo Gardner
Sumpter Township

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DURHAM, NH -- Randall Harris of Belleville has been named to the dean's list at the University of New Hampshire for earning high honors for the spring 2022 semester. Harris is majoring in Social Work.



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Obituaries



David A. Dubisky

DAVID A. DUBISKY

(September 17, 1932 -- June 13, 2022)

David A. Dubisky, age 89 years of Waterville, Ohio, formerly of Jerome, Brooklyn, and Belleville, Michigan passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, June 13, 2022. He was born on September 17, 1932, in Denton, Michigan, the son of Charles and Dorothy (Sutton) Dubisky. He married Mary L. Collins on July 15, 1957 in Napoleon, Ohio. She preceded him in death on March 30, 2020. David worked as a tool and die maker for over 60 years. He was an avid golfer, small game hunter and he enjoyed fishing at his lake property in Brooklyn. David served in the U.S. Army from 1952- 1954.

David is survived by step-daughters Denise Diamond and Diane (Gary) Schiffler, two grandsons, four great-grandchildren, three brothers, Edward, Gary (Sandy) and William (Sharon) Dubisky and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, a sister Shirley Ray and two brothers, Charles and Don Dubisky. Cremation has taken place and his ashes interred with his wife at Somerset Center Cemetery in Jerome, Michigan. Arrangements were entrusted to Brown-Van Hemert Funeral Home in Hudson. Condolences and words of comfort can be left at: www.brownvanhemert.com.



RUSSELL JOSEPH CANELL, JR.

(December 20, 1947 - July 9, 2022)

Age 74, of New Boston. Served in U.S. Army. Was a member of VFW Post #4434 and its Honor Guard. Survived by wife Jennefer, daughter Jennifer, 5 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, a sister, and a brother. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
www.davidcbrownfh.com



Earl Myron Farr

EARL MYRON FARR

(February 28, 1934 – July 2, 2022)

Earl Myron Farr, age 88, long-time Belleville, MI resident, passed away at the Lodge of Taylor, Taylor, MI, on Saturday, July 2, 2022. He was born February 28, 1934, in Sawyer County, Wisconsin, son of Lester & Florence (Gramlich) Farr. He was a devoted member of Berean Baptist Church, Belleville, where he was a Deacon and Trustee for many years. He loved, restored, and appreciated antique cars and was a member of the Ford Thunderbird Club.

Mr. Farr is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Bendetta Marie (Cole) Farr; three sons Larry (Valerie Fritz) Farr of Belleville, MI, Gary (Janet) Farr of New Boston, MI, and Perry (Dana) Farr of Seneca, South Carolina; six grandchildren Ashley, Travis, Jillian, Riley, Abby, and Carly Farr; one great-grandson Everett; one brother Robert Farr of Georgia; also numerous extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Roy and Hazen, also a sister Bertha. Visitation was at 11 a.m. Friday, July 8, 2022, with an 11:30 funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Walter Ellis officiated. A private interment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Brighton Hospice and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

JUDY ANN (MASON) BARTRAM

(September 23, 1944 - July 9, 2022)

Age 77 of Clarksville, IN. 1962 graduate of BHS. Teacher in Van Buren schools until moving to Indiana in 1970. Survived by husband David, daughter Kim, 3 stepchildren, sister Kay Eves, 7 grandchildren. Legacy Funeral Center-Scott Chapel, Jeffersonville, IN.

COVID-19 deaths rise by three over week's time in 48111 zip code

The Wayne County Health Department announced deaths from COVID-19 as of July 11 in the 48111 zip code rose from 134 in the July 3 tally to 137.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 rose to 10,021 on Monday, July 11, up from 9,947 on Sunday, July 3.

On Monday, July 11, the separate case totals released by the Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 6,919 positive cases, with 90 deaths; City of Belleville, 1,105 positive cases with 14 deaths; and Sumpter Township 1,997 positive cases with 33 deaths.

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By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Monday, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education unanimously voted to spend \$100,554.53 to purchase and install security cameras on the light poles at the Belleville High School student parking lot.

The board was told Sean Garland, IT Administrator, and James Williams, Director of Plant Operations, put together a vision for what they wanted security surveillance in the BHS student lot to look like. Through bids and interviews, it was determined that Security 101 of Canton and Infinity Technology Group would be the best suited for this project.

The board approved the purchase of video cameras from Security 101 in the amount of \$76,339.15, the boring work to be completed by Infinity Technology Group for \$15,215.38, with a contingency of \$9,000 for a total project budget of \$100,554.53, as presented.

Williams said at first the cost they determined was too much and then they went to a current vendor and will be able to do just the student lot at a minimum before school starts.

Garland said there is enough room for the staff and bus lots on the wiring being installed, so when those cameras are installed in the future it will be less expensive.

When asked who would monitor the cameras, School Supt. Pete Kudlak said they don't want to have somebody sitting there watching the cameras, but they will be watched sometimes.

Garland said there will be 30 days' worth of footage and maybe more to review after

an incident occurs.

Board treasurer Simone Pinter was absent from the meeting.

In other business at the July 11 meeting, the board:

- Approved the \$350,000 total cost to Mechanical System Services Corp. (\$297,171) and Douglas Electric (\$24,890)

for the HVAC work at Tyler Elementary School this summer, plus a contingency of \$27,939. The work includes demolition, architectural, steel and roofing work required to complete the mechanical services and the electrical and demolition work required to complete the electrical services. The project was discussed at

length at the last board meeting;

- Heard Rob Kakoczki, vice-president of Plante Moran Cresa, give his quarterly report on the 2019 bond projects and their progress. He said the work at Owen Intermediate is going on now with walls and ceilings gone. He said the big upgrade


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School Board

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was increasing the electric load for the building and DTE is coming in to inspect before the electrical increase is approved. Kakoczki said 8 to 13 trades are working inside the building on a given day. He said there will be a blue wall in each room and furniture is being delivered Aug. 15. There will be a final cleanup before staff arrives for fall classes. Supt. Kudlak said the project was planned for April through December, with the less-used area being done last. Kakoczki also showed drone shots of the new turf on the football field. He said he expected that project to be done Tuesday and then they would work on the track. He said work is already under way on the tennis courts;

- Planned a board walk-through of Owen school at 6 p.m. on Aug. 8 before the scheduled board meeting. Supt. Kudlak said there is no business for the July 25 agenda, so far, so it probably will be canceled;

- Approved the resignation of teacher Michelle St. Cyr from Tyler Elementary School after one year of service as of July 5 because she is relocating;

- Approved the resignation of Debra Spaleny from the Transportation Department after ten years of service as of July 31 because she is relocating;

- Learned the information piece on the sinking fund question in the Aug. 2 election is going to print and will be sent out soon. Board President Amy Pearce said it's important to have the community know how it affects them. Vice-president Susan Featheringill said the information

also explains what the board can do with the money and what it can't do.

- Heard President Pearce say she and Secretary Darlene Gerick will be going to BHS Band Camp as volunteers Aug. 22-26 and they won't be able to be at the Aug. 22 board meeting; and

- Went into closed-door session to consider a request to reinstate Student 21-22-021 for the 2022-23 school year. Student 21-22-021 was expelled during the 2021-22 school year. After the closed hearing, the board voted in open session to reinstate the student without conditions.

VBT approves up to one year of soil excavation for two 5-acre ponds

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Dennis Wilkin, who farms a large area at the southeast corner of Sumpter and Hull roads was given approval by the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees to begin digging his two, five-acre ponds for agricultural irrigation.

At the July 5 regular meeting, the request of his contractor Todd Waller was approved to dig the ponds over a one-year period and haul the soil away by a prescribed route. Waller was present at the meeting.

In April 2021, Wilkin was given conditional approval from the planning commission to dig the ponds. On April 20, 2021, the board approved the request and now, under the ordinances, the board may issue a removal permit upon receipt of a completed application for not more than a

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Pastor Harris began his career as a scientist before becoming a minister and educator. He worked as a biotechnologist at IDEC Pharmaceuticals and NASA-Ames Research Center before transitioning to full-time ministry.

Having served as a pastor in Oakland, Palo Alto, Philadelphia, and the Detroit-metropolitan area, Dr. Harris' experience is geographically and culturally diverse. He is at heart a teacher and loves to serve and support people of all ages and backgrounds.

He began his theological studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, before continuing his studies in Philadelphia at Palmer Seminary. He later earned his master's in educational leadership from Concordia University, his doctorate in global education from the University of Southern California, and his doctorate in ministry from a joint program through Wesley Theological Seminary and Wesley House in Cambridge, England.

Educationally, he has also served as the Head of School of Friends School in Detroit and Director of Kennedy Learning Center, the special education school for Southfield Public Schools.

Rev. Harris said he loves to help people. He prefers to be addressed as "Pastor Ed" and said he considers it an honor to be part of a loving faith community such as Faith Denton Church. Pastor Ed has been married to his wife Cynthia for 30 years, has four children, and resides in Pontiac.

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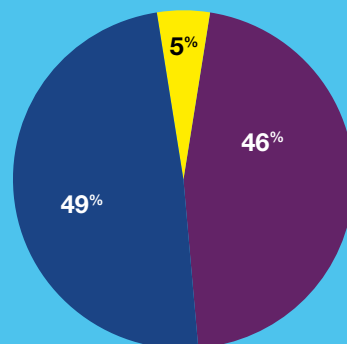
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For only \$125, you will take a thrilling 10-minute flight with doors wide open (weather permitting). You can book your ride/time in advance or take a chance and walk up that day. If walking up, plan to arrive by 11:30 a.m. as rides begin at noon and will conclude by 5 p.m. To order tickets in advance visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org and click "Fly With Us," scroll down the page to find the UH-1 Huey.

The Yankee Air Museum Huey, *Greyhound*, served in the Vietnam War from 1967 until 1971. It was part of the 240th Assault Helicopter Company known as *The Greyhounds*, *Mad Dogs*, and *Kennel Keepers*. The Greyhound Bus Company was honored by the name and gave the company permission to use its logo. A versatile helicopter, the UH-1 was used as a gun ship, medical evacuation and for utility purposes.

Huey rides are at the Yankee Air Museum located at 47884 D Street, Belleville (Van

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On July 7, a team power washed the Belleville High School tennis courts, preparing for the next steps in the courts' upgrades. After the cleaning, the courts were to have the cracks repaired and then painted with the new green surface film. The tennis courts are part of the \$920,000 in upgrades to the BHS football field, track, and tennis courts. Granger Construction won the bid for the work. The tennis courts are \$68,000 of the project. This is the second time the tennis courts have been redone since the high school was built ten years ago. School board members were told these upgrades are expected to last another ten years. The tennis courts, which are used extensively by the community, were scheduled to be fixed last year, but the school district got no bids for the project, so it was repackaged with the football field upgrades this summer.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, July 14** – Willow Metropark is hosting a free Adaptive Sports Clinic for Handcycling, 2-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Recommended for children ages 6 and up and adults. Requires pre-registration at least three days in advance. Will offer instruction on the sport and the equipment used, as well as time to take a spin on the trail. Call Katie Kowalski at (810) 494-6020.

• **Thursday, July 14** – Brown Bag Talk: "Flight of the B-52" at the Belleville Area District Library from noon to 1 p.m. Author Barry Levine will present on the aviation history and significance of the Boeing B-52 Stratofortress. Learn how the Yankee Air Museum obtained a 1957 example and set to work preserving the aircraft for future generations of aviation enthusiasts. The Stratofortress is current on display at the Yankee Air Museum.

• **Thursday, July 14** – Music in the Park at Horizon Park in Belleville brings a free concert at 7 p.m. with the Carly Bradychok Band bringing rockabilly.

• **Saturday, July 16** – Ford Restorers Car Show & Swap Meet, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township

• **Monday, July 18** – Belleville Farmer's Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Main Street Car Show, 6-8

p.m., between Third and Fifth streets in downtown Belleville.

• **Monday, July 18, through Saturday, July 23** – Revival at 6 p.m. daily: The Road Home, Returning to God's Glory. Belleville Lighthouse Church, 870 Savage Rd., Van Buren Township. Light snacks, refreshments.

• **Wednesday, July 20** – Free concert at Quirk Park in Van Buren Township. The Rhythm Kings (Pop, R&B) begins at 7 p.m. FREE Hotdog meal to the first 100 attendees provided by Dana's Dawgs.

• **Thursday, July 21** – Music in the Park at Horizon Park in Belleville brings a free concert at 7 p.m. with the Funk Brothers bringing funk/R&B.



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More Letters

Vote for Sheena Barnes for Sumpter Treasurer

To the editor:

Sheena Barnes is a candidate for Sumpter Township treasurer.

A resident of Sumpter Township over 62 years, and the mother of three beautiful children Julius, Sharnice, Jamarrea and five grandchildren, one boy and four girls.

I am the owner of a small business. Sheena Barnes BBQB Bones, proudly serving the community for over 35 years. Graduated from Airport High School in 1977 and went to WCCC Eastern and Western Campus.

I am reminding myself to be me and do not try to write a political speech letter that we hear so often with promises. In 2020, candidate Tim Bowman told the people that if you vote for me, "I WILL DRAIN THE SWAMP" here in Sumpter Township! Yes. It sounded great! But let's be real. We've been BAMBOOZLED! Many of us desperately believed him on both sides of the fence. He turned into a CROCODILE and released the ALLIGATORS out of the SWAMPS and

gave them free range. This administration was on 1000 and pushing.

March of 2022 held a public hearing on the 2021 budget, with Finance Director Scott Holtz who was concerned about spending up all the Landfill Royalty funds and concerned about Pension Liability funds.

This administration has shown no concern about how they spend our money. They are creating new job positions, rewarding big raises, and still continue hiring family members in several departments in the township. There weren't any plans in the passing years, nor plans for the future of Sumpter moving forward. No planning for our youth. It's a worthless conversation for the youth. But not for them to waste our taxpayer dollars,

but not for agendas, no plans or any type of new infrastructure for our community municipal building. Our old mildewed, outdated building was built in 1977. The community center was built for a school back in the 1930s and this building served also in the '50s when I was a kindergartener. This administration and the last administration have had free range of our tax dollars and Landfill Royalty funds. With a HIGH-priced attorney Robert Young who has no stipulations to what he's being

paid or even being questioned at any time. I have oftentimes seen his tactics and it doesn't seem to be helping our community. He is hired to provide leadership in making sure the township is protected and follows the Robert's Rules of Order! My opinion is there are only Robert Young Rules of Order! He is TOXIC to the community and has been for too many years and my opinion is he's been laughing all the way to the bank for the last 40 years with no contracts. Why would he retire when you have the keys to this O.S.C.S. Orchestrated Scripted Club System. Why hasn't this administration spoken out? Is it because of all of the years of family deals and nepotism? I get it when you have a chance to help your family and get them a job while you're in offices or in a high position and your board members turn a blind eye. I understand that this type of business is tempting.

But you WERE ELECTED TO SERVE THE SUMPTER RESIDENTS, NOT YOURSELF! This O.S.C.S. wants residents to accept their unhinged tactics and eat it with a fork and spoon and swallow their CRAP! And pretending that you don't smell something SPOILED! How long will we continue to allow this type of Orchestrated Scripted Club System to continue right in our faces? We have gotten comfortable accepting unacceptance.

Honestly, if you know me like my customers do at my barbecue stand, they will tell you I am eager to serve you the best quality food that I can serve and I promise you if I'm elected, my recipe will not change. You can trust me. I will give you 100% effort and I won't have a full-time job and only show up to board meetings to vote for O.S.C.S. agenda. I will be available in the building to answer the phone calls and work with my deputy treasurer.

If I am elected, I will serve you and be your voice and eyes and ears. I am your best candidate for this position. Vote for Sheena Barnes for treasurer.

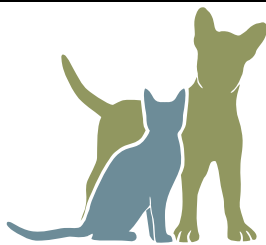
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Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



It's air show weekend here which means the skies above will be dotted with planes, helicopters, parachutes, and a whole lot more as Thunder Over Michigan hits Willow Run Airport. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will be performing at both afternoon shows only and so look for them around 4 p.m. each day. The U.S.A.F. F-16 Demo Team headlines the morning show, with warbirds, aerobatic demos, and the Yankee Air museum's very own flyable aircraft performing and taking part in static display at all shows. In fact, the static display this year will be bigger than ever with F-16s, F-18s, WWII warbirds, jets, and tanks. Watch the skies for a flyby of a B-52 H Stratofortress Bomber on Saturday afternoon only. My experience is that the Blue Angels will arrive as early as today, Thursday, as they do at nearly all of their shows, to perform logistic training and practice runs. It's going to be a blast. Drive-in tickets are still available for both shows on Saturday and the two on Sunday. All day ticket passes (both shows) are available too. Visit www.yankeearmuseum.org for the schedules, static display list, gate openings, and entry restrictions. Air show tickets also include free admission to the museum, which includes the recently retired Blue Angel #4, an F-18 that was given to the museum back in January that flew with the squadron for four years. The Blue Angels upgraded their planes at the end of last year's air show season with the latest F-18 Super Hornet as they celebrated their 75th anniversary.

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Tickets are on sale for the Belleville Varsity Tiger Football opener against Novi at Wayne State University's Tom Adams Field as part of the Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic on Friday, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each and available by clicking on the link at the BHS website. The Tigers are the reigning Class A Division 1 State Champions.

This Thursday's Music Lakeside Concert at Horizon Park features The Carl Bradychok Band (rockabilly) beginning at 7 p.m. In case of rain, the free concert will move across the street to First United Methodist Church on Charles Street.

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

More Letters

Thoughts for the week

To the editor:

OK, so here it is ... Coke cans ... plastic bags ... smashed jars of peanut butter ... paper cups ... plastic cups ... old tennis shoes ... empty vodka bottles ... empty whiskey bottles ... toilet paper ... paper towels ... filthy rags ... and get this... (empty containers of hand sanitizer?) ... balled-up rolls of fishing line, of course, with the rusted hooks still on them ... empty containers of fishing bait ... half-full containers of fishing bait ... empty McDonald's bags ... wrappers from the hamburgers and fries thrown on the ground instead of in the empty bag that they came in ... should I go on? I could but I'll just take the time now to say ... HEY, THANKS to all the considerate people that visit and fish near Sandy's Marina. I'm sure they are always glad to have to pick-up your thoughtful mess you left for them or whoever else you feel should have to clean up after you ... I just don't understand people like this.

Brian J. Webb



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City Council

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a boardwalk and considering what about five or ten years down the road?

In other business at the 42-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved the Taste of Belleville from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, at Horizon Park as proposed by the Belleville Central Business Community. Paid for their services for the event will be a DJ, face painter, and NJROTC members. Food will be sold by the vendors and alcoholic

beverages available since it is in the DORA district. CBC event coordinator Janet Millard asked if the city would be doing the annual bridge walk the same day, since she needs to know that for her advertising of the Taste. Robinson said he would look into that date. Council members said it has been done every year for many years on the same day as the Taste and Millard said since this is an election year they probably will get more walkers;

- Approved a car wash from 1 to 4 p.m. on a Saturday, either July 16 or 23, at the Loranger Family Chiropractic Clinic,

along with collection of donations at Five Points to benefit the Belleville High School football team. Fire Chief Brian Loranger said his business will supply the hoses, water, and space for the car wash. There was a question about the wastewater and DPW Director Rick Rutherford said he spoke with Hennessey Engineers and was told if they use an environmentally friendly soap the city won't get "jammed up" on its EGLE permit. Councilman Steve Jones said the school district, where he works, can't hold car washes on school property and it has to be on the grass because of

its EGLE permit. "They don't want to shut down a company in Wixom [that's polluting the river], but no carwashes," said Voigt. A representative of the sponsor, "Prudent Hope", said the team has four home games this year and the funds are used to feed the kids. She said she has found he kids are hungry every year and she has used \$1,500 out of her own pocket to feed them, and so do other parents. She said the parents supply the soap for the car wash, so they will use Dawn dish soap as recommended by Robinson. The council approved the two dates and one will be selected by those involved;

- Heard Councilman Jones ask when the chain is going to be reattached to the post at Main and Denton where there was an accident months ago. Rutherford said the eyes popped from the post and he needs a welder to put it back together. Jones said Mark Burger does that and Rutherford asked him for information to connect with Burger;

- Approved accounts payable of \$92,684.79 and the following departmental expenditures in excess of \$500: to Davenport Brothers, \$3,650 to replace the entry door emergency exit at the fire station; to Hennessey Engineers, \$1,155 for a risk and resilience assessment as required by the EPA; and to Jones & Bartlett, \$3,800.14 for emergency medical responder training books;

- Heard Robinson report that Lake Fest was very successful. He said one incident over the weekend required a police report, but it was not related to Lake Fest. He said it was hot, but people enjoyed themselves. He said there were lots of police from the three departments of Van Buren, Sumpter, and Belleville for the donut-eating contest and they are building a strong relationship. Robinson said although he had announced Belleville had a "ringer" in the contest, the real ringer was from Van Buren Township. Sgt. Mark Abdilla, who won the contest, had won second-place in a previous donut-eating contest at a national convention a few years back. Robinson also praised the city's summer Youth Workers and the Robotics students who worked at the festival;

- Heard Councilwoman Kelly Bates complain that she hadn't received a list of trees that are targeted for removal, although she asked for the list at the last meeting. Rutherford went to his office and got his hand-written list and handed it to her and she passed it down the council table. She also said she wants the number of employees scheduled as part of the employee log and also she wanted to know about whether Rutherford is looking into a PFAS presentation on the lake. He replied that he was not able to get EGLE to come out, since a lot of them are still working from home, but maybe he could get a video presentation from them. Voigt suggested Pete Creal who put on a presentation at the BYC and had a large crowd. Mayor Kerreen Conley said it was not the council's job to prioritize trees, "That's your job," she said to Rutherford;

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold public hearings on **July 27, 2022 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 hold public hearings regarding the following items:

1. **Draft Sumpter Road Corridor Plan.** The Charter Township of Van Buren has completed a draft amendment to its 2020 Master Plan to address a sub area of the Township located along and near Sumpter Road between Bemis Road and Industrial Park Drive. The draft Plan includes proposed future land use recommendations, including changes to the future land use designations of certain properties in this area, and the creation of a proposed Sumpter Road Mixed Use District (see the image in this notice).

2. **Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments:** Proposed amendments and additions to the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance to initiate a proposed **Sumpter Road Mixed Use (SRMU) Zoning District and Sumpter Road Overlay District (SROD):**

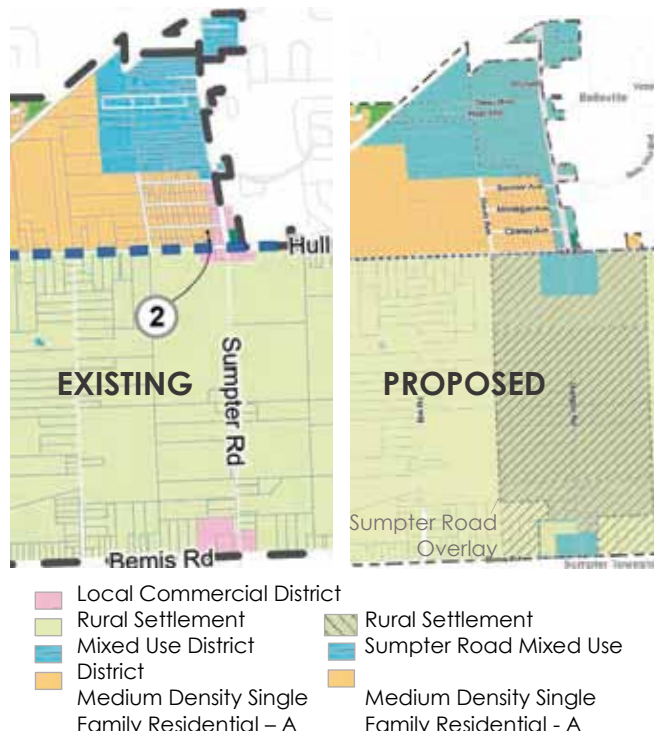
1. Article 2, Section 2.102. Definitions, Specific Terms.
2. Article 3 – Zoning Districts and Permitted Uses: Section 3.104 (Permitted Uses by District), Section 3.105 (Footnotes to the Table of Permitted Uses and Special Land Uses by District), Section 3.119 (Belleville Road Mixed Use District) and Section 3.121 (Sumpter Road Mixed Use District).
3. Article 4, Section 4.102. Schedule of Regulations.
4. Article 6, Chapter 4. Supplemental zoning district standards, Sumpter Road Overlay District.

The full draft Sumpter Road Corridor Plan and the full set of proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments are available on the Township website by accessing www.vanburen-mi.org and clicking "Sumpter Road Corridor Plan", and are also available at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

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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year. Now it was asked to approve another year, since the project had yet to be started.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said conditions for the permit last year have been met, including a soil erosion permit from Wayne County and completion of a preconstruction meeting.

Director Power said, "The applicant's project will require significant soil hauling by large trucks. Allowing these activities to occur over the course of a year-long time frame, just before the start of construction, will reduce pressure on the township's roadways and the number of trucks per day traversing its roads."

Power said there will be 192,800 cubic yards of soil to move and the trucks will leave the property along Hull and go south on Martinsville Road or south on Sumpter Road and will not go through the City of Belleville.

The project is to drain the fields and then use the ponds as sources of irrigation for the crops, as needed, according to Wilkin, who owns the property.

In other business at the 55-minute meeting on July 5, the board:

- Was informed Trustee Kevin Martin has been made a board member of the Michigan Association of Planners. Supervisor Kevin McNamara said, "This is a big deal";
- Unanimously approved a formal resolution to require the repair or replacement of sidewalks by property owners in Van Buren Estates [Haggerty Sub] or charging property owners for these sidewalk repairs or replacements. A public hearing was held at the board's regular June 21 meeting;
- Unanimously approved selecting

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES -- JULY 5, 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, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Frazier. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Executive Assistant Dohring, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Human Resources Sumpter, Fire Chief McNally, Lieutenant Bazy, Downtown Development Authority Director Ireland and a maximum audience of eight (8).

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda with the amendment that New Business Items #5-8 to read the second reading instead of the first reading of the ordinances. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Work Study Meeting Minutes

of June 21, 2022, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2022, Prepaid List of June 23, 2022, Prepaid List of June 30, 2022, Voucher List of July 5, 2022. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Trustee Kevin Martin was made a board member for The Michigan Association of Planners; the Van Buren Township Fireworks at Beck Ball field were a success with one of the largest attendances to date and no reported issues; Sgt. Marc Abdilla won the Police Officer Donut Eating Contest at Lake Fest; and the Township firework ordinances can be found on municode.com where all Township ordinances are listed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2022-12: Van Buren Estates ("Haggerty") Subdivision Sidewalk Replacement. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Miller seconded to approve the selection of Rotondo Construction Corp. for the 2022 Haggerty Subdivision Sidewalk Replacement Program. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve up

to one (1) year of soil excavation and hauling by application Todd Waller on behalf of owner Dennis Wilkin for the purpose of creating two (2) irrigation ponds for agricultural purpose. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the selection of Anglin Civil LLC for the VBT Iron Belle Trail Section B project for a total of \$796,217.11 in addition to the associated budgeted amendment. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 06-07-22(1) to discuss an approval of the amendment of Chapter 90 (Waterways), Article I (In General) to amend Sec. 90-18. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Miller, Boynton, Martin, Budd, Wright and McNamara. Nays: None. Absent: Frazier. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Miller seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 06-07-22 (2) to discuss an approval of the amendment of Chapter 90 (Waterways) Article II (Boat and Water Safety) Division 3 (Operating Requirements) to amend Sec. 90-67 and 90-69. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Miller, Boynton, Martin, Budd, Wright and McNamara. Nays: None. Absent: Frazier. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Boynton seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 06-21-22(1) to rezone 30.88 acres of property from R-1B – Single Family Residential to M-1

Light Industrial. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Miller, Boynton, Martin, Budd, Wright and McNamara. Nays: None. Absent: Frazier. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 06-21-22(2) to discuss an approval of the amendment of Article II (Fire Prevention Code) of Chapter 46 (Fire Prevention and Protection) to amend Sec. 46-31. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Miller, Boynton, Martin, Budd, Wright and McNamara. Nays: None. Absent: Frazier. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: There is still graffiti on the utility box at Ecorse and Haggerty, a social worker offered their assistance on finding resources for unhoused individuals and discussed homelessness.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Premier communities are starting to build pickle ball courts which Van Buren Township already has.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved; Miller seconded to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: July 14, 2022

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN County of Wayne, State of Michigan Ordinance No.: 06-07-22(1)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 5th day of July, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Trustees: Miller, Martin, Boynton, Budd, Wright and McNamara

ABSENT: Trustee: Frazier

It was moved by Trustee Miller and supported by Trustee Budd the following Ordinance be adopted to amend Sec. 90-18 of Article I (In General) of Chapter 90 (Waterways) to read as follows:

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ("Township"),
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Sec. 90-18. - Violation of Chapter or rules; penalties.

Unless otherwise specified under this Chapter, a violation of this part or rules promulgated under this Chapter is a civil infraction.

A political subdivision having adopted a local ordinance in conformity with this Chapter may provide that any violation of the ordinance is a misdemeanor. Any person convicted of reckless operation of a vessel as defined in MCL 324.80147, or of operating a motorboat while under the influence of alcoholic liquor or narcotic drugs, or with any amount of a controlled substance listed in schedule 1 under section 7212 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7212, or a rule promulgated under that section, or of a controlled substance described in section 7214(a)(iv) of the public health code, 1978

PA 368, MCL 333.7214, in his or her body, in addition to any other penalty, may be refused by the court having jurisdiction of the violation the right of operating any motorboat on any of the waters of this state for a period of not more than 2 years.

Effective Date

This amendment shall become effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 5th day of July, 2022.

YEAS (in favor of amendment): Miller, Martin, Boynton, Budd, Wright and McNamara.

NAYS (opposed to amendment): None.

ABSENT: Frazier.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Kevin McNamara,
Supervisor, Charter Township of Van Buren

Leon Wright,
Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Ordinance No.: 06-07-22(2)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 5th day of July, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Trustee: Boynton, Martin, Miller, Budd, Wright and McNamara

ABSENT: Trustee: Frazier

It was moved by Trustee Boynton and supported by Trustee Miller the following Ordinance be adopted to amend Sec. 90-67 and Sec. 90-69 of Division 3 (Operating Requirements) of Article II (Boat and Water Safety) of Chapter 90 (Waterways) to read as follows:

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ("Township"),
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Sec. 90-67. - Same—Motorboats by children.

- (a) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b), a person less than 12 years of age shall not operate a motorboat that is powered by a motor or motors totaling more than 6 horsepower on the waters of this township unless both of the following conditions are met:
 - (1) He or she is under the direct supervision of a person on board the motorboat who is 16 years of age or older and who, if born on or after July 1, 1996, has been issued a boating safety certificate.
 - (2) The motorboat he or she operates is powered by a motor totaling no more than 35 horsepower.
- (b) Subject to subsection (d), a person who is born on or after July 1, 1996 shall not operate a motorboat that is powered by a motor or motors totaling more than 6 horsepower on the waters of this township unless the person has been issued and is in possession of a boating safety certificate.
- (c) A person operating a motorboat as described in this section shall present the boating safety certificate issued to him or her upon the demand of a peace officer who identifies himself or herself as a peace officer. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (d) An individual who, under subsection (c), displays an electronic copy of his or her boating safety certificate using an electronic device is not presumed to have consented to a search of the electronic device. This state, an employee of this state, a peace officer, or an entity employing the peace officer is not liable for damage to or loss of an electronic device that occurs as a result of the peace officer's viewing an electronic copy of a boating safety certificate as provided in this section, regardless of whether the peace officer was in possession of the electronic device at the time the damage or loss occurred.

State Law reference— Similar provisions, MCL 324.80141, MSA 13A.80141.

Sec. 90-69. – Reckless operation by operator or person being towed.

- (a) If a person carelessly and heedlessly operates a vessel upon the waters of this township in disregard of the rights or safety of others, or without due caution and circumspection, or at a rate of speed or in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger a person or property, that person is guilty of the misdemeanor of reckless operation of a vessel and is subject to the penalties described in subsection (c) of this section.
- (b) If a person who, while being towed on water skis, water sled, surfboard, or a similar contrivance upon the waters of this township, carelessly and heedlessly navigates, steers, or controls himself in disregard of the rights or safety of others, or without due caution and circumspection and in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger a person or property, that person is guilty of the misdemeanor of reckless operation of the contrivance that he or she controls, and is subject to the penalties described in subsection (c) of this section.
- (c) Upon a person's conviction under this section, the court may issue an order prohibiting that person from operating a vessel on the waters of this township for a period of not more than two years. Upon a person's subsequent conviction under this section, the court shall order that person to participate in and complete a marine safety educational program approved by the department of natural resources. An order issued pursuant to this subsection is in addition to any other penalty authorized under this article.

State Law reference— Similar provisions, MCL 324.80147, MSA 13A.80147.

Effective Date

This amendment shall become effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 5th day of JULY, 2022.

YEAS (in favor of amendment): Boynton, Martin, Miller, Budd, Wright and McNamara.

NAYS (opposed to amendment): None.

ABSENT: Frazier.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Kevin McNamara,
Supervisor, Charter Township of Van Buren

Leon Wright,
Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren

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City Council

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• Heard Councilman Steve Jones thank the police chief for his assistance all week end at Lake Fest. He said he appreciated the police presence and, “Next thing is Winter Fest”;

• Heard Voigt say he thought Lake Fest was phenomenal, although he couldn’t attend on Saturday. “The cornhole tournament was a hoot,” he said and he enjoyed the Lobster Roll truck. He said he got a couple of very positive emails on Lake Fest: how great the kids’ stuff was and the police presence, and “she felt safe”;

• Heard Councilwoman Amy Henry say \$5 for the Kids Zone was very affordable. She said Carmen opened Abode and there’s a new boutique;

• Heard Mayor Conley say the Lake Fest was very well-thought out and family-friendly. She said the live music selections were great and she has heard no negative comments. She said in the Kids’ Zone she learned how to make ice cream without an ice-cream maker. She said the carnival was not missed and there are a lot of good things in the boutique that just opened. Mayor Conley said the jurying of the vendors on Main Street was great and there were better vendors than at the

former Strawberry Festivals. She thanked the BYC for its “incredible fireworks” for the July 4 holiday;

• Heard Councilwoman Henry comment that there were a lot of boats out on the lake for the fireworks, which she agreed were outstanding; and

• Heard a report that Chris Donnelly is considering a Light Up the Lake Boat Parade for Aug. 20.

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, July 14 – Keystone Academy School Board meeting canceled. Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, July 18 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, July 19 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting

• Monday, July 25 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building

• Tuesday, July 26 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 27 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

• Monday, Aug. 1 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE 06-21-22 (1)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE 05-2-17(2) AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:

SECTION 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Zoning Map in connection with the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

Ordinance No. 06-21-22 (1)

An ordinance to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 05-02-17(2), as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning the parcels as listed below and in the manner stated below with a total area of 30.88 acres from R-1B – Single Family Residential to M-1 – Light Industrial:

1. Vacant parcel V-125-83-008-99-0013-000 – 0.91 acres.
2. Vacant parcel V-125-83-008-99-0012-700 – 0.91 acres.
3. 6720 Haggerty Road (parcel 83-008-99-0011-000) – 0.91 acres.
4. 6690 Haggerty Road (parcel 83-008-99-0009-000) – 1.81 acres.
5. 6670 Haggerty Road (parcel 83-008-99-0008-000) – 1.81 acres.
6. 6656 Haggerty Road (parcel 83-008-99-0007-000) – 0.90 acres.
7. 6598 Haggerty Road (parcel 83-008-99-0006-701) – 1.85 acres.
8. 5982 Haggerty Road (parcel 83-005-01-0020-300) – 4.90 acres.
9. 5910 Haggerty Road (parcel 83-005-01-0019-002) – 3.62 acres.
10. 41649 Van Born Road (parcel 83-005-01-0006-000) – 0.57 acres.
11. Portion of 41811 Van Born Road (parcel 83-005-99-0004-000) north of current M-T zoning boundary – 1.65 acres.
12. Portion of 41861 Van Born Road (parcel 83-005-99-0005-000) north of current M-T zoning boundary – 1.70 acres.
13. Portion of 41941 Van Born Road (parcel 83-005-99-0006-000) north of current M-T zoning boundary – 2.45 acres.
14. Portion of 42033 Van Born Road (parcel 83-005-99-0007-000) north of current M-T zoning boundary – 1.27 acres.
15. Portion of 42055 Van Born Road (portion of parcel 83-005-99-0008-000) north of current M-T zoning boundary – 1.49 acres.

16. Portion of vacant parcel V-125-83-005-99-0009-701 north of current M-T zoning boundary – 2.55 acres.

17. Portion of 42333 Van Born Road (parcel 83-005-99-0009-002) north of current M-T zoning boundary – 1.58 acres.

The subject properties are west of Haggerty Road between Ecorse Road and Van Born Road.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

In the event any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEALER.

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect seven (7) days after publication of the notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen (15) days of passage. A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk’s Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during normal business hours.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 5th day of July, 2022.

YEAS: Miller, Martin, Boynton, Budd, Wright and McNamara.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Frazier.

ABSTAINED: None.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

Leon Wright, Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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Rotondo Construction Corp. of Farmington Hills, the lowest of five bidders, for the 2022 Haggerty Subdivision Sidewalk Replacement Program. The bid amount of \$6.45 per square foot for a total of \$290,250 is an estimate based on Rotondo replacing 45,000 square feet of sidewalk. The final contract amount will depend on the amount of sidewalk that was removed/replaced or repaired by residents, who have the option to self-perform. The township engineer's estimate was \$12 per square foot. Bids went as high as \$18 per square foot. References were checked in Canton and City of Livonia and all Rotondo's references spoke highly of its work. They plan to start in August and hope to be done by Oct. 28 and will work as long as weather permits, completing work in May, if necessary. There are 643 lots needing repairs of the four-inch sidewalks. Supervisor McNamara said the work is necessary for public safety;

- Unanimously approved the selection of Anglin Civil LLC, low bidder of six bids,

for construction of the VBT Iron Belle Trail Section B project for a total of \$796,217.11. The township is paying \$25,000 in addition to a \$15,000 estimate for signage. The rest of the cost is covered by grants, including the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and DTE. Section B is 1.25 miles and is an 8-10' asphalt path starting at the intersection of Rawsonville and Grove roads. The path turns northeast on the I-94 S. Service Drive, curving east and following the road until it turns into Van Buren Park. The path travels through Van Buren Park and ends at the "saddle." The construction will begin in late August or early September and be completed in the spring, if necessary; and

- Unanimously approved the second reading and final approval of an ordinance amendment that changes Waterways misdemeanors under the state code to civil infractions that can be handled by the township prosecutor. "We're kinder, gentler and if they don't comply, we hit them with the state law," McNamara explained.

WANTED

Documents or information, that will help attorneys suing **VISTEON** Corporation on behalf of Van Buren Twp, MI, which sold bonds to help Visteon Corp. build its corporate headquarters in the Township. Visteon declared bankruptcy and now refuses to help Van Buren Twp. pay off the bonds as promised.

Information and/or documents showing Visteon originally intended to keep its promise to help Van Buren Twp. pay off the bonds; or other information related to Visteon's treatment of Van Buren Twp. is needed.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN County of Wayne, State of Michigan Ordinance No.: 06-21-22(2)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 5th day of July, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Trustees: Boynton, Martin, Miller, Budd, Wright and McNamara

ABSENT: Trustee: Frazier

It was moved by Trustee Martin and supported by Trustee Budd the following Ordinance be adopted to amend Sec. 46-31 of Article II (Fire Prevention Code) of Chapter 46 (Fire Prevention and Protection) to read as follows:

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ("Township"),
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Sec. 46-31. - Adoption.

(a) The 2021 edition of NFPA 1 (Fire Prevention Code) and the 2021 edition of NFPA, 101 (Life Safety Code), 2021 appendices and documents adopted by Chapter 2 of that NFPA Code, and the 2021 edition of the International Fire Code (IFC), one copy of which is on file and is open to inspection by the public in the office of the township clerk, be and hereby is adopted and incorporated into this article as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this article shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the jurisdictional limits of the township fire department. The same are hereby adopted as the code of the township fire department for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion and providing for issuance of permits and collection of fees.

(b) In the event of a conflict between any of the provisions of

the Fire Prevention Code and the National Fire Codes, as adopted in (a) of this section, and any other provision of this chapter or any other local ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation, the local provision shall control. In the event of a conflict between any of the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code and the National Fire Codes, as adopted in division (a) of this section, and any State law, rule or regulation, the stricter standard shall control.

Effective Date

This amendment shall become effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 5th day of July, 2022.

YEAS (in favor of amendment): Boynton, Martin, Miller, Budd, Wright and McNamara.

NAYS (opposed to amendment): None.

ABSENT: Frazier.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Kevin McNamara,
Supervisor, Charter Township of Van Buren

Leon Wright,
Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES Tuesday, June 28, 2022 - 6:00 pm

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM. Those attending in-person were required to complete a Covid-19 health screening form. All persons who had not been vaccinated for Covid-19 were required to wear a mask while in City Hall.

The special meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 6:17 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Henry	Present
Council Member Jones	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, Second by Jones to open a Public Hearing regarding approval of the FY 2022-23 Budget at 6:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A) FY 2022-23 Budget Discussion

- Resident Mike Renaud expressed concern about the lack of detail that had previously been provided regarding the Public Safety Special Assessment,

as well as the budget increasing by approximately \$2,000,000.

Seeing no additional comments, Mayor Conley called for a motion.

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, Second by Jones to close the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

A) FY 2022-23 Budget Approval

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, Second by Henry to approve the city's 2022-23 FY Budget as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman, City Clerk

Approved: 7/5/22

Posted: 7/6/22

Published: 7/14/22

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Principal Residence Exemption and Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should contact the Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 19, 2022.

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: June 27, 2022
Publish: July 7, 2022
July 14, 2022

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 20, 2022 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Henry	Present
Council Member Jones	Absent
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

1) None

B. Council Follow Up List

1) Council Member Bates inquired if there had been a decision made on bringing the goats back to Horizon Park.

2) Mayor Conley commented that it's nice to see the building once attached to City Hall torn down.

3) Therese Antonelli asked if the signs for the DORA BORA district were in yet.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

1) Therese Antonelli

a) Requested, on behalf of the Lake Fest Committee, to close the municipal parking lot on High St. to hold a memorial car show this Sunday, June 26th, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to approve the Lake Fest Committee's use of the Municipal parking lot on High St. for a memorial car show on Sunday June 26th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

2) Melvin Smith

a) Inquired about having the split rail fence between Doane's Landing and the condos on N.

Liberty replaced, after it was removed during repairs to the seawall.

b) Asked if the "no fishing" signs could be replaced at Doane's Landing, as individuals fishing there are leaving behind debris and trespassing on the condo owners' private property.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of item 0, regarding the Lake Fest Committee's request to hold a memorial car show in the municipal parking lot on High St.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 6, 2022, Special Meeting of the City Council
MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Henry to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, June 6, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

B. June 6, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council
MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Henry to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, June 6, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Budget Amendments

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve the FY 2022-2023 budget amendments.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye

Mayor Conley Aye

Motion Carried.

B) Resolution # 22-045 – City-Wide Yard Sale 2022
MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution #22-045**, setting the dates for the annual City-Wide Yard Sale to be held on September 10th and 11th.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to approve **Resolution #22-046** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- City Manager Robinson commented that the Cinnamon's Father's Day Car Show was a success.

- Expressed his excitement over the demolition of the building attached to City Hall. He also mentioned that an unmetered water line was hit in the process, which the city is working to repair.

- Noted that the Department of Public Works' downtown revitalization crew members have been working for two weeks, and are doing a great job.

- Informed Council that the Summer Youth Program Employees had their first day today.

- Reminded everyone that Lake Fest is coming up this weekend, and noted that the Belleville Police Department will be competing against the Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township Police Departments in a donut eating contest on Saturday at 2 p.m.

- Stated he is very happy with Foster and Swift, the legal counsel retained by the city to provide guidance and a review of the marijuana ordinance. He requested that City Council, along with city administration and the attorneys hold a closed session to discuss the ordinance.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Henry

-- Stated she is looking forward to Lake Fest and the memorial car show.

- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt

-- Hopes everyone has fun this weekend at Lake Fest.

-- Reminded everyone that this Thursday, June 23rd, will be the first concert to kick off Music Lakeside 2022.

- Council Member Bates

-- Commented that she is excited to see Lake Fest back for its second year.

-- Stated she is looking forward to Music Lakeside 2022.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Mayor Conley stated that she is looking forward to Lake Fest

- Noted that the flower pots on Main St. this year look beautiful.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Therese Antonelli

-- Inquired about the process to have Wayne County complete another traffic study at the intersection of Main St. and Denton Rd.

-- Asked if the city could have the street sweeper clean Liberty St.

- Melvin Smith

-- Asked if the city could let residents know when they plan to sweep the streets so that cars can be moved.

-- Inquired if the crosswalks and left turn lane at the intersection of Main St. and Denton Rd. can be re-striped.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- Council Member Bates asked if Public Services Director Rutherford had any updates on having a representative from the state speak about PFAS in the water at a City Council meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

Approved: 7/5/22

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 248 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, July 3:

0028 – fireworks, Alden Ave./Haggerty Rd.
0029 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0032 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0044 – suspicious person/vehicle, Monroe Ct.
0317 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
0321 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0637 – property check, Belleville Rd.
0935 – civil matter, Sadie Ln.
1059 – neighbor trouble, Beacon Trl.
1103 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1340 – intrusion alarm, N. Cumberland Dr.
1407 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
1408 – threat, Western St.
1414 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1613 – assist fire dept., Quirk Rd.
1646 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.
1802 – suspicious person/vehicle, Chandler Dr.
1817 – 911 welfare check, Freeport Ct.
1904 – leaving the scene of the property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2150 – noise complaint, Madison Dr.
2156 – harassment call, Martz Rd.
2200 – fireworks, Denton Rd./Beckley Rd.
2309 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
2310 – suicidal person, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2358 – threat, Sylvia Dr.

Monday, July 4:

0111 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0236 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
0324 – property damage accident, Van Buren St.
0539 – assist other dept., Lake Villa Dr.
0823 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
/ S. I-94 Service Dr.
0942 – vehicle lock out, Lacy Dr.
1000 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1022 – civil matter, Richard Run Dr.
1058 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1217 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1220 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1223 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1305 – assist fire dept., Pond Bluff Dr.
1413 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
1421 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1539 – animal complaint, Beck Rd.
1604 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1648 – traffic offense, Denton Bridge
1702 – assist other dept., Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1817 – intrusion alarm, Timberland Dr.
1819 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ironwood Dr. / Hawthorne Ct.
1849 – intrusion alarm, Pond Bluff Dr.
1902 – intrusion alarm, North Shore Dr.
1913 – assist citizen, Anna Dr.
1954 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2057 – assault & battery, Jackson St.
2100 – assist other dept., Sheldon Rd.
2153 – welfare check, Walden Dr.
2221 – assist fire dept., N. Ponderosa Trl.
2324 – assist fire dept., W. Huron River Dr.
2328 – property check, Ventura Dr.

Tuesday, July 5:

0014 – missing person, Tyler Rd.
0030 – fireworks, Michigan Ave.
0034 – fireworks, Mission Pointe
0116 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
0238 – fireworks, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
0238 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.
0247 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
0607 – domestic, Maple Dr.
0706 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0732 – mental subject, Ash Dr.
0830 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0923 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / E. U.S. 12
0951 – malicious destruction of property, Peninsular Dr.
1014 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
1137 – private property impound, Savage Rd.
1213 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1232 – private property impound, J&T Towing
1245 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1332 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1522 – assault & battery, Sylvia Dr.
1639 – fraud, Huron River Dr.

1647 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1647 – domestic, Morton Taylor Rd.
1700 – mental subject, Ash Dr.
1740 – misc. complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
1743 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
1812 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1829 – threat, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1830 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1850 – domestic, N. Woodbury Green
1941 – 911 welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2017 – welfare check, Holly Ln.
2048 – fireworks, Bog Rd.
2126 – assist other dept., Cobblestone Creek Dr.
2128 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martinsville Rd.
2140 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
2208 – breaking & entering, Richard Run Dr.
2352 – family trouble, Westlake Cir.

Wednesday, July 6:

0253 – intrusion alarm, Ironwood Dr.
0342 – noise complaint, Milton Dr.
0454 – noise complaint, Milton Dr.
0501 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0551 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
0554 – misc. complaint, Richard Run Dr.
0648 – harassment call, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0731 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0755 – intrusion alarm, Lancaster Dr.
0829 – animal complaint, Fret Rd.
0922 – road hazard, Hannan Rd./Van Born Rd.
0923 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0946 – traffic offense, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
0958 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1014 – breaking & entering, Oak Ln.
1338 – private property impound, S. Bellridge Dr.
1350 – private property impound, S. Bellridge Dr.
1548 – suicidal person, Denton Rd.
1638 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave.
1652 – runaway, Lake Villa Dr.
1731 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1742 – civil matter, Greenwood Ct.
1829 – domestic, Outer Dr.
1855 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1856 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1910 – assist fire dept., Harmony Ln.
1923 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1936 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./E-I94
1939 – civil matter, Meadows Ct.
2034 – 911 welfare check, S. Sadie Ln.
2151 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, July 7:

0002 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0059 – missing person, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0117 – domestic, Anna Dr.
0326 – intrusion alarm, Chandler Dr.
0414 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0542 – intrusion alarm, Pond Bluff Dr.
0738 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0808 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
0917 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
0941 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0953 – mental subject, Tyler Rd./Quirk Rd.
1020 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1114 – assist other dept., Lake Villa Dr.
1142 – intrusion alarm, Jackson St.
1156 – mental subject, Fairbanks St.
1153 – civil matter, Hannan Rd.
1203 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1231 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1328 – civil matter, Brookview Dr.
1333 – misc. complaint, Oak Ln.
1511 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hayes St.
1647 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1726 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd./Chandler Dr.
1732 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
1801 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ivy Dr.
1810 – fight, Parkwood Dr.
1853 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1916 – harassment call, Tyler Rd.
2010 – malicious destruction of property, Winchester St.
2050 – 911 welfare check, E. Walden Dr.
2205 – noise complaint, Belleville Rd.
2233 – road hazard, Beck/Tyler
2257 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2335 – assist fire dept., Ecorse I-275 ramp S./S. I-275
2346 – malicious destruction of property, Van Born Rd.

Friday, July 8:

0354 – hospice death, Bak Rd.
0406 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0810 – intrusion alarm, Paloma Dr.
1051 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1349 – dumping complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1349 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
1401 – breaking & entering, Richard Run Dr.
1440 – animal complaint, Endicott St./McBride
1505 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1527 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1642 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
1709 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1736 – mental subject, Sumpter Rd.
1824 – assist other dept., Revere Dr.
1953 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
2004 – vehicle lock out, Belleville Rd.
2051 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2206 – noise complaint, Meadows Cir.
2211 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2248 – suspicious person/vehicle, Mission Pointe
2301 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2335 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park

condos

2344 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hoeft Rd./Bog
2355 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.

Saturday, July 9:

0029 – assist fire dept., Hamilton St.
0033 – parking complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
0312 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0603 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0730 – 911 welfare check, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave
0740 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alden Ave.
0821 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1150 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1253 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
1316 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1323 – disorderly, Country Walk
1325 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1327 – noise complaint, Meadows Cir.
1433 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1446 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1530 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1726 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1823 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1851 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
1851 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd.
1853 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
1930 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
2051 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
2115 – noise complaint, Meadows Cir.
2242 – property damage accident, Denton/Jewell
2245 – motorist assist, W. I-94/rest area
2327 – civil matter, Woodwall Ct.

Also on this week's log are 18 traffic stops, one of which was on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 3:

0324 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia
0949 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
1204 – lost property/child, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1852 – found property/child, Sumpter Rd.
2101 – 911 welfare check, E. Waterbury Ct.
2130 – suicidal person, N. Liberty St.
2301 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.

Monday, July 4:

0040 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
2319 – fireworks, N. Edgemont/Potter Dr.

Tuesday, July 5:

0114 – disorderly, Loza Ln.
0257 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
0611 – intrusion alarm, Carmell Blvd.
0628 – assist citizen, Belle Villa Blvd.
1044 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1417 – domestic, San Carlos St.
2215 – domestic, Church St.

Wednesday, July 6:

0257 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0621 – 911 welfare check, N. Liberty St.
0927 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1010 – traffic offense, Third St./Church St.
1238 – traffic offense, Main St.
1249 – property damage accident, Main St.
1638 – misc. complaint, Main St.

Thursday, July 7:

1226 – assist other dept., Belleville/Lake Villa
1449 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
1540 – traffic stop, N. Biggs/E. Huron River Dr.
1603 – welfare check, Potter Dr.
2129 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
2201 – welfare check, E. Wabash Ave.
2323 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, July 8:

1012 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1134 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1504 – follow-up by officer, Harbour Pointe Dr.

Saturday, July 9:

0146 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0227 – fireworks, Owen St.
1259 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1318 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main/N. Liberty
1434 – property damage accident, W. Wabash
1612 – 911 welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
1846 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. Liberty St.

2054 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2326 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Main St.

On this week's log there were five traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 3:

0224 – 911 hang up, Bemis Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
0252 – disorderly person, Washington St.
0726 – alarm, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0759 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.
0918 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0952 – alarm, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1102 – citizen assist, Texas St.
1303 – traffic complaint/hazard, 20000 bl. Karr
1409 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
1453 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1540 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1749 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1802 – alarm, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
1856 – juvenile complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1921 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1936 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2032 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
2058 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2121 – follow-up investigation, Haggerty/Willis
2302 – suspicious circumstance, Birch Dr.

Monday, July 4:

0036 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0522 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0642 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Wear
1001 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1102 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.
1114 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.
1840 – property damage accident, Willow Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1909 – neighbor dispute, Rustic Ln.
1914 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
2022 – larceny, Greenmeadow Dr.
2235 – noise complaint, Hampshire Dr.

Tuesday, July 5:

0011 – follow-up investigation, Carriage Ln.
0057 – suspicious vehicle, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0108 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.
0114 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0214 – suspicious person, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0453 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.
0739 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1223 – property damage accident, Carriage Ln.
1231 – neighbor dispute, Greenmeadow Dr.
1317 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1358 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1431 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1454 – property damage accident, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1539 – suspicious circumstance, 41000 bl. Harris
1620 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1721 – family trouble, New Mexico
1752 – welfare check, 9400 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1831 – animal complaint, Edgewood Dr.
1840 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1900 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1929 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2915 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.
2101 – suspicious circumstance, California St.

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The Early Childhood Center of Van Buren Public Schools Now Enrolling for the 2022-2023 School Year

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- Tuition Infant and Toddler Care
- Tuition Preschool for 3-Year-Olds and 4-Year-Olds
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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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2120 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2234 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2326 – citizen assist, Texas St.

Wednesday, July 6:
0035 – assault, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
0437 – 911 hang up, Hickory Ln.
0636 – family trouble, Greenmeadow Dr.
0727 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0737 – traffic complaint/road, Willis/Sherwood
0933 – wires down, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1003 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1402 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1535 – traffic complaint/hazard, 44000 bl. Dunn
1717 – missing person, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1815 – ORV complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1925 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
2001 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2011 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
2027 – animal complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville

Thursday, July 7:
0157 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0451 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0623 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
0902 – dumping complaint, Haggerty/Arkona
0951 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis/Sherwood
1131 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.
1246 – assist other agency, Virginia St.
1252 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Willow
1313 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1457 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1523 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Willis
1526 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1603 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1703 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Wear
1714 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1814 – personal injury accident, Bemis Rd. /

Rawsonville Rd.

1914 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.

1944 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.

2012 – neighbor dispute, Greenmeadow Dr. / Carriage Ln.

2113 – noise complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

2133 – mental health call, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.

Friday, July 8:

0008 – welfare check, Magnolia St.

0909 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1056 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Willis

1143 – suspicious circumstance, 43000 bl. Judd

1258 – animal complaint, Willis/Martinsville

1344 – traffic complaint/hazard, 44000 bl. Clay

1403 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.

1432 – property damage accident, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1441 – larceny, New Mexico

1443 – suspicious person, Hampshire Dr.

1554 – follow-up investigation, 40000 bl. Willis

1555 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis

1846 – civil matter, New Mexico

1936 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2154 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, July 9:

0058 – welfare check, Birch Dr.

0838 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Bemis Rd.

0914 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1244 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

1309 – property damage accident, Karr/Willow

1356 – disorderly person, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.

1717 – civil matter, Hampshire Dr.

1823 – fire dept. assist, 9400 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1923 – traffic complaint/hazard, Judd/Haggerty

2030 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

2144 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.

2146 – shots fired, Willis Rd./Rawsonville Rd.

2344 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

Also on this week's log are 174 patrol checks, 42 traffic stops, and 13 misc. details.

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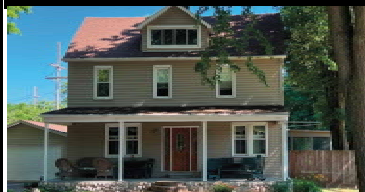
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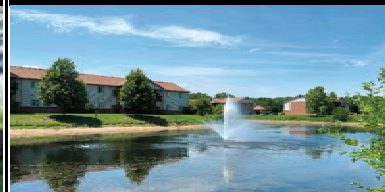
48610 W HURON RIVER, VAN BUREN
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6794 ROBINSON, ALLEN PARK
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35772 HAWTHORNE, ROMULUS
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