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Court Watching:

Judge Allen seeks settlement of forfeiture, Po lawsuit by Oct. 17

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

Wayne County Civil Court Judge David J. Allen is tired of all the charges and counter charges made by attorneys involved in the state forfeiture proceedings of real property at 45205 Harris Road, Nelson Po's property, and the law suit against Sumpter Township and Police Detective Sergeant John Toth by Po.

And, the ongoing barrage of motions.

He wants everything to be resolved. This is what he told the five attorneys lined up in front of him Friday in his downtown Detroit courtroom.

He then called all the attorneys into his closed chambers to talk about it and then some came out and one or two stayed in the private meeting then one or two came out. The judge himself came to the doorway and hurriedly waved some in and some out as negotiations continued. It was after noon by the time Judge Allen sent all the attorneys away to work on solutions to the problems.

That included telling Sumpter to expedite Po's application for renewal of his township grower's license.

Rather than the previous Oct. 10 court session that had been set, Judge Allen set Oct. 17 as the deadline for all problems to be worked out. A motion hearing for Jan. 26 was cancelled by the judge.

It appears Po may be able to get back his two vehicles still being held, which have piled up some \$20,000 in storage fees, plus his jewelry, which includes a Rollex watch.

Also, under discussion are proposed buildings on his Willis Road property for growing marijuana and return of his equipment that has been confiscated from his Harris Road home.

All this is expected to be set in stone on
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Photo courtesy of Aly Jeng

The Belleville High School Homecoming court will preside over Friday's football game when the Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned at half time. From left, in back, are Ryan Mann, Davion Williams, Jonathan Damon, Kenneth Franklin, and Noah Copeland. In front, from left, are Breanna Rock, Moriah Lewis, Imani Jones, Shawn Simpson, Meriya Zalma, Nadia Davis, and Alexis Mattingly. The BHS varsity football team is undefeated this season and will play Garden City at 7 p.m.

City Council approves Trick or Treating downtown on Oct. 31

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

The annual downtown Trick or Treating event for children was set for 5 to 7 p.m. on Halloween, Oct. 31, by the Belleville City Council at Monday's regular meeting.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said there was some discussion as to whether the event was put on by the city or the Belleville Central Business Community,

but the city decided to establish the date.

Councilman Jesse Marcotte asked if there had been any issues of safety since Main Street is not closed down for the event.

Police Chief Hal Berriman said there have been no safety issues and the city has been doing it this way for years without incident. He said the groups of trick or treaters seem to travel in a counter-clockwise way throughout the downtown.

City Manager Kollmeyer said there is tape put up along the Main Street curbs to keep the kids from darting across and there is a lot of police presence, including reserve officers.

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The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and Wayne County Community College Ted Scott Campus in Van Buren Township will sponsor two free shows of Animal Magic at noon and 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Fourth Street Square Booville tent in downtown Belleville. Creator of Animal Magic is Mark Rosenthal of Sumpter Township, professional animal educator and entertainer.

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Court watching

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Oct. 17.

Friday's court session was to consider contempt of court sanctions against Sumpter Township for not turning over the bodycam footage taken by Lt. Pat Gannon as first requested by Po's attorneys through two FOIAs and then ordered by Judge Allen.

Five police officers were present in the back of the courtroom: Lt. Gannon, Detective/Sgt. Toth, Detective/Cpl. John Ashby, Sgt. Elizabeth Egerer, and Police Chief Eric Luke.

The attorneys before Judge Allen were State Prosecutor Mahmoud Awad, Po's retained attorneys Ron Ruark and Scott Ruark, Sumpter attorney Rob Young, and Sumpter's special attorney Chris Raiti, from the McGraw Morris law firm which was hired in the forfeiture case.

The attorneys first were called to the front of the courtroom at about 9:55 a.m. The judge started in by asking about the raid where 200 pounds of marijuana was seized from Po and then returned after he paid Sumpter \$40,000.

"You took dope and you took money," Judge Allen said to Sumpter attorneys.

Attorney Young explained that was in 2015 when the Wayne County Prosecutor declined to issue a warrant because they were so busy with other crimes and Michigan State said to handle it. The \$40,000 was a settlement, Young said.

Young said it was a consensual agreement since no charges were brought. It was the shakes, not the plants, that were returned. He said it was plant stems, no buds, and it looked like garbage to police.

"The \$40,000 was in lieu of forfeiture," Young said.

"Why did you go back in 2016?" Judge Allen asked referring to the present case and Young said they had complaints.

That's when Judge Allen held up Friday morning's *Detroit Free Press*.

"I saw the headline in today's paper: Mega pot growers welcome in Michigan," he read. "Pot growers welcome! Mega pot growers."

Then, Judge Allen said, "Where's the ring? He referred to Clarita Po's wedding band and engagement ring that had been taken from her when she was arrested, held for 72 hours at the Huron Township lock up, and then not charged.

After Sumpter Police said they were confused over which ring to return, Judge Allen issued an order for them to return the rings.

"We got the ring," Ronald Ruark replied.

"I saw that as gamesmanship," Judge Allen said. "That ring should have been turned over immediately."

Then Judge Allen held up a CD and asked if it was blank. Ronald Ruark said his son will testify to that. Scott Ruark had to handle an arraignment at a district court in Dearborn Heights and was on the way to this courtroom.



Prosecutor Awad said Lt. Gannon had the bodycam on and Toth said he had his video on and, "I can't read their mind" when they ask for a FOIA. He told the judge that is the only bodycam they have.

"And, the ledger?" the judge asked.

"Where is the ledger?" Awad asked.

"Do you have the ledger?" Judge Allen asked Ron Ruark and he replied that whatever the prosecutor says is right.

"Did you get the ledger?" Judge Allen asked Ron Ruark and Ruark replied, "Scott should be here shortly."

"You're his father and you should know," Awad said and Judge Allen admonished the prosecutor for acting like a judge.

In discussing Po's bank documents Ron Ruark said police had no proof the deposits were illegal. He said he brought a motion for release of Po's Porsche and another truck since there was no proof they were bought with illegal funds. He said he also asks for Sumpter Township to pay the storage fee. And, 72 legal plants were taken from his property.

Scott Ruark arrived at 10:07 a.m.

Ron Ruark said Po's property was seized because it had value and the cash just happened to be there. He said 200 pounds of marijuana was given to his client in exchange for \$40,000.

"That was in 2015," Young replied. "We gave the marijuana back and three years later raided again." He said Judge Boykin rejected that argument and Judge Callahan started to reject it.

"Aren't we close to a settlement?" Judge Allen asked.

Ron Ruark said they couldn't even link the deposits at Bank of America to illicit drugs.

Prosecutor Awad said that was before they obtained the bank records and matched them with the ledger.

Judge Allen asked if deposits were \$20,000 a month.

"These are *their* ledgers," Awad said. "This is Alice in Wonderland."

"If I see there's \$20,000 a month ... everything else is la-la-la," Judge Allen said, sticking his fingers in his ears and wriggling them. "Either side ... Go get the records!"

All the attorneys and police officers involved with the Sumpter cases left the courtroom at 10:11 a.m. and returned at 11:20 a.m. Prosecutor Awad presented the ledger to the judge with some bank

documents.

"I don't deny some months there was more than \$20,000," Ron Ruark said.

"You could have said that an hour ago," said Judge Allen and then he stuck his fingers in his ears and said, "La, la, la, la, la ..."

"It was not \$20,000 every month," Ron Ruark said.

"Was it \$60,000?" Judge Allen asked. "You couldn't be straight with this court."

Ron Ruark said there was a \$37,000 deposit from a win at Greektown and his client sold some silver and gold.

"That's like the dog ate my homework," Judge Allen replied.

"I questioned \$20,000 a month. Never denied ..." Ron Ruark replied.

"What motion are we on?" Judge Allen asked and Ron Ruark said he had a motion

Court Watching:

Yelling in court hallway causes court officer to report it to the judge

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy who is a court officer in Judge David J. Allen's ninth-floor Circuit Court courtroom came running out of the courtroom door on Friday just after noon when he heard yelling in the hallway.

When he asked who was yelling, people in the hallway said it was Sumpter Police Chief Eric Luke and Detective/Sergeant John Toth, but they had gotten in an elevator and were gone.

There had been some talk in the hallway about a statement allegedly made by Sumpter defendant and plaintiff Nelson Po about when he was at the police station and said he was going to run for supervisor after this is all over. He said he heard someone call out, "You're not white enough."

Chief Luke angrily told Jay Bardell to ask Po to tell him who said that because he'd really like to know and Bardell said loudly to ask Po himself.

Then Chief Luke asked Po, who just came out of the courtroom, and Po said it had been someone behind him at the police station and he didn't see who it was.

Meanwhile, the *Independent* came out of the courtroom after asking the judge if everything was over and what happened in the judge's chambers. Judge Allen said everything was over for the day and the *Independent* should ask the attorneys what happened.

The *Independent* stepped out into the hallway and the first attorney in sight was Sumpter Township attorney Rob Young.

"What happened?" the *Independent* asked Young and Young snarled, "I'm not talking to you."

and Judge Allen denied the motion and said, "What's next?"

He answered his own question seeing it was the show-cause hearing on Sumpter failing to comply with a court order.

"Does the tape have what you need?" Judge Allen asked the defense attorneys and Scott Ruark said it doesn't.

Scott Ruark said every officer was wearing a body cam and he received all the other body cams except Lt. Gannon's.

He said Prosecutor Awad claims there's a ledger with entries, but it's not on any of the pictures from Po's property on the day of the raid. He said Sumpter gave him a disc that does not have the information.

That's when Judge Allen stopped everything and took all the attorneys into his chambers to start negotiations that would have everything settled by Oct. 17.

The *Independent* said the judge told her to ask an attorney and if Young didn't want to talk to her she would ask another attorney and she did.

That's when Young started moving the five Sumpter police officers down the hall to the elevators and the loud voices began.

The court officer said it is his job to keep peace in the court and this was unprofessional conduct by the police. He said that is the kind of thing that puts police under attack by the public.

He said he was disturbed to think that an armed, upset person could shoot up his courtroom.

He said earlier when Toth came into the courtroom with his handgun displayed openly on his hip, he asked Toth if he was in court on a personal issue or business and Toth arrogantly pushed out his hip and said, "business." The officer said he didn't like Toth's attitude.

The officer said on Oct. 17, the next court session on the Sumpter issues, he will make sure any Sumpter police officers wanting to enter Judge Allen's courtroom will have to lock up their weapons at the location provided by the court.

He said he had advised Judge Allen of the problem. When Judge Allen was leaving for lunch, he expressed dismay at the report to those standing in the hallway.

On Monday, when asked about the incident, Chief Luke said, "I wouldn't classify anyone really 'yelling' in the hallway at any point. I didn't take it as Jay Bardell yelling back at me after my question to him and as we were walking to the elevator Toth was talking back down the hallway with Jay.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT Police solve one murder case, waiting on second

Van Buren Township police work just got suspect Mark Germano bound over to circuit court to face trial in the shooting death of Edward Kuehn in the parking lot of Tim Horton's in early June.

Now, police are anxiously waiting for the Michigan State Police crime lab to get the evidence processed from the shooting death of Egypt Covington on Hull Road in late June.

There are lots of murders in Detroit and Wayne County and so it may take a while.

Family and friends are waiting for closure. It's hard for them. The community wants the murderer off the streets. People are saying they are afraid the case will never be solved.

On Tuesday, VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain and Police Chief Jason Wright said they, too, were having a hard time waiting for the state police lab to get to their evidence in the case. And, they're waiting for other evidence.

Reportedly, one of the MSP lab officers passes the Egypt Covington billboard on I-275 every day on his way to work. It's getting to him, too.

Patience.

Hopefully, one day soon we will have a report on the arrest of Egypt's suspected killer and he will get his day in court. Then, maybe, we can learn what led him to violently snuff out the life of such a beautiful, beloved young woman -- in our peaceful small town.

We'll get this solved.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Ronald Barrington Robinson and Jay Bardell, two court watchers who have been keeping track of the recent Sumpter Township cases in criminal and civil courts, were kind enough to let me hitch a ride with them to court in downtown Detroit last Friday morning. I thank them for the lift and I appreciate their kindness. It was a very interesting court session.

Before Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, Police Chief Hal Berriman told me his officer Jeff Wickham did some good detective work and recovered quite a few stolen items Sunday night. It started with tools stolen from the Davenport building, under construction on Main Street, and then it turned into quite a bit more, Chief Berriman said.

He said Officer Wickham found at a Belleville resident's home 8-12 spools of wire that cost about \$350 each, a set of acetylene torches worth \$10,000 to \$12,000 each, a plate compactor, ladders from another breaking and entering, and more. Chief Berriman said his department is seeking a warrant for the suspect and once that is secured he will be able to release the name.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer reports that 28 scarecrows were put in place in the downtown area on Monday. They are intended to be there during October, the month of Booville.

She reported that Kim Tindall and Briana Hootman, who work in the city offices, decorated the Lady Liberty scarecrow in front of city hall. As I recall, Kim started the scarecrow project a long time ago when



she was councilwoman and it has grown every year.

They have asked that their scarecrow not be a part of the judging because they work for the city and are sure they would win, Diana Kollmeyer reported.

At Monday's meeting Mike Renaud asked if the project specifications were ready for the repair of Doane's Landing seawall. Building Official Rick Rutherford reported that after 3 p.m. that afternoon he received a packet from McDowell Associates and now they will be able to prepare bid packets. Rutherford said the seawall failed prematurely because the engineering was done incorrectly and they want to get them right. He said the condo owners also are using McDowell and so they are moving in the right direction, "but maybe not as quickly as I had hoped." Kollmeyer said the council will be opening sealed bids within six weeks. Rutherford said the project could be done before spring.

Also during Monday's meeting, Councilman Tom Fielder said that with the undefeated status of the BHS varsity football team, the only way it could lose Friday's game was if a coven of witches arrived in town. He referred, jokingly, to the Witches' Ball set for Friday night in a tent on the Fourth Street Square.

On Sunday morning a fire broke out in

a basement in Victoria Commons and Van Buren Township and Belleville fire fighters arrived to fight the blaze. But, according to a neighbor, the man who lives in the house is a fire fighter elsewhere and he put out the fire before the fire fighters could arrive. Apparently, something caught on fire from the water heater and flames and smoke could be seen in the basement.

The fire fighters worked to ventilate the house where there was minimal, if any, damage. A haze of smoke hovered over the city of Belleville for a while Sunday morning since there was an easterly wind.

We've got another scam alert. On Tuesday, Steve from Belleville's DPW brought in his cell phone to show us the latest scam. He got an alert on his phone from Chase Bank advising him that his debit card was temporarily locked and he should call them now. The message gave a number to call, which he didn't. Steve explained he doesn't have any accounts at Chase Bank.

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Letters

Site plan approval big step for district library

To the Editor:

Consistent with reports in the Sept 21st issue of the *Independent*, the Belleville Planning Commission's Sept. 14th unanimous vote for site plan approval for the new Belleville Area District Library (BADL) building is deeply appreciated by the entire library community. On behalf of the BADL, I continue to shout HOORAY! This is not only a big step for the new library process, but also an important expression of partnership within the library district.

The BADL Board, along with our design team of Daniels and Zermack Architects, O'Neal Construction and the Beckett and Raeder engineering firm, continually provides careful consideration of every detail of our overall plan. That said, the detailed review completed by our partners at the city's Planning Commission is extremely helpful. The leadership demonstrated by the Commission's Chair, Steve Jones, and observations contributed by Commission members resulted in useful input to the plan as it currently stands, as well as to the details that remain to be worked out.

The library looks forward to continuing this working partnership with the city on subsequent engineering and permitting reviews and approvals, as the new library design and construction process continues to develop. In the spirit of partnership, the heartfelt joy expressed by Belleville City Manager Diana Kollmeyer over the Commission's approval action, was very gratifying, indeed.

Equally important to collaboration with the City of Belleville, is the District Library's partnership with the entire tri-community we serve. We celebrate our relationship with Sumpter, where plans for the media center satellite are progressing between the library and township officials. Similarly, Van Buren Township officials continue to express full cooperation, and are exploring ways to utilize their cable TV resources in order to help inform the wider public about new library developments well before groundbreaking takes place next spring.

We are overjoyed to have completed the site plan approval process, with each important step moving us closer to making our tri-community vision a reality for all to enjoy!

Sharon Claytor Peters, Chair
 Belleville Area District Library Board

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Thank you to Sumpter Township for your help

To the Editor:

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue and all of our furry friends would like to thank everyone who came out to support FMAR and the big barn project this past year. It was a stressful year for Pete and me, but it could have been a lot worse without our support team.

Pete and I have always been huge supporters of Sumpter Township, and their last board meeting just proved that good people doing good things are recognized by our township. We would like to send out a special thank you to everyone on the Sumpter Planning board, the Sumpter Township board and our Sumpter Township friends and neighbors for your support, and for allowing us to create a great space for the animals who come to stay until they find their forever homes.

We would also like to send out a very special thank you to Rosemary and her team at the *Belleville-Area Independent* newspaper for all of their support, and for keeping our community informed of what is going on with FMAR, not only during the barn-project dilemma but throughout the entire year. You always make sure our community knows about our adoptable pets and our events. Our shelter would not survive without support from our community, and time and time again you have been there for us.

As I always say, please keep in touch because the best is yet to come. Visit us on Facebook!

Blessings to all.
 Pete and Marcy LaFramboise
 Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue
 Sumpter Township

Sumpter Township home burns Sept. 18, MSP investigate cause

No one was injured in a Sumpter Township home fire the night of Sept. 18 on Timber Lake Court, a short road off Lohr Road near Willow.

Sumpter Fire Chief Joe Januszyk said the man who owns the house had left his home 20 minutes before the fire erupted. There were no pets in the home and no injuries were reported.

Chief Januszyk said Michigan State Police are investigating the cause of the fire and no reports have been received from them as yet.

Chief Januszyk said the home was pretty much destroyed and the owner reported losing two motorcycles, a snowmobile, an ATV, and a Chevelle, among other items.

Sumpter Township police and fire fighters were aided by mutual aid from Augusta Township Fire Department. Huron Valley Ambulance was on the scene and HART Huron Valley was there for support.

"You can observe a lot just by watching."
 — Yogi Berra

Hannan Road to close for 30-60 days

Van Buren Township Police Lt. Kenneth Floro announces that Hannan Road between East Huron River Drive and the South I-94 Service Drive will be closed for 30 to 60 days starting this week.

There is a construction project going on in Romulus on Hannan Road along that stretch of roadway. The next phase of the project involves underground infrastructure that requires extensive work.

The construction company has secured the required permission and permits to close Hannan Road, Lt. Floro said. The actual closing of the road was slated for Wednesday, Oct. 4, or Thursday, Oct. 5.

Lt. Floro said drivers will be able to get to the east side of Wellington from the north on Hannan Road. Entry to Tri Dim Filter Corporation is open from the south on Hannan Road.

Motorists will not be able to travel freely north or south on Hannan Road past the construction point due to the road being impassable, Lt. Floro said.

Tisa Allen of Belleville graduates from University of Alabama on Aug. 5

Tisa Marie Allen of Belleville was awarded a bachelor of science in Human Environmental Science from The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa during ceremonies on Aug. 5.

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(January 15, 1972 - September 26, 2017)
 Age 45, of Inkster, formerly of Belleville, died, September 26, 2017.

John is the beloved husband of Sabrina Duff of Inkster; dear son of John (Susan) Duff of Belleville; loving father of James, Alyssa, Stephanie, Stephen, Mateo, Vanessa, Brianna and Deborah; and proud grandfather of Harold and Hazel. John is also survived by his brother, Mark (Alice) Duff of Belleville, brother-in-law Ronald Domas of Belleville and nieces and nephews Matisse, Zola, Sean, Kyle and Meagan. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his mother, Mary Duff (d. 1999) and sister, Lisa Domas (d. 2000).

Born on January 15, 1972 in Jackson, John was a 1991 graduate of Belleville High School. He was a talented soccer player in his youth, earning a position on teams playing international competition. Mostly he loved Sabrina and his family.

Visiting hours were Sunday, October 1, 2017 from 2 until 8 p.m. in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr. Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. The rosary was prayed along with an opportunity for personal reflections at 7 p.m. In lieu of customary remembrances, memorial tributes are strongly recommended to the educational fund for the children. Checks may be directed to John or Susan Duff.

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Obituaries



Peter Mendis, Jr.

PETER MENDIS, JR.

(February 25, 1951 - September 29, 2017)

Age 66, of Britton, a former longtime Belleville resident, died peacefully at his residence on September 29, 2017.

Peter is the beloved husband of Pamela for forty-seven wonderful years, cherished father of Penelope Morgan of Ypsilanti and Patrick (Amanda) Mendis of Britton, and proud grandfather of Nicholas and MacKenzie. He is also survived by many loving extended family and friends.

Born on February 25, 1951 in Delray, Michigan to Peter Sr. and Florence Mendis, Peter was a very proficient body mechanic for many years. He truly was an artist in the restoration of classic cars. He was also an avid collector of antiques, (he loved coin-operated machines) and a loyal fan of NASCAR. Mostly, he loved spending time with his two grandchildren. In keeping with Peter's wishes, simple cremation rites have been accorded.

A Memorial Service honoring Peter's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2017 in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville (734) 697-4500. The Mendis family will greet guests from 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. service at the funeral home. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Virginia Lee "Ginny" Bogan

VIRGINIA LEE 'GINNY' BOGAN

(June 21, 1939 - September 30, 2017)

Age 78, of Flat Rock. Died peacefully at Beaumont Hospital of Trenton on September 30, 2017.

Ginny is the beloved wife of John Bogan for forty-five wonderful years; loving mother of Steven (Heather Fletcher) of Australia, Michael (Caroline) Nagy of Lansing and Stacey (Edward) Ciolkowski of New York. Mrs. Bogan is also survived by her cherished grandchildren, Ashley Stackhouse, Kyle Nagy, Aaron Nagy, Ryan Nagy, Ethan Nagy, Emily Nagy, Ashley Sapuppo, Tee-Jay Sapuppo, Devon Platzer, Nick Ciolkowski, Matt Ciolkowski and Evan Ciolkowski. Ginny is also survived by her great-granddaughter Aviana Stackhouse and many loving extended family and friends.

Born on June 21, 1939 in Toledo, Ohio to Donald and Hope Saleta, Ginny was a very active member of the Van Buren Fraternal Order of Eagles including the F.O.E Riders. She was very proficient at knitting and crocheting, had a love of gardening, and was an avid motorcyclist.

A time of honoring and celebrating Ginny's life was held at 1 p.m. Friday, October 6, 2017 at the Fraternal Order of Eagles #3996 of Van Buren, 9961 Beck Rd, Van Buren Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Michigan Humane Society. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Marguerite Szuma

MARGUERITE E. SZUMA

Marguerite E. Szuma, 85, of Tecumseh, Michigan, passed away Tuesday, September 26, 2017 in Tecumseh. Marguerite was born in Belleville, Michigan. She lived most of her life in Belleville, MI.

Marguerite was a member of many societies at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Belleville. She had a strong sense of family and heritage. She was proud of her son's services to this country.

Marguerite was a loving wife to Alphonse and mother of nine who was proud of her children: Alfonse, Michele Richardson (Steve), Mark, Marianne, Andrew (Kim), Christopher (Bonnie), Theresa Books (Michael), Catherine deMooij (Theo), and Frances. Also 12 loving grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents and siblings.

The family received friends Friday, September 29, 2017 from 4 until 8 p.m. at the J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, 210 Pottawatamie, Tecumseh, MI 49286. A Mass of the Christian Burial officiated by Rev. Fr. Daniel Wheeler, was held 11 a.m. Saturday, September 30, 2017 with viewing at 10 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 506 N. Union St., Tecumseh, MI 49286. A reception immediately followed. Marguerite was entombed at Michigan Memorial Cemetery, Flat Rock, MI. Memorial donations may be made in Marguerite's name to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Condolences to the family may be made online at www.pursefuneralhome.com.

**More Obituaries
on page 6**

Prayers for World Peace set outside at Saint Anthony Church Oct. 14

Prayers for World Peace will be said and the 100th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima marked at 20,000 locations around the world at high noon on Saturday, Oct. 14.

In Belleville, the location of the outdoor gathering will be at the St. Anthony Church parking lot at 409 W. Columbia Ave. The public is invited to join in and pray for world peace, with an emphasis on America.

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More Letters

Thank you, Bethany, for 60 wonderful years

To the Editor:

Sunday, Sept. 24, former pastors, friends and families came from far and near to help celebrate Bethany Bible Church's 60th-year Homecoming (1957-2017).

Bob McQuaid, son of Bethany's first Pastor Elwood McQuaid, traveled to Belleville from Florida. Dick Hook attended Bethany in the late '50s and was involved in the building of the original chapel. Mrs. Mildrey Delaney was acknowledged as being the longest active member of Bethany Bible Church.

Also honored were the missionaries that Bethany Bible Church has had the privilege of supporting for many years: Dr. Duane Cuthbertson and Bob and Gayle Murray. The late Pastor Don Sweeney was represented by his widow, Mrs. Sherry Sweeney.

Upon entering the sanctuary, we were greeted with selections played masterfully by Cyndi (Hook) McClurg on the piano. Choir Director John Losen, Jr. led the Bethany Choir as well as a large attendance in both song and prayer. Widely acclaimed and always welcome was guest soloist, Mr. Sanford McQueen. Rightfully honored for many faithful years of ministry to Bethany was retired Pastor John Losen (1970 to 2001) who preached first from Philippians (3:12-21) followed by our present Pastor Bryan Murawski who led us further into Scripture with verses 17-21.

As is our usual, purposeful custom, Bethany's congregation was offered counsel leading to His plan of Salvation.

I'm quite certain I speak for the entire congregation, as I speak accolades to Pastor Losen's family who has most honorably served alongside him for many years in many capacities within the church as well as local endeavors. Following the worship service, all were invited to stay for a plentiful luncheon inside a huge tent and out of the sun and heat, games and hayrides, popcorn and cotton candy -- fun, fun, and more fun!

The warm and welcome renewal of near and far friendships, Christian fellowship and love exhibited throughout the day was truly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to all those workers who made Bethany's 60th-year homecoming celebration a tremendously joyful, blessed,

and successful event; all the praise and glory be given to God Himself, without Whom, our celebration would not have served the purpose it was intended.

"Many hands make light the work"-- (my father's often-repeated comment) most certainly applies to the many hands ("good and faithful servants") who devoted a great deal of time and energy - before, during and after our 60th year while providing us with a memorable and endearing homecoming celebration.

Thank you, Lord, for Your many blessings, and thank you, Bethany.

God Bless America.
(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
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To the Editor:

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The support and generosity from our community and surrounding areas is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you all next year at our golf outing!

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Jeff Vernon: You should believe in him

To the Editor:

Jeff Vernon: You should believe in him.

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Jeff is thick-witted, over the top, optimistic, inclined to stand up.

Old Belleville is saying, "You can stay, if you conform into one of 'us'"; those who discount anything he must say, say he is out of order, doesn't fit in, should be stifled, but he is driven to say it's not good enough.

So enough is enough...

Jeff is the voice you will discover that many people want. He doesn't want to see Belleville businesses die.

Jeff will impress you, connect with you. He is authentic even when he feels uncomfortable,

He says things he believes in, and that is all of Belleville, including the youth who grow to be you.

Dorene Mroz
Belleville

Editor's Note: Jeff Vernon is a candidate for Belleville City Council.

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Van Buren Twp. DDA approves Speedway land purchase agreement

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor approve

A land purchase agreement between the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority and Speedway, LLC, was approved at the DDA's regular meeting Sept. 28.

Speedway is proposing a gas station/store at the northeast corner of Belleville and Tyler roads.

At the March 28 DDA meeting, Speedway asked that the DDA allow construction of a driveway over part of the 27 feet of property that the DDA had purchased from the property owner to construct a sidewalk. There was dialog on the plans, Wayne County requirements, and options available.

The DDA approved a motion to sell the 27-foot-wide parcel along the frontage of the proposed Speedway project subject to a mutually acceptable agreement between the parties to be negotiated by the attorneys.

The attorneys for Speedway and the DDA worked out a land purchase agreement and DDA Director Susan Ireland said she believed it to be equitable.

The sale adds \$46,485 to the DDA budget.

Ireland said she had concerns about the three years mentioned in the agreement, that if nothing is constructed in three years the DDA could buy the property back. She had preferred two years.

But DDA attorney David Greco said under the new ordinance a site plan approval is good for one year and the applicant can apply for two extensions. That's why the three year limit was included, "Keeping you in sync with the zoning ordinance," Greco said.

"There's a lot of stuff they have to do before closing [on the property]," Greco said. "Three years goes pretty quickly when so much needs to be done ... even hurdles from the township..."

Ireland said she appreciates that Speedway will tie in their drainage to the French drain in the adjoining sidewalk area that had been a drainage problem.

The Speedway engineer said that the

VBT engineer asked them to connect that with their storm drain temporarily until someone wants to develop there.

Greco said the Speedway attorney prepared the agreement and Greco reviewed it and changed at least half of the document.

In other business at the 22-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Learned Robert Bechtel was resigning from the DDA after 15 years or more because of his work as a director at Mott Community College in Flint. Ireland said he had been a very valuable member of the DDA and she will miss him;

- Heard Ireland report that the buildings to be demolished in the Belleville Road Placemaking project are boarded up to mitigate any liability risk and are expected to be demolished in early November with construction in the spring. A planning staff review was held Sept. 6 and revisions to the site plan are being made and will be resubmitted. The site plan is expected be submitted to the planning commission;

- Learned the Belleville Road streetlights are owned and maintained by DTE and discussion on converting them to LEDs is under way with DTE and Holophane. The new lights for the path and pedestrian overpass over I-94 also will be LEDs;

- Heard Ireland say she and Matthew Best, deputy director of planning and economic development, have provided information to the Detroit Region Aerotropolis on three prospective sites in VBT for Amazon's second headquarters; and

- Heard DDA assistant director Lisa Lothringer report on marketing projects.

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VBT Planners cancel meeting when there's no quorum for business

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor approve

On Sept. 27, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission cancelled its regular meeting after waiting seven minutes for a quorum to show up.

Present were three members: Chairperson Carol Thompson, Commissioner Medina Atchinson, and Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the commission as liaison to the township board. A quorum is four.

At the last meeting Commissioner Joan Franzoi alerted the group that she would be unable to attend the Sept. 27 meeting. Bryon Kelley was at the Michigan Association of Planners conference with Ron Akers and Matthew Best of the planning and economic development department, and Donald Boynton had to work. There has been a vacancy for several months after the resignation of Ronald Jackson.

The Sept. 27 agenda carried a request for final site plan approval for a 17,477.34-square-foot addition to the west side of the Continental Canteen building at 7850 Haggerty Road.

The three representatives of the project present for the meeting said they are anxious to get started before the weather changes and Chairwoman Thompson said she would talk to Director Akers about a possible special meeting to consider approval of the site plan.

[On Tuesday, Akers announced there was a special meeting set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, to handle the agenda.]

Also on the agenda was discussion of proposed text amendments to the zoning

ordinance concerning distribution centers and storm-water ponds. Changes were brought forth by McKenna Associates planning consultants when reviewing a site plan application for Ashley Capital Crossroads North, located on the north side of Ecorse Road, west of Haggerty.

The next regular meeting of the planning commission is 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11.

BHS home games

Here are upcoming Belleville High School home athletic events:

- Thursday, Oct. 5: Freshman & JV Volleyball, 5:30 p.m., against Edsel Ford; Varsity Volleyball, 7 p.m., against Edsel Ford
- Friday, Oct. 6: Varsity Football against Garden City, 7 p.m., Homecoming
- Monday, Oct. 9: Girls Varsity Swim & Dive against Wayne Memorial, 6 p.m.

Diane Kiessel
Belleville Athletic Secretary

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society to meet

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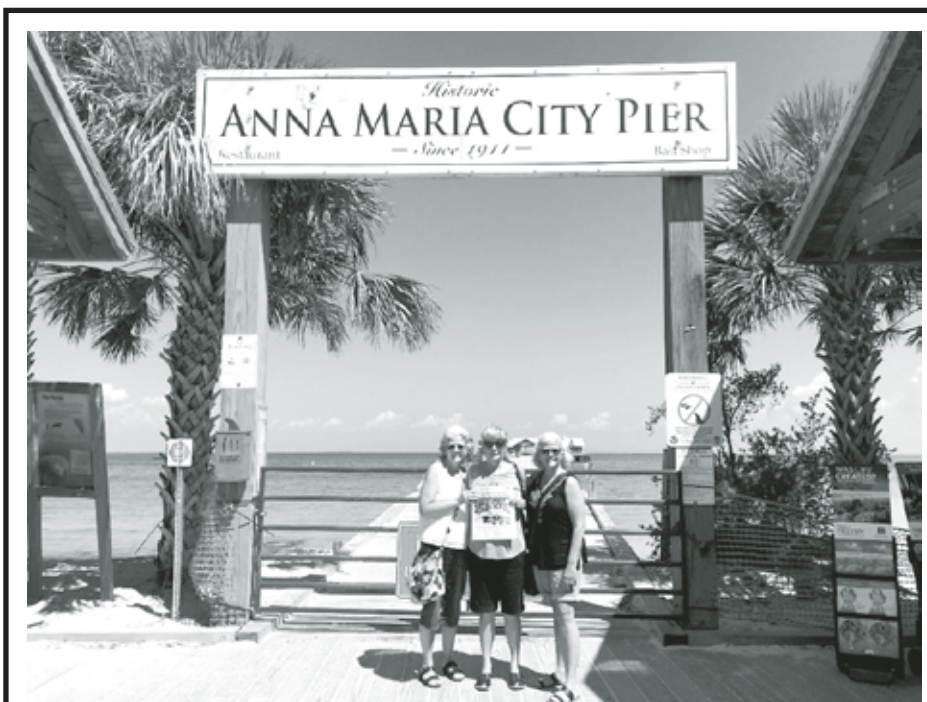
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• **Saturday, Oct. 14** – World Peace Prayer from noon to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Anthony Catholic Church on West Columbia Ave. This is the 100th anniversary of the prayer and every denomination, or those with no denomination, are urged to come and pray with a focus on America.

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Sumpter PD thought Nelson Po felony conviction was assured

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

"When he pled guilty, we said 'It's all over.'" But it wasn't.

Sumpter Township Detective/Sergeant John Toth said he was shocked that after pleading guilty to drug charges that didn't say anything about medical marijuana, Nelson Po was sentenced to probation for what amounted to a medical marijuana misdemeanor.

Po was originally charged with the felony of Controlled Substance – Delivery / Manufacture of 5-45 Kilograms of Marijuana, or 20 plants or more but fewer than 200 plants, punishable by up to seven years in prison.

He pled guilty to Attempted Delivery or Manufacture of Marijuana, which was a misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison. His sentence was one year probation and fees of \$1,428.

"We talked to his customers and employees," Det. Toth said of the investigation he headed. "There were people who were arrested with his product in large-scale quantities.

"There were ledgers in his own handwriting for every sale," Toth said noting when Po decides to pay taxes that will be handy.

The figures on his ledgers show he grossed \$2.6 million in marijuana sales.

Toth said Sumpter PD knew who his customers were and were not. They interviewed the customers and got statements.

The Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Marleen Merriweather signed off on the plea agreement and the case was closed. There's nothing more they can do about it.

He said in 2015 Sumpter Township confiscated a large amount of marijuana from Po's growing facility on Harris Road, but the Attorney General's office preferred a deferred prosecution agreement and the marijuana was returned.

The 2016 case, however, went forward. Toth said they had to get three pools of jurors to pick a jury because many jurors couldn't be seated because they had medical marijuana cards.

"We were in contact with the feds the whole time," Toth said of the recent case.

And when Po pled guilty, rather than face the jury, they heaved a sigh of relief. They thought it was finally over and all their work had paid off.

Toth said the investigation included going through Po's cell phone and getting the text messages of his customers. Police did workups on the customers. All this was in the hands of the Prosecutor, he said.

Now, Toth said, Po has applied for a renewal of his medical marijuana business license in Sumpter and paid the \$1,000 fee. Toth said he spends Mondays and Thursday on medical marijuana and said it takes about two months for him to get to a new application.

"There are people in front of him," Toth said of Po's complaints about the delay.

Toth said marijuana violations go to the

bottom of the court piles in Wayne County because of all the murders and other violent crimes that are more pressing.

"We could look the other way, but we've decided, 'Let's make our community safe so our police officers aren't shot on a raid.'"

He said there are law-abiding citizens who grow medical marijuana, but there also are wolves in sheep's clothing.

The *Independent* filed a Freedom of Information Act request on the Po case and received transcripts of the hearings in circuit court, Po's ledger of sales showing \$2.6 million gross over two years, and Po's text messages with 14 customers, who came to his door on Harris Road to pick up the marijuana under a variety of names. On the FOIA pages, the customer names on the text messages have been blacked out by Sumpter Police, but the ledger notations from January 2015 through the day of Po's arrest in August 2016 are spelled out with first names only, sale by sale.

One customer called Po on Aug. 16, 2016 during the raid wanting to come by to pick up a buy and since the police were there decided not to come by.

The texts tell the problems with random pick ups at odd hours and how nice it will be when the new marijuana law goes into effect at the end of the year when dispensaries will be allowed. In the texts Po said he is sure to get a dispensary in Sumpter at his new facility that will be built on Willis Road. He said the first unit built will be the dispensary.

He said he wants to build 20 grow buildings on the 30 acres and create 80 to 100 good-paying jobs in Sumpter Township.

Po tells a customer on June 9, 2016, that he already has the drawings from Davenport Construction for the buildings and a front view of the dispensary.

Names and prices for different varieties are spelled out in the texts: Grape God, Red Monkey, Gorilla Glue #04, Og Kust,

Pineapple Skunk, Platinum Cookies, Critical Mass, Deadbeat Og, and more.

Then, there's the dickering for credit. Po gives thousands of dollars of credit to good customers and refuses it to customers who have a history of not paying. Some customers indicate they need to wait until their weekly paycheck to pay him. One

female said she couldn't pay because she was fired from her job.

Po encouraged customers to meet him at the Greek Town Casino to gamble and dine. On one report, July 7, 2016, Po reports he lost \$260, but ate lobster and rib eye for free.



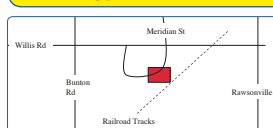
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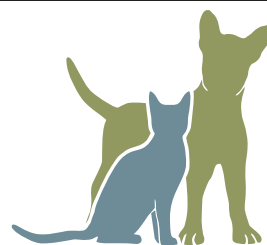
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Sumpter Twp. Board approves site plan for FMAR project

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The long-delayed approval from Sumpter Township for an addition to the no-kill animal rescue kennels on Arkona Road came from the township board at its regular meeting on Sept. 26.

The board voted unanimously to accept the planning commission's recommendation

to approve special land use for an animal shelter and also the site plan for additional kennels for Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue.

The approval included the following conditions:

- Combine the three parcels into one after the terms of the financial loan to purchase the property has been met;

- The gravel parking lot may remain and won't have to have a hard surface;

- A white vinyl fence will be added along the property boundary for additional buffer in front of a dense tree line;

- Clarify the number of spaces for parking; and

- Stay compliant with the Master Plan.

FMAR has been operating at the site for more than 18 years and was recently asked by the township to get the special land-use approval for a rescue kennel.

Permission to construct a minor addition to the kennels was requested from the township a year ago. The township is limiting FMAR to holding a maximum of 25 dogs.

At the end of the meeting, Gary Edwards, who lives behind FMAR in the rural area, voiced concern about whether the rescue will comply with the conditions. He said that evening he could hear the dogs barking and he believes it will have an effect on the value of his property once he goes to sell it. He asked for a concrete wall to be put up to buffer the sound.

After he voiced his concerns, he said, "Government at this level is pure. Thank you for letting me speak."

In other business at the Sept. 26 meeting, the board:

- Approved hiring Scott A. Holtz as township finance director starting Oct. 16 at a salary of \$60,000 to replace Jim Glahn, CPA, who is retiring. Township attorney Rob Young will generate the contract;

- Approved the Fraternal Order of Police Contract that had been ratified a few hours earlier, as reported by township attorney Rob Young. He said they have reduced the multiplier to 2.0 for pensions for new hires. The contract runs through March 31, 2022;

- Heard Trustee Matthew Oddy recommend starting a marijuana committee to put together a recommendation on the new marijuana law that goes into effect

at the end of the year. He said he read in the *Independent* that Van Buren Township had such a committee that recommended opting out of the new law. Supervisor John Morgan said he will appoint a committee of five or seven and announce the names at the next meeting. Young said he got a call from a planner in VBT and they said they were looking at the rules which aren't quite in place. Young said, "It's like playing a football game and not knowing the rules ... and it's unknown if the revenue actually will be there";

- Tabled a recommendation from the auditors to increase rubbish pickup costs to \$25.50 per quarter;

- Waived a fee for use of the community center gym for the Sumpter Senior Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 4;

- Waived a fee for use of the community center on Nov. 23, so Karen Mickens and Lettie Sanders can hold a "Thankful Day" meal free of charge for those who otherwise would not have a Thanksgiving meal;

- Approved the purchase of BS&A software for the township business license at a cost of \$5,920;

- Removed from the agenda a proposal to purchase BS&A software for the township animal license program at a cost of \$5,570;

- Approved a Coin Acceptance Policy that specifies the township will not accept more than 25 loose coins in payment of any debts or obligations owed the township. Sumpter will accept rolls of pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters as long as they are wrapped in coin wrappers and contain the customer's name, address, and telephone number on each wrapper. This policy was enacted after a resident brought in a large number of loose coins to pay taxes;

- Approved Supervisor John Morgan's recommendation to appoint Maria Beaudrie as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Jennifer Massel with a term to expire March 11, 2018;

- Approved appointments of Mark and Dawn Argo to the Parks and Recreation Commission as alternates, following a background check;

- Approved going out for bids to repair siding, gutters, and windows on the Parks and Recreation building in Grant Park. The project will be paid for with a grant from Wayne County's parks tax; and

- Heard Trustee Don LaPorte report that the 55-gallon drums on the property at the northwest corner of Willis and Sumpter roads are being used by the State of Michigan for taking soil samples. He said that parcel is a Superfund Site because it was a gas station 50 years ago. He said the state is monitoring the site for the owner.

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Do you remember the story of Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicking over a lantern and starting the Great Chicago fire? On October 8, 1871, the horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.
More recently historians have debunked the cow theory and now have new theories as to the start of the tragic fire, one being two young boys sneaking a cigarette behind Mrs. O'Leary's barn.

To commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, National Fire Prevention Week is observed in the United States and Canada, during the week (from Sunday to Saturday) in which October 9, falls, the day of the most devastation. In the United States, the first Presidential proclamation of Fire Prevention Week was made in 1925 by President Calvin Coolidge.

Every Year the National Fire Protection Association creates a theme for Fire Prevention Week. This year the theme is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 ways out!" This can be done as a family activity, simply drawing a map of your home showing all window and doors and an outside meeting place in the front yard. Then, practicing your escape plan. Children need to be shown how to open a bedroom window as a second way out in the event that the first exit is blocked by fire or smoke.

Here in Van Buren Township, the fire department commemorates fire prevention week by attending the local schools and teaching fire safety to the kids. Van Buren Township firefighters end the week with a pancake breakfast (Oct. 14) and open house at Fire Station #2, located at 7981 Belleville Road from 9 a.m. until noon. Adults and kids can have pancakes, sausage, and drinks with firefighters and enjoy many activities such as the fire safety house, spraying a fire hose, get an up-close look at all the fire trucks and tour the fire

station.
For further information on fire safety tips or the pancake breakfast, contact Fire Marshal Dave McNally at (734) 699-8900, extension 9416.

Cookie store robbery brings six-month sentence to local woman

Six months in jail and three years of probation was the sentence for Belleville resident Kandyce Poore, 19, at Washtenaw County Trial Court on Aug. 28, according to a report in *The Ann Arbor News*. She also must pay \$755 in restitution.

Poore was charged along with Sheldon Underwood, 19, of Westland and Cameron Shevrovich, 19, of Belleville for the attempted robbery of Insomnia Cookies, 1229 S. University Avenue, Ann Arbor.

On Oct. 21, 2016 at about 2:45 a.m., a man wearing a Halloween mask entered the bakery, pulled out a handgun, and demanded employees open the cash register, according to police. The man pushed the cash register off the counter and threatened to start shooting within 10 seconds if they didn't comply, police said.

The cash register was damaged and the employees couldn't get the money out so the man left without any money and without firing any shots. Police said a second man was a lookout and Poore helped plan the robbery.

According to the Offender Tracking Information System, earlier this year, Underwood was sentenced to 4 years, 3 months to 12 years for armed robbery and Shevrovich was sentenced to 4 years, 3 months to 15 years for assault with intent to rob while armed.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Oct. 9 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons
- Tuesday, Oct. 10 – Van Buren Township Senior Center Endowment Committee at 11 a.m. Also, VBT Recreation Committee at 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

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Court Watching:

Exam for Joseph Lucidi adjourned until Nov. 1 before Judge Green

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The preliminary exam for Joseph Louis Lucidi, 19, on two counts of criminal sexual conduct-2nd degree (relationship) and one charge of accosting a child for immoral

purposes has been adjourned until Nov. 1 before 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green.

The crimes allegedly took place on July 1, 2016 in Van Buren Township.

The court docket indicated that the preliminary exam had been set for Sept. 20, but Lucidi's retained attorney David I. Goldstein said that was a mistake and it was the probable cause conference that had been adjourned by Judge Brian Oakley on Aug. 23 to the Sept. 20 date.

Judge Oakley had adjourned the probable cause conference because the special prosecutor on the case was not present. Attorney Goldstein said an adjournment was fine with him because he needed to get some discovery (evidence) from VBT.

Goldstein told Judge Green that he now has the 911 tape evidence he sought when he had asked for the delay, but Sept. 20 was supposed to be a probable cause conference, not the preliminary exam.

Judge Green said it appears that there was a mistake made somewhere. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Greg Akaraz said he remembers adjourning the exam, not the probable cause conference.

But, he said, he would have to fill in for the special prosecutor assigned to the criminal sexual conduct case if the exam was held Sept. 20, so he would be glad to adjourn it.

Van Buren Township Detective Donovan McCarthy, the officer in charge of the case, said the witnesses for the preliminary exam were present and ready to testify, but, "We're all on the same page" and he was all right with another postponement.

Prosecutor Akaraz said Special Prosecutor Melissa Palepu has schedule conflicts because of trials.

Judge Green adjourned the preliminary exam until 10 a.m., Nov 1, in her courtroom.

Lucidi is free after posting his \$15,000/10% bond.

Ramon Luther Jewell

Ramon Luther Jewell, 35, who is charged with first-degree retail fraud in VBT on July 3, demanded holding of his preliminary exam. That was scheduled for Oct. 4 in Judge Oakley's courtroom. Jewell is free after posting \$10,000/10% bond. VBT Det. Ken Toney is the officer in charge of the case.

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Court Watching:**Mark Germano bound over to circuit court for VBT murder**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Mark Allan Germano, 45, of Van Buren Township has been bound over to circuit court to face a charge of first-degree murder that could bring him life in prison, if convicted. He was scheduled to be at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Oct. 4 for an arraignment on the information.

Germano is charged with the June 4 shooting death of Edward Kuehn, 38, in the Tim Horton parking lot on Rawsonville Road. He also faces a felony firearms charge.

Germano has been held in the Wayne County Jail without bond since his arrest on June 4.

On Sept. 27, 34th District Court Judge David Parrott held Germano's preliminary exam. After listening to three Van Buren Township police officers testify and hearing 20 minutes of a dispatch recording on the day of the murder, Judge Parrott bound Germano over to the higher court for trial.

The first two rows of the district courtroom audience was filled with family of the victim, many wearing white T-shirts with a picture of Kuehn's face on the front. Extra police officers were present in the courtroom.

State Prosecutor William Lawrence conducted the examination, calling Officer David Champagne as his first witness. Officer Champagne testified he had been called to Holly Lane to speak with Kuehn's father about the whereabouts of his son and then at about 7:30 a.m. he got a communication from dispatch of a possible location at Tim Horton's on Rawsonville, where Kuehn's red Ford Taurus had been spotted.

Officer Champagne testified he got to Tim Horton's at about 7:45 a.m. and saw the Taurus and ran the plates that showed it belonged to Kuehn. He said he approached the driver's side of the car and there was a pool of congealed blood on the ground under the door and a bullet hole in the window.

He said the driver had bullet holes to his eye and cheek area and was covered with blood on his face and shoulder to shoulder on his chest. He said four feet from the front passenger window and door he found a shell casing.

Champagne testified Tim Horton's closed until police were done with the scene and Champagne blocked off the area with tape.

The second witness was Officer Chris Hayes who testified he had just come into the police department to book a prisoner when a dispatcher asked for his assistance.

Officer Hayes testified dispatcher Whitney Martin said there was a person on the phone who said someone killed someone. She said the person responsible was identified as Mark Germano and the officer realized he knew Germano.

That's when the prosecutor played 20 minutes of a dispatch recording. The

recording showed police calling Germano who they thought was in the barn behind his house on Bemis Road. Finally, Germano answered the phone and said he was actually out behind his barn. He had entered the barn and then exited out the back door and went into the woods and he was armed.

On the recording, Germano said his wife of nine years was going with a single man and she's lying about it. He said he loves her with all he's got and he couldn't stand the thought of that man being in his house while he was gone.

"I lost my mind..." Germano said of the shooting. "...I caught up with him."

Dispatcher Martin said they didn't know where Kuehn was and Germano said he was at Tim Horton's on Rawsonville Road.

"I never cheated on my wife. I would never disrespect her," Germano told Martin. "I worked all night..."

Martin asked Germano to talk to Officer Hayes and Germano said, "I know him."

"How ya doin'?" Officer Hayes began and Germano replied, "I lost my f---ing mind. She kept lying to me... Yes, I shot him... I woke him up. He was sleeping... Messing with a married woman ... five in the morning..."

He said he smashed in the passenger window of Kuehn's car.

Officer Hayes and dispatcher Martin pleaded with Germano not to harm himself and to come out of the woods and put down his gun.

The recording ended and reportedly

Germano surrendered to police after talking with his stepson on the phone.

Under cross-examination by Germano's court-appointed attorney James Schlaff, Officer Hayes said he knew Germano from a traffic stop where Germano talked with the officer about prior problems with his wife.

Third witness was Sgt. Michael Papin who testified about talking with Mrs. Germano who said her husband was quite upset and distressed. He said he was informed the victim was at Rawsonville Road and the defendant was not in his house.

He testified police, who had surrounded the barn, noticed the defendant in the back of the property, to the north of the house,

about 60 yards away. He was holding a handgun and police asked him to drop the handgun and he did and raised his hands. Then, police put him in handcuffs.

"He was a little upset with himself. And, he was tired," Sgt. Papin testified.

Richard Daniel Brown

Richard Daniel Brown, Jr., 26, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle in Sumpter Township on Dec 29, 2016. He was bound over for an arraignment on the information in circuit court on Oct. 11. He is free after posting \$5,000/10% bond. Sumpter Officer Joseph Balowski is the officer in charge of the case.



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Belleville attorney Amy Eversole will be holding a free seminar titled Family Peace & Harmony Through Estate Planning on Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Community Center on Tyler Road. Participants will receive a \$100 discount on a basic estate planning package. Call (734) 718-8574.

Seniors 55 and over, eat for free during the month of October at Benito's Pizza at 51255 Willis Road near Rawsonville. Offer is dine-in only with a drink purchase. October is National Pizza Month. Benito's is open Monday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday, from 1 to 9 p.m. See their ad in today's paper and call (734) 461-3100.

Belleville is officially Booville from now until Halloween here in the city. Events will be taking place all month long leading up to Trick or Treat on Oct. 31. Belleville's very own Mark Rosenthal brings his Ani-

mal Magic Show to Fourth Street Square for two shows this Saturday, Oct. 7 at 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. Admission is free. For a list of events planned so far, visit www.buyitinbelleville.com/boo-ville.

Pharmacare Drugs is now open at 6048 Rawsonville Road, a few doors down from 7-11 in the corner plaza. The business accepts all insurances and will beat all market cash prices. They also offer easy prescription transfer, fast and courteous service, special offers, and free delivery. New transfers and new customers with scripts will get a \$15 gift certificate for in-store use, including prescriptions, with their ad coupon in today's paper. See their ad in today's paper and be sure to visit Sumpter Pharmacy, their other location on Sumpter road at Willis. Call (734) 340-2604.

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The Sumpter Township Parks & Rec presents Turkey Shoots every Sunday in October, through the 22nd, at the Police Firing Range at the old landfill on West Willow Road. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. with competition at noon. Prizes include turkeys, hams, and bacon. Ammo is provided. See their ad in today's paper for rules and call Don Swinson for info at (734) 674-4980.

The orange and black express continues to roll as the Belleville Tigers football team improved to 6-0 with a victory at Fordson last Friday. The Tigers, No. 4 in the Class A state rankings, clinched a playoff berth and a division title with three games remaining. Tomorrow evening is Homecoming as Belleville hosts Garden City at 7 p.m. Go Tigers!

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VBT OKs agreement with Western Wayne Co. Special Operation Team

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor approve

After 32 years of operation, the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team has formalized its partnership with Van Buren Township with a Memo of Understanding.

At its regular meeting Sept. 19, the VBT Board of Trustees unanimously adopted the MOU. Eight other Western Wayne County communities involved in the consortium will be seeking approvals from their governmental bodies, as well.

Members of the team are Canton Township Police and Fire and City of Livonia Police and Fire, along with the police departments of City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, City of Northville, Garden City, City of Wayne, and Van Buren Township.

VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said VBT has been involved with this team since its conception in 1985 and has utilized the team many times in critical incidents above and beyond the capability of road patrol units in the township. Over the years VBT officers have served in key positions on the team.

Director Laurain said he had served on the team for 27 years and was commander of the team for ten years. Currently Lt. Mark Buckberry is assistant team commander.

He said each agency pays \$7,000 per year as dues. There are 32 members on the team and five fire fighter team medics. Among other equipment, they have a robot and ammunition.

He said over all those years there has never been any formal agreement or contract among participating municipal police and fire agencies involved in this consortium. The team has operated and deployed on the premise of mutual aid between participating agencies during critical incidents within their respective jurisdictions.

The WWSOT oversight board is comprised of the chief law enforcement official or their designee from each participating agency. They meet quarterly to receive updates from the team commander and discuss the business of the team.

Laurain said recently the WWSOT board decided to develop a Memorandum of

Understanding going forward to officially address and define the scope and authority of the team.

The Memo has been reviewed by all the participating agencies legal departments, including the VBT attorneys, who approved it and forwarded it to the township board for approval.

A participating agency will provide 90 days of written notice of its intent to withdraw from the team.

In other business at the 19-minute meeting on Sept. 19, the board:

- Approved the 2018 Board of Trustees meeting schedule. Most are held at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the board room at township hall. Only one meeting will be held in January, on Tuesday, Jan. 9, and only one meeting each in May, July, and November. On Aug. 13 and 14 the budget preparation meetings will be held during normal business hours. Work/study meetings are held at 4 p.m. the day before a regular meeting;

- Heard Trustee Paul White say that during budget talks he asked for the numbers of ordinance violations for several years and was told in 2015 there were 443, in 2016 there were 639, and in 2017 to date there were 1,217. He said these included property maintenance, tall weeds, blight, waste deposits, vehicle parking and other offenses. He thanked Director Laurain, Police Chief Wright, and Police Lt. Charles Bazy for their work on ordinance enforcement;

- Heard Supervisor Kevin McNamara read a letter to the Public Safety Department from Sharron and Clarence Russell, who praised the professionalism of Officers Hernandez, Fey, and Barry in assisting with a difficult and trying case. They praised the officers' compassion and caring and their ability to bring a stressful situation to a safe conclusion. They asked for the letter to be put into the personnel files of all three officers and Supervisor McNamara said that would be done;

- Heard Director Laurain thank all the employees who came out to staff Public Safety Day the previous Saturday. He thanked Walgreen's for their donations of food and water and thanked Atchinson

Ford for opening their business location on a very busy day for sales. He also thanked the VBT Downtown Development Authority, Toby Leis of C.A.L. Plumbing, and DTE for their generosity. Trustee White also thanked the Public Safety Department for the event. The next Public Safety Day is planned for Sept 15, 2018 and White encouraged residents to attend;

- Heard Clerk Leon read a letter from the Salvation Army thanking VBT for participating in the Back to School Blitz which provided supplies to students and teachers; and

- Heard Trustee White ask why the township doesn't have a fishing contest on Belleville Lake and Supervisor McNamara said that was a very good suggestion.

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Bellino's bill to help police and fire retirees advancing in MI Senate

A plan to provide tax relief to younger police and fire department retirees not covered by Social Security – introduced by state Rep. Joe Bellino – continues to

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advance in the Michigan Legislature.

Bellino's bill was approved last week by the Senate Finance Committee. The bill is headed to the Senate floor, where it is closer to becoming state law.

The Michigan House already has approved Bellino's plan.

"This bill is a key first step toward my ultimate goal of providing relief for all Michigan taxpayers," said Bellino, R-Monroe. "Police and fire employees are a great place to start that effort. They spend their whole careers working to keep Michigan safe and making our state a better place to live and raise a family. I strongly believe they have earned the right to be able to keep more of their own money when they retire."

The bill primarily affects Michigan public safety employees who were born after 1952 and retired before 2013, bringing their tax structure more in line with many other retirees. The legislation provides

an increased tax deduction for retirement or pension benefits from government employment that was not covered by Social Security.

The bill allows these retirees to claim the same sort of income tax deductions already allowed for retirees covered by Social Security. A similar fix for retirees born before 1953 and not covered by Social Security became part of state law several years ago.

The difference in taxation has been an issue since Michigan adopted broad tax reforms in 2011.

Bellino's bill would benefit retirees from public safety departments across the state, including hundreds of members of the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association.

The legislation is House Bill 4396.

Rep. Bellino represents Sumpter Township in the state House.



City of Belleville Public Notice

**City of Belleville**

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, September 18, 2017

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of September 5, 2017 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Chamber of Commerce – Witches' Ball
Representing the Belleville Chamber, Paul Henning requested the use of Fourth Street Square for the annual Witches' Ball.

Motion by Loria, second by Smith to adopt Ordinance No. 17-075 approving the use of Fourth Street Square on October 6th from 6 to 11 p.m. for the annual Witches' Ball.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Egan's Pub – St. Patrick's Day Celebration

The Egan's Pub owners were present to request using Fourth Street Square for St. Patrick's Day next year. Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to adopt Resolution No. 17-074 approving the use of Fourth Street Square on March 17, 2018 from 12 p.m. to 11 p.m. for the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 17-076 for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 for a total of \$542,685.56.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Smith, Second by Loria to adjourn meeting at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: October 2, 2017

Published: October 5, 2017

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

PA 188 of 1954 PROCEEDINGS**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN****WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE ADDITION TO THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR ANDOVER FARMS LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, the owners of land within the ANDOVER FARMS LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT and any other interested persons:

Van Buren Township is preparing an addition to the existing lighting special assessment district (SAD) at Andover Farms subdivision. An additional light at the intersection of Lancaster and Fairfield was requested by the members of the district. The light is proposed to be included in the existing special assessment district.

On behalf of the SAD, Van Buren Township requested from DTE Energy a proposal for installation and operation of a new light. DTE Energy will install one 100W HPS colonial style fixture on a Code 95 fiberglass post. This light will be added to the existing lighting special assessment district. The cost to the district is found below ...

Estimated Costs for Andover Farms Lighting Special Assessment District*

Lighting	Current Cost	2018 Cost	Post 2018 Yearly Cost
Andover Farms (54 lights)	\$20,184.88	\$20,184.88	\$20,184.88
New Light (1)	\$0.00	\$1,348.00	\$353.00
Total	\$20,184.88	\$21,532.88	\$20,537.88
Cost per Parcel (216 Parcels)	\$93.45	\$99.69	\$95.08

*-All Costs are Estimates. All assessments for SADs are placed on the parcel's tax bill. 2018 Costs include installation of new lights.

Any property owner within the district who wishes to comment or object to the addition of the lights must do so in writing to Van Buren Township Planning and Economic Development, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI by October 25th, 2017 at 3:30 pm. If there are no objections to the addition to the lighting district by October 25th, the installation will be approved and added the existing Andover Farms SAD.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Van Buren Township Planning and Economic Development Department at 734-699-8913.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Special Board Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2017

Meeting called to order at 5:08 pm, showing present:
Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer P.
Morgan, Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte. Excused absent:
Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young,
Deputy Clerk D. Hadyniak and approximately 21
residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by M.
Oddy to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion
carried unanimously.

A. Motion by J. Morgan, supported by P. Morgan
To consider appointment of Sheena Barnes to fill the
position of Township Trustee
Motion carried

B. The board recognized the appointment of Karen
Armatis to Deputy Supervisor position, pay will be
\$30.04 per hour

C. The board recognized the appointment of Janet
R. Hoffman to Deputy Treasurer position, pay will
be \$25.83 per hour

D. The board recognized the appointment of Dawn
Hadyniak to Deputy Clerk position, pay will be

\$25.08 per hour

Honorable Judge David M. Parrott sworn in each new
Deputy

4. Open Floor

5. Adjournment: Motion by J. Morgan, supported by
P. Morgan to adjourn the Special Board Meeting at
5:36 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby
certify that the following is a true copy of minutes
taken at a Special Board Meeting of the Sumpter
Township of Trustees on August 7, 2017 at 5:08 pm
at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road,
Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and the said
meeting was conducted and public notice of said
meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance
with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public
Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were
kept and will be available as required by said act.
Esther Hurst, Clerk

Published: October 5, 2017



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 12, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:48 pm, showing present:
Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk Esther Hurst, Treasurer
P. Morgan, Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Swinson, Barnes.
Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk
Hadyniak and approximately 14 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to
approve the Agenda with New Business "G" removed
and adding closed session for FOP update, COAM
update and pending litigation. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Swinson, supported by Oddy to
approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of
August 22, 2017. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported
by LaPorte to approve the Warrants totaling
\$1,473,211.15. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, E.
Hurst, P. Morgan, Oddy, LaPorte, Swinson, Barnes.
Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer Report-P. Morgan: Motion by P.
Morgan, supported by Oddy to Receive and File the
Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried.

8. Police Report-Luke: Motion by P. Morgan,
supported by Oddy to Receive and File the Police
Report. Motion carried.

9. Building/Ordinance Report: Motion by P. Morgan,
supported by Oddy to Receive and File the Building/
Ordinance Report. Motion carried.

10. Fire Report-Januszyk: Motion by P. Morgan,
supported by Oddy to Receive and File the Fire
Report. Motion carried.

11. Treasurer's Report-P. Morgan: Motion by P.
Morgan, supported by Oddy to Receive and File the
Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

12. Supervisor's Report-J. Morgan: Motion by P.
Morgan, supported by Oddy to Receive and File the
Supervisor's Report. Motion carried.

13. Attorney's Report-Young: No Report.

14. Board Response:

A. Trustee LaPorte let the residents of Sumpter
Township know that the Fire Department payroll
audit was conducted and each department will be
done monthly. Trustee LaPorte will give an update
each month regarding the department audit.

B. Trustee LaPorte updated the residents of Sumpter
Township on the new brush truck for the Fire
Department and should be ready within a month or
so.

15. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte
to approve the hiring of STA-THA-KIS Cleaning
Service for two times a week for the Township Hall,

Community Center and Police Station at a monthly
rate of \$1442.14. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Swinson, supported by Oddy to
approve the re-appointment of Mary Sherwood to the
Planning Commission, term to expire 09/23/2020.
Motion carried.

C. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to
approve the purchase of Western 8 Ft. Pro plus Snow
Plow for \$5,050.00 from Harold's Frame Shop.
Motion carried.

D. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to
award the demolition bids for 43114 Judd and 5340
Oakville-Waltz to Bush & Son in the amount of
\$47,500.00 to be paid out of CDBG funds contingent
upon proper permits obtained and the Attorney
Young's review. Motion carried.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to
approve the second reading and adopt the repea
section 6.55 and portions of section 4.15.2 and 4.16.2
of the Sumpter Township zoning ordinance.
Motion carried.

F. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve
the second reading and to amend the current zoning
ordinances of the Township of Sumpter regarding the
use and operation of a Michigan Medical Marihuana
facility under MCLA 333.26421. Motion carried.

16. Announcements

17. Open Floor:

18. Closed Session:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan
to recess into Closed Session at 7:07 pm. Roll call
vote: Yes: J. Morgan, E. Hurst, P. Morgan, Swinson,
Barnes, Oddy, LaPorte. Nay: None. Motion carried
unanimously.

B. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to
reconvene the regular meeting at 7:46 pm. Motion
carried.

19. Adjournment: Motion by Swinson, supported by
Oddy to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby
certify that the following is a true copy of minutes
taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Township
of Sumpter Board of Trustees on September 12, 2017
at 6:48 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480
Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of
Wayne, and that the said meeting was given pursuant
to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act,
being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and
that the minutes were kept and will be available as
required by said act.
Esther Hurst, Clerk

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City Council

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“I’ve always been for closing the street,” said Fire Chief Brian Loranger. “But, this works now. It may not always work.”

Councilman Tom Fielder said several Halloween and Booville events were approved by the council in January, but they failed to mention the costume contest at the Fourth Street Square during Trick or Treat. The council approved the contest being added to Halloween events.

Paul Henning, representing the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, said they were looking at things to use the Booville tent for at the Fourth Street Square and came up with, at the last minute, two Animal Magic shows on Saturday, Oct. 7. There will be free shows at noon and 1:30

p.m.

The council approved the use of the Fourth Street Square for the shows.

In other business at Monday’s 22-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved accounts payable of \$100,702.16 and the following purchase in excess of \$500: to Wise Technologies, \$607.50 for hardware/software support for the various departments;

- Heard Building Official Rick Rutherford report that the city has started marking spots for sidewalk repair and plans to split the city into four zones. The first zone will be repaired this fall and the other three in the spring;

- Heard Kollmeyer remind everyone that the Master Plan Visioning session will be held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 10, at the Belleville High School Commons.

Later, Mayor Kerreen Conley encouraged everyone to come to the session so the city officials will know what residents want for their city; and

- Heard Fire Chief Loranger ask about the status of the green building on East Huron River Drive and Rutherford reported that the city continues having a problem with finding the owner of record. All notices have come back undeliverable, he said, and the city may have to go through the court. The Estate of Chesley Odom said it gave up on that building, and the county

wouldn’t claim it, but then the county sold it at auction, and after sending two certified letters to the buyer, they are unable to continue. Kollmeyer said the city has been paying to keep the property mowed. The mayor and city manager agreed it was time to get the city attorney involved to decide what to do next.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 22, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm, showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Swinson, Barnes. Excused absence: Clerk Hurst. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak and approximately 35 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2017. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2017. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to accept Planning Commission Minutes of July 13, 2017. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Swinson, supported by LaPorte to accept Fire Department Minutes of June 4, 2017. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Warrants totaling \$682,839.14. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Oddy, LaPorte, Swinson, Barnes. Nay: None. Excused absent: Clerk Hurst. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer Report-P. Morgan: Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried.

8. Report-Luke: Motion by Swinson, supported by Oddy to approve the Police Report. Motion carried.

9. Building/Ordinance Report: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to Receive and File Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried.

10. Fire Report-Januszyk: Motion by Swinson, supported by LaPorte to approve the Fire Report. Motion carried.

11. Treasurer’s Report-P. Morgan: Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried.

12. Supervisor’s Report-J. Morgan: Motion by LaPorte, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Supervisor’s Report. Motion carried.

13. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report. Motion carried.

14. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the Planning/Zoning Report. Motion carried.

15. Senior Report-Hurst: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to Receive and File Senior Report. Motion carried.

16. Attorney’s Report-Young: No Report.

17. Board Response:

A. Trustee LaPorte let the residents of Sumpter Township know about the Fire Department Chicken Broil on September 10, 2017 between 12:00 pm –

5:00 pm, cost \$10.00 per person.

B. Trustee LaPorte updated the residents of Sumpter Township on EMS response time due to Waltz Bridge closure. EMS average response time in Sumpter Township is 30 seconds faster now.

18. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the installation of (1) one ADA operating door on the west entrance of Township Hall at a cost of \$2,920.60. Motion carried.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the hire of David Behrendt as a Firefighter pending outcome of his physical evaluation. Motion carried.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the retirement of Firefighter William Simmons effective September 1, 2017. Motion carried.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation to repeal section 6.55 and portions of section 4.15.2 and 4.16.2 of the Sumpter Township zoning ordinance and to approve a first reading of the repeal ordinance. Motion carried.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation to establish certain zoning classification for the construction and development of medical marijuana caregiver facilities and to approve a first reading of the proposed ordinance. Motion carried.

19. Announcements

20. Open Floor:

21. Closed Session:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to go into Closed Session at 7:05 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Swinson, Barnes, Oddy, LaPorte. Nay: None. Excused absence: Clerk Hurst. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Swinson to go back into Open Session at 7:57 pm. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to direct Attorney Young to move on the item discussed in the Closed Session. Motion carried.

22. Adjournment: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:59 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Hurst, Clerk
Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Township of Sumpter Board of Trustees on August 22, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Published: October 5, 2017

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 25, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm, showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte. Excused absence: Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 30 residents.

3. Agenda:

A. Motion by LaPorte, supported by P. Morgan to approve to add Consider approval for Emergency Lighting Installation & Accessory’s for 2 separate F-350 grass trucks at the cost of \$10,583.00 from Priority One Emergency waiving Bid process policy. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Agenda with the addition of a Closed Session: Pending litigation Po vs. Sumpter Township 16-01115 to discuss Attorney’s letter Gus Morris. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Warrants totaling \$229,405.53. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Oddy, LaPorte, Hurst. Nay: None. Excused absent: Swinson. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson: Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to Receive and File Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the Planning/Zoning Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Senior Report-Hurst: Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Senior Report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Attorney’s Report-Young:

A. Metal Reclamation Process

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to Approve Amendment #3 Fast Track Agreement between Public Services and Sumpter Township and approve resolution authorizing to proceed to Wayne County. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Attorney’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Board Response:

12. New Business:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve to accept the Resignation of Gabriel Akans from the Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to accept the Bids on Township owned properties: 81-060-99-0014-002 for \$2,500, 81-080-99-0004-001 for \$1,500, 81-081-01-0003-000 for \$2,000, 81-087-99-0019-002 for \$2,401, 81-088-01-0026-002 for \$1,000, 81-088-01-0027-002 for 1,000, 81-101-99-0004-000 for \$5,000, 81-102-01-0029-000 for \$2,000, 81-102-01-0030-000 for \$1,000, 81-131-99-0001-003 for \$450, 81-136-99-0013-003 for \$500, 81-136-99-0018-005 for \$11,200. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the resignation of Esther Hurst from the Trustee Position. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to appoint

Esther Hurst as new Township Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the 2018 Smart Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to purchase Wildland Fire Gear from West Shore Fire for the amount of \$6,549.75. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve for safety and compliance training to train firefighters in ICS 300 and ICS 400 at a cost of \$2,000. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to improve for Emergency Lighting Installation Accessory’s for 2 separate F-350 grass trucks at the cost of \$10,583.00 per quote #66428 & 62244 from Priority One Emergency with waiver of Township purchasing policy. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Announcements

14. Open Floor:

A. Mary Ban

- Concern public safety hazard with bridge being closed in New Boston

- Bemis road railroad track

- Letters being left on mailboxes

B. Karithea Hanible

- Thanks to Police and Fire Department

- Progressive League- Back to School Event August 19, 2017 at Graham Park 2-5 pm.

C. Toni Clark

- Atomic Veterans

D. Ronald Barrington Robinson

- Opposes the appointed of Esther Hurst as Clerk

- Recall

15. Closed Session:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to go into Closed Session at 7:26 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Hurst, Oddy, LaPorte. Nay: None. Excused absence: Swinson. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by LaPorte, supported by P. Morgan to go back into Open Session at 7:44 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to direct Attorney Young to move on the items discussed in the Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Adjournment: Motion by LaPorte, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Hurst, Clerk
Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Township of Sumpter Board of Trustees on July 25, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Published: October 5, 2017



Sumpter Township Public Notice



ORDINANCE TO REPEAL THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING
THE REGULATION, LOCATION, AND OPERATION OF A MEDICAL
MARIHUANA PROVISIONARY CENTER(S) WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP
OF SUMPTER UNDER MCLA 333.26421

ORDINANCE NO. 6.56

THE TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER ORDAINS TO:

Sec. 1. Purpose.

It is the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to REPEAL section 6.55 and that portion of Sections 4.15.2 and 4.16.2 of the Sumpter Township Zoning Ordinance referencing the regulation, location, and operation of a Medical Marihuana Provisionary Center within Sumpter Township and thereby removing any such provision(s) within the Township Zoning Ordinance that would provide and otherwise allow a Medical Marihuana Provisionary Center to be located within Sumpter Township.

Sec. 2. Conflict.

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed in such a manner as to conflict with the existing Sumpter Township Ordinances except as otherwise stated herein.

Sec. 3. That portion of the Sumpter Township Zoning Ordinance referenced as Section 6.55, and that portion of Sections 4.15.2, and 4.16.2 of said Zoning Ordinance adopted by the Township Board of Trustees on March 24, 2015 regarding the regulation, location, and operation of a Medical Marihuana Provisionary Center located in areas designated as Light Industrial or General Industrial and in areas of a dual zoned Industrial and Residential combination, is and the same is hereby Repealed. It is the purpose of this Ordinance to Repeal any and all references within the Sumpter Township Zoning Ordinances to the use, permitted use, special conditional use or any other use or operation of any property within the Township of Sumpter as a Medical Marihuana Provisionary Center or Operation.

Sec. 4. The Sumpter Township zoning map and all related references in any Township publication, shall be amended to provide for the repeal action taken by the Township Board of Trustees of the aforementioned Township Ordinance.

Sec. 5. Adoption.

A First Reading of this Ordinance is hereby declared to have been approved by the Township Board of the Township of Sumpter, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a meeting, called and held on the 22nd day of August, 2017.

Sec. 6. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately thirty (30) days following a second reading and publication.

Sec. 7. Publication.

This ordinance shall be 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 Township Supervisor and Township Clerk, and shall be published once in the Township newspaper of record within thirty (30) days after its passage.

John W. Morgan

John Morgan, Supervisor
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst

Esther Hurst, Clerk
Sumpter Township

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above stated constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 6.56 the first reading being approved on August 22, 2017 and the second reading being approved by the Township Board of the Township of Sumpter, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a Regular Township Board Meeting on the 12th day of September, 2017. I further certify that Board Member P. Morgan moved for the adoption of said Ordinance and that Board Member Oddy supported said motion. I further certify that the following members voted for adoption of said Ordinance Barnes, Hurst, J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Oddy, LaPorte and Swinson and that the following members voted against the adoption of said Ordinance - none.

I further certify that the said Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Township and such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk.

Esther Hurst
Esther Hurst, Clerk

Published: October 5, 2017

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Sumpter Township Public Notice



Property Auctions

Sumpter Township is holding an auction of 11 properties listed below:

- #11 81-079-99-0012-000. Karr Road. NW corner of Karr and Willow, 7.03 acres
- #16 81-086-99-0008-709. 45021 Dunn. East of Sumpter, South side of road, 2.83 acres
- #21 81-088-01-0022-000. Martinsville Road. 190.74' x 1142.26' West side of road between Willow and Wear Roads
- #27 81-102-01-0051-000. Martinsville Road. 172.40' frontage. 5 acres. East side of road, south of Willow
- #33 81-108-99-0004-700. Martinsville Road 164.90' frontage. 5 acres. West side of road, north of Arkona
- #41 81-125-99-0006-000. Elwell Road. 165.02 frontage. 5.03 acres. West side of road, south of Arkona
- #42 81-127-99-0008-000. Karr Road. 10 acres. West side of road, north of Oakville Waltz
- #43 81-129-99-0003-000. Sumpter Road. 8.33 acres. West side of road, south of Arkona
- #44 81-130-99-0003-000. Arkona Road. 5.09 acres. South side of road, west of Sumpter, east of Elwell
- #45 81-130-99-0010-709. Executive Drive. 2.55 acres. Off Elwell, south of Arkona, south side of road
- #49 81-135-99-0022-700. Oakville Waltz. 10.00 acres. North side of road, east of Sumpter

For Sale Signs are on the properties.

Packets available at Sumpter Township Hall in the Supervisor's office.

Bidding starts October 1, 2017 and ends October 31, 2017.

Bids must be sealed and sent to Karen Armatis, 23480 Sumpter, Belleville, MI 48111.

Funds must be certified or cash.

Bids will be opened 11/03/2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Sumpter Township does not warrant the title or condition of the property. It is recommended you conduct your own title search and inspection of property.

Sumpter Township Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all offers.

Published: October 5, 2017; October 12, 2017, October 19, 2017, October 26, 2107



Sumpter Township Public Notice



ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER REGARDING THE USE AND OPERATION OF A MICHIGAN MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITY UNDER MCLA 333.26421

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-6.57

THE TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER ORDAINS TO:

Sec. 1. Purpose.

It is the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to establish within the Township of Sumpter (“Township”) certain zoning classifications and restrictions for the construction, development and operation of a medical marihuana caregivers facility as defined under the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, being MCL 333.26421 (“MMMA”) as specifically set forth in the Agricultural Districts, Rural Small Farm Districts, Country Home Districts, Single-Family Residential Districts, Two-Family and Multiple-Family Residential Districts, Light Industrial Districts and General Industrial Districts and to amend the Township Zoning Map to reflect the action taken herein. That notwithstanding any language contained in any Township Ordinance to the contrary, it is the intent and official action of the Township of Sumpter, to clearly elect not to participate in any manner and not to be a part of any permitted use, uses, or operations that may be allowed under the State of Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, being Public Act 281 of 2016 (“MMFLA”). By enactment of this Ordinance, the Township of Sumpter does absolutely and effectively opt out of any participation under the MMFLA.

Sec. 2. Conflict.

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed in such a manner as to conflict with the existing Sumpter Township Ordinances except as otherwise stated herein.

Sec. 3. Zoning Changes.

MODIFY SECTION 2.2: DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall be added:

- (1) Marihuana. The substance or material defined in section 7106 of the Public health Code, 1976 PA 368, MCL 333.7106.
- (2) Enclosed Locked Facility. An enclosed area as defined under MCL 333.26423 of the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, initiated law 1 of 2008. Such facility must be built and maintained in a manner consistent with the applicable building and property maintenance codes. All outside facilities must conform to the MMMA.
- (3) Medical Marihuana Facility. A location where not more than one (1) Medical Marihuana Primary Caregiver grows, distributes, transfers or otherwise makes available, Marihuana to his/her Qualifying Patients. A Medical Marihuana Primary Caregiver may grow and process Marihuana for his/her Patients, in accordance with and permitted by the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act and the Sumpter Township Medical Marihuana Ordinance (No. 107B). A Medical Marihuana Facility may qualify as either a home business or a principal use, as defined herein.
- (4) Medical Marihuana Primary Caregiver. A person as defined under MCL 333.26423 of the MMMA.
- (5) Medical Marihuana Qualifying Patient. A person who has satisfied all requirements as set for the MMMA.
- (6) Principal Residence. A place where one resides more than one-half of the calendar year.

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS SHALL BE AMENDED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING:

MODIFY SECTION 4.6: AG, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

The following language provision shall be added to Section 4.6.3 — Accessory Land Uses:

- (h) Medical Marijuana Facility (home business) subject to Section 5.8 (Home Business) and Section 6.55 (Medical Marijuana Facilities).

MODIFY SECTION 4.7: RF, RURAL SMALL FARM DISTRICT

The following language provision shall be added to Section 4.7.3 - Accessory Land Uses:

- (h) Medical Marijuana Facility (home business) subject to Section 5.8 (Home

Business) and Section 6.55 (Medical Marijuana Facilities).

MODIFY SECTION 4.8: R-1, COUNTRY HOME DISTRICT

The following language provision shall be added to Section 4.8.3 - Accessory Land Uses:

- (e) Medical Marijuana Facility (home business) subject to Section 5.8 (Home Business) and Section 6.55 (Medical Marijuana Facilities).

MODIFY SECTION 4.9: R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

The following language provision shall be added to Section 4.9.3 - Accessory Buildings

- (d) Medical Marijuana Facility (home business) subject to Section 5.8 (Home Business) and Section 6.55 (Medical Marijuana Facilities).

MODIFY SECTION 4.10: MR, TWO-FAMILY AND MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

The following language provision shall be added to Section 4.10.3 - Accessory Land Uses.

- (c) Medical Marijuana Facility (home business) subject to Section 5.8 (Home Business) and Section 6.55 (Medical Marijuana Facilities).

MODIFY SECTION 4.15: LI, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

The following language provision shall be added to Section 4.15.2 - Special Land Uses

- (j) Medical Marijuana Facility, subject to Section 6.55.

MODIFY SECTION 4.16: GI, GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

The following language provision shall be added to Section 4.16.2 - Special Land Uses

- (j) Medical Marijuana Facility, subject to Section 6.55.

MODIFY ARTICLE 6: SPECIAL PROVISIONS

The following additional provisions shall be added:

Section 6.55 Medical Marihuana Facilities

Medical Marihuana Facilities shall be subject to the following regulations:

(a) Home Business

(1) A Medical Marihuana Facility may be permitted in the AG, RF, R-1, R-2, and MR Zoning Districts as a home business, subject to Section 5.8. The Medical Marihuana home business must be an accessory use to the primary caregiver’s principal residence.

(2) A Medical Marihuana home business shall meet the standards set forth in this Section, and Ordinance No. 107B (Sumpter Township Medical Marihuana Ordinance).

(3) Prior to operating a Medical Marihuana Facility as a home business, as set forth in Ordinance No. 107B, a confidential application for a Medical Marihuana license shall be submitted to the Township Clerk’s office and reviewed for completeness, per Section 14-206(5), zoning compliance, and all applicable building code requirements upon which the Township Clerk shall approve or deny the application.

(4) There shall be no license issued to any applicant occupying a multifamily dwelling or to any applicant occupying a portion of a building that is deemed multifamily, regardless of the zoning classification.

(b) Industrial Districts

(1) A Medical Marihuana Facility may be permitted in the LI and GI Zoning Districts as a special land use, subject to the Schedule of Area, Height and Placement Regulations for the specific district (Section 4.18) and Special Land Use standards (Section 3.3). The Special Land Use shall be reviewed and acted upon by the Planning Commission.

(2) Site Plan Review Required. A formal site plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Commission for all Medical Marihuana Facilities within Industrial Zoning Districts, subject to the standards set forth in Section 3.4 (Site Plan Review). Additional plan requirements as set forth in Ordinance No. 107B shall also be provided.

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(3) A Medical Marihuana Facility shall meet the standards set forth in this Section and Ordinance No. 107B (Sumpter Township Medical Marihuana Ordinance).

(4) Prior to operating a Medical Marihuana Facility in a LI and GI Zoning Districts as a special land use, as set forth in Ordinance No. 107B, a confidential application for a Medical Marihuana license shall be submitted to the Township Clerk's office and reviewed for completeness, per Section 14-206(5), zoning compliance, and all applicable building code requirements upon which the Township Clerk shall approve or deny the application.

(5) The special land use and site plan approval by the planning commission shall be contingent upon the approval of the Medical Marihuana license application.

(c) The following standards shall apply to all Medical Marihuana Facilities

(1) Spacing. A Medical Marihuana Facility shall not be located:

- Within one thousand (1,000) feet of a daycare facility, a Township park, a public community center, a public or private pre-school, elementary school, middle school, high school, community college, and all other schools.
- Within five hundred (500) feet of the site at which any other caregiver cultivates marijuana, or assists in the use of marijuana, not including a patient's principal residence which is not used to cultivate marijuana or assist in the use of medical marijuana for persons other than the patient at such residence.
- Within two hundred fifty (250) feet of a church, mosque or place of worship.

Measurements for the purposes of this subsection shall be made from property boundary to property boundary.

(2) All marijuana possessed by a caregiver must be contained in an enclosed, locked facility, as defined by the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act. New accessory structures for medical marijuana uses shall comply with the standards set forth in Section 5.3 (Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses). Primary caregivers shall apply for and obtain approval of a building permit for new accessory structures or building additions.

(3) There shall not be more than the number of plants permitted by the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act and the Sumpter Township Medical Marihuana Ordinance (No. 107.B)

(4) No more than one (1) primary caregiver shall occupy any one (1) lot, and combined Medical Marihuana Facilities shall be prohibited.

(5) The distribution of marijuana shall only occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

(6) A Medical Marihuana Facility lawfully operating is not rendered a nonconforming use by the subsequent location of a daycare facility, public park, facility, or school within one thousand (1,000) feet of the home business, nor the subsequent location of a place of worship within two hundred fifty (250) feet of the home business. However, if the medical marijuana home business ceases operation for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days or more, regardless of any intent to resume operation, it may not recommence operation in that location unless it achieves conformity with Sumpter Township Ordinances.

Sec. 4. The Sumpter Township zoning map and all related references in any Township publication shall be amended to provide for the repeal action taken by the Township Board of Trustees of the aforementioned Township Ordinance.

Sec. 5. Adoption.

A First Reading of this Ordinance is hereby declared to have been approved by the Township Board of the Township of Sumpter, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a meeting, called and held on the 22nd day of August, 2017.

Sec. 6. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately thirty (30) days following a second reading and publication.

Sec. 7. Publication.

This ordinance shall be 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 Township Supervisor and Township Clerk, and shall be published once in the Township newspaper of record within thirty (30) days after its passage.

John W. Morgan

John Morgan, Supervisor
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst

Esther Hurst, Clerk
Sumpter Township

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above stated constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 6.57 the first reading being approved on August 22, 2017 and the second reading being approved by the Township Board of the Township of Sumpter, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a Regular Township Board Meeting on the 12th day of September, 2017. I further certify that Board Member Hurst moved for the adoption of said Ordinance and that Board Member Oddy supported said motion. I further certify that the following members voted for adoption of said Ordinance Barnes, LaPorte, J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Hurst, Oddy and Swinson and that the following members voted against the adoption of said Ordinance - none.

I further certify that the said Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Township and such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk.

Esther Hurst

Esther Hurst, Clerk

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City of Belleville Public Notice



Public Notice

City of Belleville Master Land Use Plan

Visioning Workshop

The City of Belleville Planning Commission will be holding a Public Visioning Workshop on:

Tuesday, October 10, 2017
Belleville High Commons
501 W. Columbia, Belleville MI 48111
7:30 p.m.

The City of Belleville is currently in the process of updating its Master Land Use Plan. We welcome and encourage your participation in this productive and rewarding exercise. The Master Land Use Plan is the foundation upon which the City's zoning and development policies are built, and includes guidelines for appropriate density of residential development, design standards for non-residential land uses, strategies for protecting natural resources, and improvements to community facilities such as parks. We look forward to seeing you at the workshop. Please contact **Sherri Scharf, City Clerk at (734) 697-9323**, if you have any additional questions.

Sherri Scharf, Clerk
City of Belleville

Published: **September 28 & October 5, 2017**

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 591 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Sept. 24:
0045 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Victoria St.
0153 -- suicidal person, Arthur St.
0327 -- noise complaint, Edwards Rd.
0430 -- noise complaint, Edwards Rd.
0620 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Purple Sage Ct.
0731 -- operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd
0751 -- domestic, Robson Rd.
1032 -- assault & battery, Maple Dr.
1301 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1508 -- property damage accident, Ecorse / Haggerty
1541 -- private property/property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville Rd.
1549 -- malicious destruction of property, Alden
1629 -- lost property/child, Andover Dr.
1841 -- threat, Parkwood Dr.
1852 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
1929 -- juvenile complaint, Trilogy Pool
2008 -- operating while intoxicated, E. Huron River Dr.
2027 -- missing person, Bayshore Dr.
2114 -- disorderly, Vista Dr.
2120 -- abandoned auto, Ecorse/Haggerty
2155 -- suicidal person, Arthur St.
2207 -- breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
2251 -- suicidal person, Country Ln.
2257 -- noise complaint, Beck Rd.
Monday, Sept. 25:
0133 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0549 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Lincoln St.
0612 -- larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
0820 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
0838 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Westlake Cir.
0909 -- suicidal person, Chandler
1047 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1134 -- 911 welfare check, Brandi Dr.
1144 -- malicious destruction of property, Haggerty Rd.
1227 -- larceny, Village Center Dr.
1315 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
1418 -- breaking & entering, W. Archwood Dr.
1455 -- larceny, W. Huron River Dr./Mission
1501 -- malicious destruction of property, Van Buren St.
1534 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1539 -- malicious destruction of property, Lacy Dr.
1610 -- private property/property damage accident, Water's Edge Ln.
1626 -- malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.
1729 -- family trouble, Landmark
1742 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville / Martz
1834 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
1951 -- juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2023 -- larceny, Bog Rd.
2032 -- suicidal person, Martz Rd.
2243 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2334 -- domestic, Stonebridge Dr.
Tuesday, Sept. 26:
0355 -- hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0632 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1014 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born
1029 -- 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1109 -- malicious destruction of property, Landmark
1111 -- hospice death, Rawsonville Rd.
1153 -- property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1418 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville
1651 -- threat, Sandalwood
1832 -- retail fraud, Belleville
1930 -- domestic, Lake Villa Dr.
2021 -- noise complaint, Bemis
2046 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan/Van Born
2143 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2234 -- family trouble, Belmont Dr.
2343 -- property damage accident, Ecorse / Haggerty
Wednesday, Sept. 27:
0335 -- domestic, Belleville
1139 -- property damage accident, Ecorse /

Haggerty
1219 -- private property impound, Lake Villa
1231 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1343 -- larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1406 -- abandoned auto, Anna Dr.
1411 -- ordinance violation, Martinsville Rd.
1532 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1617 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1807 -- fraud, Milton Dr.
1818 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
2106 -- larceny from auto, Village Green Ln.
2132 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Meijer Gas
2346 -- disorderly, Village Green Ln.
Thursday, Sept. 28:
0154 -- larceny from auto, Denton
0346 -- larceny from auto, Denton
0706 -- fight, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0804 -- found property/child, McBride Ave.
1046 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Pond Bluff Dr.
1117 -- animal complaint, Quirk Park
1136 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
1154 -- sexual assault, Jackson St.
1204 -- private property impound, Ecorse Rd.
1240 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1330 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1454 -- property damage accident, SB I-275 / Ecorse
1508 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Quirk Rd.
1614 -- unattended death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1946 -- larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
2010 -- larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
2015 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Alba Ct.
2024 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
2159 -- larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
2242 -- malicious destruction of property, Arborview Ln.
2300 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park Dr.
Friday, Sept. 29:
0359 -- suicidal person, Belleville Rd.
0720 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson/Arthur
0811 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0822 -- neighbor trouble, Oak Ln.
0930 -- property damage accident, Hannan Rd.
0936 -- domestic, Winchester St.
1212 -- fraud, Briar Dr.
1227 -- missing person, Tyler
1342 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
1414 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1432 -- fraud, Bemis Rd.
1439 -- private property impound, Independence Ln.
1530 -- suicidal person, Quirk Rd.
1649 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Richard Run Dr.
1752 -- 911 welfare check, Alden Ave.
1829 -- malicious destruction of property, Haggerty Rd.
1836 -- personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service / rest area
1902 -- juvenile complaint, Venetian Ave.
2049 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Richard Run Dr.
2311 -- noise complaint, N. Bellridge Dr.
2323 -- juvenile complaint, Wildbrook Dr.
Saturday, Sept. 30:
1021 -- domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1122 -- abandoned auto, S. Cumberland Dr.
1327 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1352 -- property damage accident, Belleville/Yost
1357 -- larceny, Martz Rd.
1409 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Belmont Dr.
1553 -- domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1555 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Montague Ave.
1603 -- private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1627 -- malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1628 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1741 -- property damage accident, E. Archwood Dr.
1819 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1834 -- 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1936 -- larceny, Maple Dr.
1944 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Filmore St.
2103 -- malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2333 -- noise complaint, Hardwood Dr.
Also on this week's log are 251 traffic stops, 56 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 24:
0440 -- disorderly, E. Huron River Dr.
1415 -- assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
1535 -- civil matter, Loza Ln.
1541 -- traffic offense, N. Liberty St. / Belleville
1703 -- motorist assist, Belleville/Quirk
1948 -- assist citizen, Bohn
2017 -- operating while intoxic., Huron River Dr.
2218 -- welfare check, Carmell St.
2336 -- suspicious person/vehicle, South St.
Monday, Sept. 25:
0319 -- assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1255 -- missing person, N. Biggs Ave.
1346 -- assist fire dept., Third St.
1406 -- neighbor trouble, Potter Dr.
1545 -- assist fire dept., N. Biggs Ave.
1716 -- property damage accident, Main/Fourth
1855 -- civil matter, First St.
2037 -- follow up by officer, N. Biggs Ave.
Tuesday, Sept. 26:
0411 -- assist fire dept., Henry St.
1109 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter/Belle Villa Blvd.
1153 -- court detail, Main St.
1445 -- disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1820 -- threat, Carmell St.
1900 -- threat, Second St.
1944 -- family trouble, Carmell St.
Wednesday, Sept. 27:
1151 -- assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
1659 -- assist fire dept., S. Liberty St.
2050 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Henry St.
2114 -- 911 welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
Thursday, Sept. 28:
0012 -- assist fire dept., Henry St.
0851 -- breaking & entering, Main St.
1028 -- intrusion alarm, Main St.
1439 -- welfare check, Church St.
1523 -- misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1548 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1656 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1725 -- noise complaint, Henry St.
2041 -- disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
2046 -- domestic, E. Thornhill Ct.
Friday, Sept. 29:
0038 -- harassment call, Carmell St.
0215 -- found property/child, E. Columbia Ave.
0355 -- traffic offense, Church St.
0758 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln.
1238 -- welfare check, Biggs Ave.
1424 -- assist fire dept., Owen St.
1645 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia Ave. / Main St.
Saturday, Sept. 30:
1246 -- larceny from auto, Main St.
1650 -- road hazard, Belleville Rd./Main St.
1827 -- assist fire dept., Brain St.
2023 -- welfare check, Church St.
2130 -- property check, Main St.
2138 -- noise complaint, Carmell St.
Also on this week's log are 73 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 24:
0012 -- noise complaint, Wayside
0323 -- assist other agency, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0444 -- assist other agency, out of township
0455 -- assist other agency, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1035 -- citizen assist, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1202 -- warrant arrest pick up, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1359 -- animal complaint, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1734 -- suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1827 -- citizen assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1911 -- warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville/Rustic Ln.
1916 -- neighbor dispute, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1958 -- fire dept. assist, Timberlane
2044 -- well-being check, Texas
2251 -- citizen assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2307 -- death investigation, Virginia
Monday, Sept. 25:
0919 -- alarm, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
0948 -- fraud complaint, 88100 bl. Rawsonville
1005 -- citizen assist, Birch

1857 -- assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis
1933 -- fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1938 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township
Tuesday, Sept. 26:
0343 -- fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1228 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1246 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1430 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1650 -- neighbor dispute, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2024 -- assist other agency, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2037 -- 911 hang up, Timberlane
2055 -- fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
2114 -- civil dispute, Creekside
2359 -- civil dispute, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
Wednesday, Sept. 27:
1426 -- citizen assist, Wear/Elwell
1448 -- harassment complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1450 -- assault, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1639 -- suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1650 -- malicious destruction of property, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1809 -- civil dispute, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2322 -- operating while intoxicated arrest, Wear / Sumpter
2344 -- family trouble, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
Thursday, Sept. 28:
0532 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0542 -- alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1104 -- alarm, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1205 -- alarm, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1227 -- assist other agency, out of township
1455 -- suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1908 -- harassment complaint, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2027 -- alarm, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2123 -- alarm, 4200 bl. Willow Rd.
2256 -- animal complaint, Karr/Willis
Friday, Sept. 29:
0928 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1040 -- alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1212 -- well-being check, Carriage Ln.
1310 -- warrant arrest pick up, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1456 -- assist other agency, 26000 bl. Martinsville
1524 -- property damage accident, 46000 bl. Willis
1723 -- fire dept. assist, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz
1743 -- alarm, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1837 -- runaway juvenile, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2118 -- animal complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2210 -- animal complaint, Willow/Martinsville
2314 -- alarm, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
Saturday, Sept. 30:
0022 -- alarm, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1610 -- suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.
1802 -- fire dept. assist, Pecan
2232 -- civil dispute, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
Also on this week's log are seven follow-up investigations, 28 miscellaneous details, 113 patrol checks, and 35 traffic stops.

Yelling?

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“While walking to the elevators Det/ Sgt Toth was still talking back down the hallway at Jay Bardell (I believe regarding coming into the station for an interview), but I was already inside the elevator and didn’t hear the specifics of the majority of the brief conversation.

“Yelling’ though? I wouldn’t say so. Toth usually talks louder than most people, as you have probably noticed over the years,” Chief Luke said.

Birthdays

Oct. 7 -- Bailey Millard, Carol Sturtz
Oct. 10 -- Teri Hagan-Cranson
Oct. 12 -- Korena Johnson, Pierre Rice, Angela Jones, Audrey and Emiley Barbee
Oct. 13 -- Allison White, Betty Janos, Kathy Tike



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Keystone Academy Students of the Month



Keystone Academy Students of the Month, exemplifying the virtue of wisdom during September, are from left, in front: Chloe Dalton (2), Amari Pittman (2), Landon Bovee (2), Olivea Daneker (1), Courtney Chapman (1), Elijah Law (1), Addison Ledbetter (K), Konnor Cadreau (K), Bella Storm (K), and Chase White (Y5). In the middle row, from left, are: Abigail Heringhausen (4), Taryn Jones (4), Kaidence Howard (4), Noah Herron (3), Anna Krushlin (3), Kaylee Lemmon (3), Abigail Baziotes (5), Katie Vojtkofsky (5), and Evan McLaren (5). In back, from left, are: Victoria Morrison (6), Nathaniel Norris (6), Davi Matthews (8), Mari Fadel (8), Alex Sirghie (8), Ryleigh Fallon (7), Lilly Peters (7), Camron Nichols (7), and Brian Glosson (6).

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to consider the following proposed amendments to the Charter Township of Van Buren's Zoning Ordinance:

1. Proposed amendments clarifying the zoning district location of stormwater ponds (Section 8.107) and amending the setbacks for off-street parking and loading areas, access drives, and paved surfaces accessory to a distribution center (Section 5.112).
2. A proposed amendment which repeals those sections of the Zoning Ordinance which allows medical marihuana cultivation facilities, provides site development standards for medical marihuana cultivation facilities, and removes those references to the applicable sections in other areas of the Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed amendments can be reviewed at the Planning & Economic Development Department at Van Buren Township Hall during normal business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Written comments will be accepted by the Planning and Economic Development Department until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made available with advance notice.

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