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Photo courtesy of David Brownlee

Each year, David Brownlee, chairman of the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, likes to take a picture of Belleville Lake from his Ryznar Drive home on the first day of winter. This is the lake at sunrise with a slight cloud cover on Dec. 21, 2017.

## VBT Board approves agreement that cancels free trash pickup

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
*Independent Editor*

About 50 people were in the audience of the almost three-hour meeting on Dec. 19 when the Van Buren Township Board voted 4-3 to approve the fifth amendment to the host agreement with Waste Management on Woodland Meadows landfill.

The part of the agreement the crowd liked least was the canceling of free curbside trash pick up that residents have enjoyed

for more than 20 years.

Voting yes were Supervisor Kevin McNamara, who single-handedly negotiated the final details to the agreement; Clerk Leon Wright, who was on the team negotiating for three years before that; Treasurer Sharry Budd, who said the agreement was “a good deal”; and Trustee Kevin Martin, who said it was “for the greater good of the community.”

Voting no were Trustees Sherry Frazier,

Reggie Miller, and Paul White, who all had asked for more time to present the details to the public and get citizen input. They were in favor of renegotiating to find a way to continue the free pick up and thought the process used to rush the agreement to a vote was not proper.

A slightly different version of the fifth amendment was presented to the former township board at the end of 2016, but it was passed on to the new board and not brought to the new board for a vote until 22 days before its passage last week.

A motion earlier in the meeting by Trustee Frazier to postpone the decision until they can get together more information for the public was defeated by the same 4-3 vote. The involved agreement takes away free

curbside trash pick up for residents in about mid-2023 and closes the golf course next to the landfill at the end of the 2018 season so it can expand for more trash dumping. Free disposal of trash for residents bringing it in will continue for the life of the landfill.

An estimated \$250 million will be paid to the township over the next 40 years of the landfill’s extended life. That sum includes \$8 million in cash that Supervisor McNamara said he would like to lock up in a CD investment.

The 269-acre landfill, at the corner of Van Born and Hannan roads, will expand by 200 acres and be the same height as what is there now.

The \$300,000 golf course escrow  
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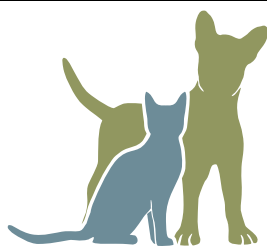
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## VBT Environmental Commission to discuss lake drawdown

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

In January, the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission will begin discussions on the proposed drawdown of Belleville Lake in 2019.

At its regular meeting Dec. 20, Commission Chairman Dave Brownlee said they will talk about the project from an environmental standpoint and will send a recommendation to the township board.

He said the drawdown is planned probably for 2019, probably in the fall, and for three to five weeks.

Brownlee asked board members to talk to local residents about their thoughts on the matter and to look into the microscopic issues in the water associated with drawdowns.

And, he asked commission members to seek out information on the internet on drawdowns.

"The township is looking to us for advice on this," Brownlee said.

Matthew Best, deputy director of planning and economic development, said the township has six months to come up with something. He said the supervisor is putting together a group of volunteers.

"It's kind of time-sensitive," Best said. "We'll plow through it in January. It will be one of the biggest things we do in 2018."

Brownlee said he understands it will be a five-foot drop.

"We don't want to go any farther than necessary," he said, noting docks could be exposed for maintenance at that depth.

In other business at the one-and-a-half-hour meeting on Dec. 20, the commission:

- Heard Brownlee report he attended the deep injection well hearing in Romulus recently. He said he didn't make a comment, but he did send them a letter and made a Freedom of Information Act request for



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman  
The Van Buren Township Environmental Commission held its annual potluck dinner before its regular meeting on Dec. 20. From left are VBT Trustee Paul White, former member Jeffrey S. Jahr who now is on the planning commission, Norm Debusk, recording secretary Anna Halstead, Deputy Director Matthew Best, chairman David Brownlee, Ronald Merritt II, and Benjamin Ross.

the toxic plume information because the EPA representative didn't know about it. "I'd like to know if it's coming our way," Brownlee said, adding no decision has been made, but he doubts if the EPA will deny the increased viscosity and pressure being sought for the well, which is in use;

- Heard Brownlee report that in the last year the commission did not go where it wanted to go with educating township residents about coal tar. He said ordinance enforcement is not the commission's goal, but education. The pamphlet that was supposed to be coming from the Huron River Watershed Council didn't come and so Brownlee called Rebecca at the council and she said they haven't

had any discussions with VBT about it since last spring. "That's not true," Best said. "We have 9,300 water bills [where the pamphlets could be inserted]. She's working on it. I'm working on it." Best said the township would get a better price from the HRWC. Brownlee asked if the coal tar presentation could be put on cable again to inform the public;

- Heard Best give a report on the fifth amendment to the host agreement with Waste Management for Woodland Meadows landfill, which was passed by the township board the night before this meeting. He said there are questions for the Environmental Commission to deal with, including odor, end use, and landscaping.

Best said the process for the expansion is starting, but the wetland mitigation process will take two to three years. Best said in his former job he helped regulate landfills and "Woodland Meadows is relatively well run." He said end uses might include solar farms, passive or active recreation, softball fields, walking paths, or a nature preserve with wildflowers. "This group will be asked to participate in that decision," Best said, adding that before the new site is engineered the committee could ask for the end use so the proper base could be put into the plans. Early plans for a ski hill as the end use for the present landfill was not possible because the proper base was not put in place; and

- Heard Brownlee say the supervisor's promotion piece shown at the recent joint meeting of all commissions, committees, and the board, had a slide that showed a significant amount of green space ready for development. He said that shocked Environmental Commission members present because the psychological interpretation of that slide was negative in painting a picture that VBT wants to develop its green space. "If we're not careful, Belleville Lake will look like a retention pond in the middle of a parking lot," Brownlee said. Best said the master plan meetings are coming up in 2018 and this commission can contribute to the decision on what the township should look like in the future. "I'd be happy to have VBT with 40,000 people instead of twice that like Canton," said Trustee Paul White, who is the board liaison to the Environmental Commission.

The commission held its annual Christmas potluck meal before the meeting.

## Library Board evaluates Director Suchy, gives her 2.5% raise in pay

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Last year when the Belleville Area District Library Board wanted to give the library director a raise, she used the money to help pay for other expenses in the library.

This year, the board's personnel committee recommended a 2.5% raise for Director Mary Jo Suchy and told her she had to take it. Before the raise, her pay was \$77,251.

It is estimated the population covered by the district library is 42,361.

On Dec. 12, Personnel committee chairwoman LaChelle Reed Caver said she told Director Suchy that she can't refuse this raise or they'll give her more days off. Board chairwoman Sharon Peters said

Suchy works 24/7 and when she takes days off, she ends up working.

Although she could have asked for her evaluation in closed-door session, Director Suchy allowed her evaluation in open session.

All the board members had turned in evaluation forms and all the comments were between "outstanding" and "above average."

She was found "outstanding" in 16 areas and "unsatisfactory" in one.

In other business at the one-hour-and-24-minute meeting the board:

- Approved the job description for a Technology Manager who, once hired, would eventually supervise the satellite location in Sumpter. Salary range is

\$47,000 to \$62,000. Board chairperson Peters said the libraries are not obsolete, as some say. They are getting more sophisticated than ever before. Caver said the new technology manager will take some of the responsibilities off Suchy. Peters said they've got to start staffing up for the new library;

- Heard Director Suchy note that the district library is paying the library millage as it pays Belleville's winter taxes on the house next door that it owns. The house will be razed by the end of the year to make way for the library/city parking lot;

- Heard Peters say there is an updated floorplan for the Sumpter Township site based on measurements. She said they have given the proposed legal agreement

on the building to Sumpter and are waiting for their township attorney and board to respond. Also they hopefully are moving toward getting all the legal details done with the City of Belleville;

- Approved amendments to two of the policies approved at the last meeting: *Permanent Art Acquisition and Art Display Policy* and the *Temporary Art Exhibits and Displays Policy*. The art committee met the night after the policies were approved by the board and made some suggestions in the language. The third policy was not amended;

- Listened to reports from Treasurer Tanya Stoudemire on finances and the audit draft budgetary comparison schedule

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Ready or not, here comes 2018

There were lots of changes in 2017 -- worldwide, nationwide, statewide, and locally. We'll let the media with larger staffs take care of reporting outside the 48111 borders. We'll take care of 48111.

We've reported to you what has happened, week by week, in the Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter areas. What are we looking forward to in 2018 in our area?

- Van Buren Township will decide whether to lower Belleville Lake in 2019, as proposed. How much shoreline will be revealed, so lakeside property owners can fix their docks and seawalls? How long will the water be down? Will anything collapse and fall into the lake? That's to be determined.

- In the City of Belleville a decision may be made on what to do about the fire department. We're sure whatever special committee is set up will give a recommendation to do what Mayor Kerreen Conley and VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara wanted to do from the beginning: Disband the city fire department and let the township fire department cover fire and first-responder medical service in the city. Talk is that the city police department is not far behind in being dismantled.

- In Sumpter, the looming question is whether to opt in or opt out of the new Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act. Belleville and VBT have opted out. Many medical marijuana growers are waiting with bated breath for Sumpter's decision. Should come in 2018.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Thanks to all who brought in unwrapped gifts for the Toys for Tots collection boxes outside our office door for the past few weeks. This was the most donated ever -- for our boxes, anyway. The toys were great and the volunteer picking them up assured us they would go to children in need. Gives everyone a warm feeling.

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Speaking of warm feelings, on Christmas Day, around 9:45 p.m., the electricity went out in our neck of the woods in Van Buren Township, as the temperature was taking a steep dip. Loss of electricity happens from time to time for us, but this time was strange because only some of our lights were out -- and some were in brownout mode. At about 12:15 a.m., everything was back to normal. Warm again.

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It was nice to have a white Christmas. This cold, cold weather is just the right temperature for those ice sculptures that are now just memories.

There have been lots of vehicle spinouts and cars in ditches in the snow, but sometimes the police comment on the scanner that the snow had nothing to do with the accident. The driver was on his/her cell phone and just drove off the roadway.

Those drivers who are looking down at a cell phone are very scary to me.

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According to a report from the Associated Press, the Michigan Supreme Court released its ruling on Dec. 20 that the state must return more than \$550 million to school employees who had money deducted for retiree health care. The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education



has been waiting for a decision on this.

School employees had 3% of their pay deducted for about two years under a law signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, but the law was declared unconstitutional. Gov. Rick Snyder in 2012 signed a new law that has survived court challenges.

The Supreme Court said the 2010 law violated the contract clauses of the federal and state constitutions, and the state failed to show it was reasonable and necessary to further a legitimate public purpose.

Gov. Rick Snyder, who'd wanted to keep the money, says he's "pleased that taxpayers will have resolution." The money's in escrow, so the decision won't affect the state budget, the AP said.

The Van Buren Schools finance director recently told the board the district may have to pay FICA for the money returned to the employees. And, they will have to work to find all those employees, since some no longer work for the district.

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A resident on High Street in the City of Belleville said the city snow plows cover up the driveways after the residents have paid to have it shoveled. She said there is an emergency room nurse whose husband is in poor health in that neighborhood and he has to keep re-shoveling to make sure she can get to work because the DPW keeps plowing in their driveway. Seniors need help with the snow, our caller said.

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That caller also called back later to say she just got that popular IRS call on her phone that tells her to send money. Although people are being besieged, and some really frightened, by those calls from the IRS, they are not real. The IRS does NOT call you on the phone. It sends you a letter if it wants to get your attention.

Our caller knew that and so she did not become alarmed. But she wanted people to know the fake IRS calls are still being made and for everyone to stay alert and not send money to those jerks.


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No municipal meetings for me this week, when I usually attend from four to six or seven a week. Time to relax with my new smart TV and gift cards for my Nook books and snuggle down in my new Christmas clothes.

Our birds got extra seeds in the feeders, which they always share with the squirrels and other creatures which haven't gone to sleep for the winter. Sometimes, there are deer tracks at the feeder. I remember a story I did when a lady looked out her window and saw an emu at her feeder in Sumpter.

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**Letters**



**Some say my husband  
looks just like Santa**

To the editor:

This Santa was seen at KFC Rawsonville and CVS Belleville. It makes me happy to have kids and grown-ups say that my husband looks like Santa.

But, I have been blessed to have a husband like Charlie. It is good when you can bless someone else. When we are out and about it would make me so happy to see smiles on people's faces.

There is so much negativism in the world today. I have been blessed to show kindness to others and God's love. So, let us show love to one another. Because God is love. That is the reason for the season.

Evelyn Crispell  
Sumpter Township

**Thank you for ruining  
our Christmas**

Dear Young Sir or Madame:

You know who I am, because you shot my car with your air rifle on the night of December 19/20. You must have been having a lot of fun, because you shot my neighbor's car twice. Thanks to you, instead of Christmas presents, I get to spend \$400 repairing my car.

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Merry Christmas to you.

Haggerty Sub Resident

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**Thank you, Bethany  
choir for great concert**

To the editor:

On Dec. 16 and 17, the Bethany Bible Church offered our tri-community its annual CHRISTmas Concert. The 40-voice choir, under the direction of John Losen, Jr., was, as usual, outstanding. Each year, I claim that year's concert is the best ever but admittedly, this year's CHRISTmas Concert went way over the top!

Like so many others who come from far and near, it is both joyful and very inspirational to be present at Bethany's concert and to hear the Holy Scripture sung and narrated with such clarity and sincerity.

Thank you, Bethany Bible Church, for a wonderful, beautiful testimony in music.

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker  
Belleville

**Owen school choir  
entertained us at Co-op**

To the editor:

The Owen school choir came to Belleville Senior Co-op on Dec. 21 to perform a Christmas concert.

The kids sang beautifully, and the music was enjoyed by all! They brought door hangers made by art classes and Christmas cards for all the members.

Thank You! We appreciated it very much.

- Members of the Belleville Senior Co-op

**Thank you, St. Jude**

Dear St. Jude:

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S.C., Belleville

**Waste Management  
landfill gives numbers  
to call with concerns**

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• **Sunday, Dec. 31** – Celebrate New Year's Eve at the Moose Lodge, 45476 Harris Rd., for \$20 per person (\$25 after Dec. 20). Dinner at 6 p.m., pizza and champagne at midnight. Southern Heat Band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Public welcome. (734) 325-7799

• **Sunday, Dec. 31** – Celebrate New Year's Eve at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd. Tickets at \$25 per person, include catered dinner, Second Wind Band, pizza and champagne after midnight. Doors open 6 p.m., dinner is 7 p.m., band starts 9 p.m. Public welcome. Buy your tickets by Dec. 26. (734) 699-8836

• **Saturday, Jan. 13** – Community United Methodist Church, 11160 Olive St., Romulus, is holding another Roast Beef Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Donation is \$10 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-12, and free for ages 5 and under. For carry out, call (734) 941-0736. [www.romuluscume.net](http://www.romuluscume.net)

• **Tuesday, Jan. 30** – Learn how to influence local decisions involving clean water. The Huron River Watershed Council will be at the Belleville Area District Library from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for the Change Makers workshop. Free.

• **Wednesday, Feb. 7** – Belleville Day in Florida

• **Saturday, April 14** – Belleville Area District Library groundbreaking, 11 a.m.

## Upcoming Meetings

• **Wednesday, Jan. 3** – Sumpter Township fact-finding committee on the new Michigan Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act meets at 6:30 p.m. Time for public input. Also, Belleville City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

• **Monday, Jan. 8** – Van Buren Township

work/study session, 4 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Jan. 9** – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m., Also Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Jan. 10** – Sumpter Township fact-finding committee on the new Michigan

Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act meets at 6:30 p.m. Time for public input. Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• **Thursday, Jan. 11** – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

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## Obituaries



Patricia Ann Burnette

### **PATRICIA ANN BURNETTE**

(June 4, 1949 -- December 19, 2017)

Patricia Ann Burnette, 68, of Clinton, passed away December 19, 2017 at her home. She was born June 4, 1949 to the late Ruth (McManamy) and Nolan Wilson of Belleville, MI.

Patricia loved being surrounded by her grandchildren and nieces/nephews. She loved viewing the different wildlife that would pass by her windows daily to say "hello" as she would say. She was retired from U of M hospital where she leaves many numerous friends and colleagues she loved. She loved honoring veterans and her flag.

Patricia is survived by her son, Charles Leslie-Nolan (Lorraine) Burnette of Clinton; sister, Cheryl (Steve) Miller of Northport, Alabama; grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Shaun and Steven; granddog Dutch and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Scott Burnette; sisters Linda Cassell and Pamela Wilson; grandparents and her dearest friend Evie Shaw.

A celebration of life will be held in January, 2018.

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### **MARY LOU NORRIS**

(January 23, 1928 -- December 20, 2017)

Age 89. Survived by children Brenda Watkins, Ronnie Norris, and Vicki Sexton; 9 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren. A service was held at David C. Brown Funeral Home Dec. 22. www.davidcbrownfh.com

### **BEVERLY ANN SINGLETON**

(March 20, 1953 - December 22, 2017)

Age 64, of Romulus. Survived by children Bill, Ken, Chris, and Angela; grandchildren Logan, Alex, Brevin and Chloe; her sister, "Pepper" Wilcox. Services were Dec. 27 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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## VBT Clerk's office marks 5 years providing coats for school kids

This year marked the fifth anniversary the Van Buren Township clerk's office provided the gift of warmth to students in the Van Buren Public School District. Since beginning the "Coats for School Kids" program the clerk's office has distributed over 350 new winter coats.

This year's donation was made possible by the generous support of Atchinson Ford, Waste Management, Gasiorek, Morgan, Greco, & McCauley, McKenna & Associates, Dipietro & Day, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich PC, Trustee Martin and Trustee Miller.

Van Buren Township Press Release

## City residents advised to take vehicles off streets for snow emergencies

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

The day after the Dec. 13, six-inch snowfall that closed schools and Van Buren Township offices, the Belleville Planning Commission heard a report from Building Official/DPW Director Rick Rutherford about clearing the city streets.

He said he was operating after having just two hours of sleep the night before.

Rutherford said the city declared a snow emergency, which meant people should get their vehicles off city streets so his department could plow.

And, some didn't and it was hard to plow around parked vehicles.

Rutherford said the city's snow emergency was announced on television and on the community electronic bulletin board at Main and High.

Planning Commissioner Kelly Bates asked if they could put it on Nixel next time and Rutherford said they could.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said it's illegal for people to snowblow their snow into the roadway. She said West Huron River Drive was good on her way home, except where the snow was pushed into the roadway.

Rutherford said they try to enforce it.

He said it was past 2 a.m. earlier that day when he was coming down Main Street and he saw a person blowing a large amount of snow into the street. He said a lot of businesses were complaining.

She said city hall got a lot of complaints and she told the staff to brace themselves because that always happens with the first snowfall of the season.

There are always complaints about the city trucks putting snow over newly shoveled driveways as they plow the streets, she said.

Commissioners complimented the city workers on their snow-removal efforts.

On the agenda of the Dec. 14 meeting was approval of a sign for White Pine Dentistry, which recently opened with a temporary sign at 187 Main Street.

Andy Smith, owner of FASTSIGNS of Ann Arbor, was on hand to present the PVC-covered wood, non-illuminated sign that he had reduced in size to meet the ordinance.

The streetscape wall at his corner was a consideration in the design of the sign.

"He was willing to show up as a good business man," Rutherford said.

Commissioner Michael Renaud said the sign doesn't comply with the ordinance because it should be a monument sign. But, he said, a monument sign wouldn't be appropriate. He said he thinks the sign presented is fine.

He said the 24" wall in front of the sign would block some of the sign and the ordinance needs revising.

The commission approved the sign as presented.

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**Court Watching:****Bradley McKinnies faces six charges of criminal sexual conduct, 2 others**

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Bradley James McKinnies, 28, faced four charges of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree (relationship), two charges of CSC in the second degree (relationship), and one charge of child abuse-commercial activity before Judge David Parrott at 34th District Court on Dec. 20 on the date of his preliminary exam.

He is being held at the Wayne County Jail on bond of \$10,000/10%.

The alleged crimes took place in the City of Belleville on Nov. 29. Another charge of child abuse second degree on that date was pending and Judge Tina Brooks Green arraigned him on that child abuse charge during his second court session later that day.

Judge Parrott adjourned the preliminary exam until 10 a.m., Jan. 17, so McKinnies' attorney could get more discovery to study in preparation for his defense.

The attorney asked the judge to reduce the bond, since McKinnies grew up in the community and has no ties to any other community and so wouldn't be a flight risk. His grandfather and mother were present in the courtroom. He said McKinnies has no criminal history and has a new job as a tow truck driver, but he is not sure if the job is still available. He stressed he was not asking for personal bond, but asked for \$5,000 bond and a GPS tether.

Judge Parrott said the court has pretrial services for a reason and McKinnies was referred to the service and the service thought a significant bond reduction would be good, but pretrial services did not know about the additional charge of child abuse being added.

"I find the bond good for the safety of the community because of the new charge," Judge Parrott said. The bond was not reduced any further. On Dec. 13, Judge Green had referred the defendant to pretrial services and the bond had been lowered from the original \$500,000/10%.

**Alexander David Denski**

Alexander David Denski, 36, waived his preliminary exam on Dec. 20 before Judge David Parrott on a charge of larceny in a building on March 25 in VBT. He is free on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond and due at circuit court on Dec. 27 to face the charge.

**Jacob Ryan Kowalczyk**

Jacob Ryan Kowalczyk, 21, who is lodged in the Wayne County Jail, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of breaking and entering in a building on March 27 in VBT. He is due to be in circuit court on Dec. 27 for his arraignment on the information. Attorney Daniel Bitar said his client is eligible for HYTA (an act that gives help to youth in trouble) and the incident happened nine months ago with no new incidents. He asked for personal bond and a tether. Judge Parrott continued the bond of \$10,000/10%, but gave a referral to pretrial services.

**Joseph Lee Harvey**

Joseph Lee Harvey, 20, a co-defendant with Kowalczyk, also waived his preliminary exam before Judge Parrott and was bound over to circuit court for a Jan. 3 arraignment on the information. He is charged with breaking and entering of a building on March 27 in VBT. He had posted his bond of \$10,000/10% and that bond was continued. A third co-defendant in that incident is Dakota Gene Herzberg who is yet to be arrested.

**Madison Ray Welzin**

Madison Ray Welzin, 17, waived his preliminary exam on charges of receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle, malicious destruction of property, and breaking and entering/illegal entry without the owner's permission on May 23 in Sumpter Township. Welzin was in the courtroom via video from the Wayne County Jail. He is scheduled to be at circuit court to face the charges on Dec. 27. His court-appointed attorney Daniel Bitar told Judge Parrott that the defendant's mother was in the courtroom and she would like him out of jail for the holidays. Judge Parrott referred Welzin to pre-trial services for a determination.

**Talicia Lalonda Harris**

Charges were dismissed against Talicia Lalonda Harris, 28, when the prosecutor

was unable to proceed because the complaining witness failed to appear. Harris was lodged and faced charges of unauthorized driving away of a motor vehicle, receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle, felonious assault, larceny in a building, and two counts of malicious destruction of property in VBT on Oct. 4. She was accompanied by two guards from the Michigan Department of Corrections. She had been lodged in the Huron Valley Complex/Women because of an alleged parole violation.

**Kellie Lisa McCallister**

Kellie Lisa McCallister, 45, was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on a charge of first-degree retail fraud in VBT on Sept. 25. She is free after posting \$10,000/10% bond.

**Michael Gabriel Patterson**

The charge of home invasion-third degree against Michael Gabriel Patterson, 27, on Oct. 31 in VBT was dismissed during the Dec. 13 session before Judge Green. He said he posted his bond of \$10,000/10% at VBT and Judge Green said the court has no record of it, so he will have to go to VBT to get it returned to him.

**Marlin Lakeith Glenn**

Marlin Lakeith Glenn, 26, waived his preliminary exam on an uttering and publishing charge and on Dec. 13, Judge Green bound him over for his arraignment on the information at circuit court on Jan. 10. The offense is alleged to have occurred July 18, 2016 in VBT.

**Jonathan Lowell Bivens**

Jonathan Lowell Bivens, 47, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of unlawful driving of a car stolen 18 days earlier in Ann Arbor and the count of receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle was dismissed. He had his arraignment on the

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- Tuesday, Jan. 23, 6-9 p.m.; Green Oak Township, 10001 Silver Lake Road, Brighton, MI 48116
- Tuesday, Jan. 30, 6-8:30 p.m.; Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111
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- How residents can get involved with their local government to influence these decisions.

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## Court watching

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information at circuit court on Dec. 20 and a disposition conference has been set for Jan. 12. The incident occurred on Nov. 25 in VBT. He was arrested on Nov. 27 and has been in the Wayne County Jail since then on a \$25,000/10% bond. Judge Green reduced his bond to \$10,000/10% and gave him credit for time served to close out a speeding ticket.

### Timothy William Barr

Timothy William Barr, 28, had two separate charges against him. One charge was aggravated stalking and malicious use of telecommunication services in Sumpter Township on Oct. 13. The other charge is assault with a dangerous weapon and domestic violence, also on Oct 13.

He is being held in the Wayne County Jail on bond of \$50,000/10% on each set of charges. He waived his preliminary exam on both matters and was arraigned on the information at circuit court on Dec. 20. A disposition conference has been set for Jan. 11.

His attorney asked for personal bond for Barr since he has a job at West Branch Builders and lives with someone other than the victim. Judge Green referred him to pretrial services to consider the bond.

### Robert John Sills

Robert John Sills, 17, was scheduled for his preliminary exam on Dec. 20 before Judge Parrott on four charges of breaking and entering a motor vehicle to steal property less than \$200 and one charge of larceny from a motor vehicle. The exam was adjourned to a later date. This allegedly occurred on Nov. 26 in VBT. His retained attorney is Murray Duncan.



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## Belleville Plan

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Then, commissioners pointed out several signs in the city that are not compliant with the ordinance.

"We do need to look at the sign ordinance," Rutherford agreed.

Commissioner John Juriga said there are seven major religions and the cross at Hayward's is inappropriate. He said he is a Christian, but he thinks that cross should go.

City Manager Kollmeyer said the cross is on private property.

Rutherford said the Supreme Court ruled on content and the cross is not a sign.

"I'll enforce what the council wants," Rutherford said, listing his many duties. "If you want me to spend my time at 34th District Court on an uphill battle on a greasy slope, that's what I'll do."

No one asked him to do that.

Commissioner Henry Kurczewski asked Rutherford to give the commission a list of issues they could address that could make his job easier.

Commission chairman Steve Jones said there have been court cases and updates in technology since the last time the commission looked at the sign ordinance.

Jones said the commission will look at the sign ordinance and it will be on the February agenda. In January they will finish up work on the Master Plan draft.

Kollmeyer said the desired joint meeting with the Belleville Downtown Development Authority and the City Council on the Master Plan could be set in February at the earliest.

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— Will Rogers



Stopping for a photo at the Dec. 1 party of the Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club were, from left, Democratic candidate for Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Barry Robinson of Sumpter Township, Democratic candidate for Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, and Jay Bardell of Sumpter Township.



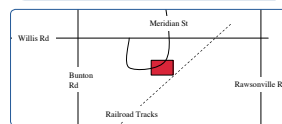
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# VBT landfill

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fund was to be released to the township immediately upon signing. The township also has the option of leasing the golf course clubhouse from Waste Management for \$1 a year and WM will pay \$15,000 a year for the building's maintenance. It is yet to be determined if the township will use the building.

"I appreciate the community coming out and raising questions and I don't have the answers they seek -- and I'm a trustee!" Trustee Frazier said. "The process we went through smells rotten."

Trustee Frazier said the document on Waste Management finances came from Plante Moran to Supervisor McNamara on Aug. 8, but it wasn't passed on to the board then.

"We've had this information just 22 days," Frazier said, adding the board hasn't gotten the information out to the public.

"Shame on us for not getting with the community," Frazier continued, adding that she appreciates Waste Management's service and this is a complex issue, "and I don't feel comfortable taking it lightly ... I know how a community becomes reliant on landfill revenue."

Frazier said Waste Management supplies 30% of the VBT budget.

"We can't walk away from our landfill," she said. "But we should have had public hearings, get public input. It shouldn't have been brought to us the way it was."

"I feel betrayed," Frazier continued. "You thought it was a good idea," she said to Supervisor McNamara. "You negotiated it. What's new in it?"

Supervisor McNamara said the replacement of the \$4 million golf course and the ability to bid out trash pick up to the lower bidder, instead of paying Waste Management for the pick up.

During public comments, it was pointed out that Supervisor McNamara, Clerk Wright, and Treasurer Budd all took

campaign contributions from Waste Management.

"All three of you who took money from Waste Management, shame on you," Frazier said.

"I resent highly that yesterday [during the work/study session] when I said six people have spoken on issue, the one with the most information on the landfill hasn't spoken," Frazier said. "I went to her office and she said it's a good deal," referring to Treasurer Budd. "I'm disappointed."

"We gave more information on this this..." McNamara responded. "This has been around for four years ... Trustees were elected to make difficult decisions."

"I will give you my opinion," Budd stated, but did not continue.

McNamara said that there are no landfill gas payments, a question asked by a resident making a public comment. He said Sumpter Township didn't get a check from its landfill for gas. He said Ameresco has the gas rights for Woodland Meadows. The gas is sent north to Woodland Meadows landfill in Canton.

As to the deed restriction, McNamara said, the land was supposed to be industrial and the landfill could have expanded, so the deed restriction was put in place.

"Why do we use the landfill money for the general fund?" McNamara asked, referring to one of the questions asked. He said Canton used its landfill money to build things for the community and the residents paid with taxes to run the township. He said VBT used landfill money to run the township.

"People have overwhelmingly told me they don't want taxes," McNamara said, adding this deal with Waste Management would mean 40 years without a tax increase for VBT.

He said the use of the closed landfill is not yet determined and the Environmental Commission will be working on that.

"We're getting so much more than anyone else out there," McNamara said referring to other communities with landfills. "It's a game of poker."

As to seniors who can't pay for trash pickup, McNamara said he brought a program into the township for seniors who can't pay for their water.

"I don't know how we're going to do it, but we will," he said of help for seniors

who can't pay for trash pick up, adding, "Waste Management Charities?"

Frazier suggested asking the community what it wants to do with the \$8 million and McNamara said, "What this board decides to do with the money, the \$8 million, you will vote."

"Last year, August or so, VBT was looking at receivership in 2019," McNamara said, adding the passage of the public safety millage buoyed the township finances up.

"The grants [from the landfill] will maintain our levels of services and there is no reason to raise taxes for 40 years," McNamara said. He noted the federal government makes you pay long-term debt first, referring to the Visteon bonds.

"This agreement makes VBT solid as the Rock of Gibraltar," McNamara said.

Trustee White went through the pages of the agreement and pointed out the sedimentation ponds on Ecorse Road and the loss of \$200,000 a year for the tax fee, under the laws of the State of Texas, since Waste management is headquartered there.

White predicted another amendment to the landfill agreement in five to six years, since that has been the history.

White said people in the community spend their money better than the township spends their money. He referred to the extended cab pickup truck recently purchased for a building official to make her rounds. He said the cancellation of curbside pickup will cost the residents \$56 million out of their pockets over the next 40 years of the agreement.

White said Waste Management does an outstanding job and he has no issues with how they operate. But, they make \$26 million in annual profit and he doesn't believe in his heart that Waste Management would leave if it didn't get this agreement signed.

"I don't see the big rush to approve this," White said. "Looks like we'll be on the losing end of this."

He said the township's debt services could be solved by the board with money it already has. He said the board gets investment reports from the township every three months and, "We are in good shape financially -- not as bad off as you think."

Trustee Martin said he is in favor of

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# VBT landfill

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the landfill agreement, since 25% of the township's operating revenue is from the landfill. He said it's for the greater good of the community and if the township loses the landfill, the residents would have to pay more taxes.

Clerk Wright said he was puzzled over the people who can't afford to pay for garbage pickup and don't want the landfill.

He said this agreement originally was negotiated over three years by former Trustee Phil Hart, Supervisor Linda Combs, attorney Patrick McCauley and Wright. He said the main issue was the free pickup.

"A year ago we had a town hall meeting and the future board asked to delay it so they could vote on it," Wright said.

Treasurer Budd said she was on the board when it accepted the Visteon bond deal.

She said the state, state rep., the county, everyone was pushing to have Visteon in VBT. Now, she said, the former Visteon Village is 100% occupied and the new owners are building a 700,000-square-foot addition.

"There's no way we knew what would happen in 2008," Budd said, referring to Visteon's bankruptcy.

She named all the things the township has purchased with landfill funds over the years, including support of the public safety department. Once the latest public safety millage was approved, a long-term debt fund was set up using the money the township no longer had to spend on public safety.

"The landfill has done our township well, offering stability and financial security," Budd said.

Budd said she resents comments about her taking money from Waste Management. She said someone else took care of her

campaign funds and she doesn't even know how much they gave.

"I'm not ashamed of that," she said, adding she was never asked to do anything for the money. She said she has served the township for 21 years and she is not a dishonest person.

Trustee Miller said she took no campaign donations because she didn't want it to influence her. She said she would have felt pressured.

"No one is a fan of this landfill," Miller said. "Eight million dollars is minimal. It's costing the residents a fortune. That \$56 million will be pushed onto all of you. It's a hidden tax. The trade-off is not worth the benefit."

"For the previous four years, Linda [Supervisor Combs] had a personal problem and wasn't here a lot. Phil [Hart] said why not put it on a ballot? It affects all."

"I'm not in favor of this," Miller continued. "I felt this was rushed. Not enough time -- just a matter of weeks. This is not a good deal for our residents. It should have been renegotiated."

McNamara replied, "This fixes those finances. We'll be able to keep taxes low and services high. This is the last fix."

Frazier said Waste Management made a good offer, but the whole process was handled incorrectly. She asked the board to look the agreement over during the holidays and get it out to the community.

"We have to address how we're doing business in the township," Frazier said. "This is going to come back to bite us. The process was misused and transparency lacking."

White said he has lived in the township for 57 years and never paid for trash pick

up. "Our residents are entitled to free trash pick up," he said.

Frazier said, "Not free. We can pay for the pick up." She said the township could pay from tipping fees.

Miller said unless it's in writing, it won't happen.

"It's time to make a decision," McNamara said and took the 4-3 vote that approved his agreement.

Among the 20 people speaking from the audience during the meeting was Don Houltaker, who pointed out the campaign contributions Waste Management made to three board members.

"Not me," called out White, indicating he took no contributions.

"I know they say money wouldn't influence their votes, but they don't give money away free without expecting something in return," Houltaker said. He said some of the landfill tipping fees are directed to certain departments.

Marc Abdilla and Adam Byrd, representing the police and dispatch unions, were the only speakers from the audience who supported the landfill amendment.

George Deverich said he was involved in the first original host agreement when the deed restriction was put in place saying the landfill could not be in the golf course area. He said the township wanted to be a premier community, even then, and the fear was that Waste Management would want to gobble up the golf course. He said the late Ted Smolinski came up with the deed restriction.

Deverich said he hears the people want the \$250 million, but the landfill money was never supposed to be used for general fund money. "\$250 million just sounds like a bribe," he said.

He said he would be glad to pay \$700 in additional taxes if he has to so his grandchildren won't have to see the continual expansion of this landfill. He said they should just let it close in 2025 or the landfill will expand to the south side of Ecorse, as well.

Ernie Tozer said he was in on the deed restriction and it wasn't put in as a bargaining chip for future negotiations, as McNamara said. "I would rather pay the taxes and keep the landfill where it

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#### OBJECTIVES:

- A) To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low- to moderate-income and/or areas where 51% of the residents are of low- to moderate-income.
- B) To reduce negative environmental impacts.
- C) To maintain a high level of performance in the management of CDBG non-federally funded programs.
- D) To improve the quality of life for low- to moderate-income persons.
- E) To create affordable housing for low-income households.

ESTIMATED FUNDING	PROPOSED PROJECTS
\$76,581	Public Facilities
\$30,000	Demolition
\$21,315	Senior Services
\$14,210	Administration
<i>(Administration cannot exceed 10% of total allocation)</i>	

*The following items are contingent upon the availability of funds and may vary depending upon:*

- *The repayment of prior Housing Rehabilitation loans and Demolitions through lien pay-offs.*

**\$147,106**      **Total Proposed Allocation (estimate)**

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 4:00 p.m., the hearing dates.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should contact the Planning and Economic Development Department at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting to request accommodations.

Posted: December 22, 2017  
 Published: December 28, 2017



## City of Belleville Public Notice



### City of Belleville CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



Notice is hereby given that the Belleville City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111 for the purpose of considering an ordinance as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 10-004 THAT AUTHORIZED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA DISPENSARIES AND MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE.

All residents are invited to attend. Comments may be given in person at the hearing, or submitted in writing prior to the hearing. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office for inspection during regular business hours.

Sherri Scharf  
 City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish 12/28/17



## City of Belleville Public Notice



### City of Belleville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Community Development Block Grants



A public hearing is scheduled before the City Council on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, for the purpose of:

#### RECEIVING COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

The City of Belleville expects to receive **approximately** \$48,807 in year 2018 CDBG funds. Projects must meet HUD regulations and Wayne County's program guidelines. Additional information is available by contacting the City Clerk's office, 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111 – phone (734) 697-9323.

Pursuant to the program guidelines, the City of Belleville is announcing its program objectives and proposed uses of the **estimated** CDBG funds as follows:

#### PROPOSED GOALS AND PROJECTS:

##### GOAL: Suitable Living Environment

Location: City-wide	
Activity: Senior/Disabled Services	\$ 9,830
Activity: ADA Public Facilities Projects	\$ 33,096
Activity: Senior Chore Services	\$ 1,000
<b>Program Administration</b>	
<b>Strategic Planning</b>	\$ <u>4,881</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 48,807</b>

Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed projects and to suggest other projects which meet the County's guidelines.

Sherri Scharf  
 City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: December 28, 2017 & January 4, 2018



## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 19, 2017

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Director Akers and Deputy Director Best, Executive Assistant Selman, Public Services Director Taylor, DDA Director Ireland and Deputy Director Lothringer, and an audience of forty-nine (49).

Supervisor McNamara requested a moment of silence for Lt. John Henderson who recently passed away. Lt. Henderson, a Gulf War Veteran, served as a firefighter at Van Buren Township for 15 years. He earned a medal of honor from Van Buren Township and the national Award of Valor for rescuing a 2-year-old from a fire in December of 2015. Supervisor McNamara thanked CEO Chuck Covington, CEO of People's Transit, and his wife Kristin for the generous donation of a 12 passenger, handicap accessible, van.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Budd moved, Martin seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. [Special Board Meeting Joint Committee and Commission minutes of November 30, 2017, Work Study Session minutes of December 4, 2017, Closed Session minutes of December 4, 2017, Board Meeting minutes of December 5, 2017, Prepaid List of December 7, 2017, Prepaid List of December 14, 2017, Voucher List of December 19, 2017, Approval of the combination of lots 83-022-01-0029-005, 83-022-01-0030-004 and 83-022-01-0030-001 (Denton Sub Farms) with conditions, and approval of the amended (corrected) 2018 Holiday Schedule]. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

Presentation by Waste Management on the 5th Amendment to the Van Buren Township-Waste Management Host Community Agreement. Waste Management Operations Director, John Myers, provided a brief history of the landfill and highlighted changes in the 5th amendment. Established in 1990, it is anticipated that the current landfill will reach capacity in 2025 and will close. Waste Management is proposing to expand the landfill into the Woodlands Golf Course, south of the existing facility, extending the capacity out to 2056. Currently the Township receives approximately \$5 million annually from landfill tipping fees and grants.

Changes to the current agreement include: expansion to the south, tipping fee increases at 2% annually, tax capture on landfill use of expansion area, \$350K landscape buffer fund, \$8 million one-time payment, \$20K Senior services grant annually, \$5K Service center grant annually, \$1 million liability insurance, closure of golf course with lease of clubhouse to the Township for \$1.00 a year until 2040, golf escrow account funds estimated at \$315K, housing reimbursement at 150% of market value to 5 property owners, rescind deed restrictions, \$250K public improvement grant annually, elimination of free curbside pick-up five years after approval, continuation of free disposal, competitive rates to continue curbside pick-up service, and the continuation of all current grant funding on an annual basis. Waste Management has established a Landfill Concerns Hotline

877-765-9153 for anyone wishing to report a concern. The hotline is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Presentation by Planning and Economic Development Deputy Director Best. Deputy Director Best provided a fact-based analysis to the Board that included a summary value under 5th amendment, cost analysis for household waste, recycling, and yard waste pick up without the 5th amendment, projected Township revenue analysis with and without the 5th amendment, projected annual host fees anticipated under the 5th amendment, history of each amendment to the Host Community Agreement since its inception, and an assessment of the positive impact of the Township's Standard and Poors rating under the 5th amendment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comments in opposition to the 5th amendment included: Request for a better agreement, allocation of funds received from Waste Management to cover and/or off-set the future cost of curb-side pick-up, insufficient notification to the public before voting, displeasure over elimination of free curb-side pick-up in 5 years, compensation to property owners adjacent to the landfill, cost of curbside pick-up to residents on fixed incomes, deed restrictions on the golf course land usage in current agreement that does not permit expansion, inadequate overall compensation package presented, disclosure of gas rights from Waste Management to Ameresco, landscape buffer inadequacy, campaign funds received from Waste Management by some Board members, grants earmarked for specific Departments, types of materials accepted at the landfill, questioned if the Township receives electricity benefits from the landfill, use of landfill funds to support Township General Fund operations, request for the Environmental Commission to have more input in the Waste Management grant money received, lack of analysis documenting the cost for the landfill to secure and operate at another site for comparison, support for increased taxes vs. landfill expansion, elimination of \$200k in lieu of taxes to the Township, percentage of funding for public safety from landfill revenue, request for random and outside sampling of landfill, opposition to the clubhouse lease option, and request to postpone voting on the 5th amendment for further negotiations and additional input from residents.

Public comments in support of the 5th amendment included: Police Officer Labor Council (Command, Patrol and Dispatch) and Michigan Fire Fighters Association union support for continued funding from landfill revenue, the need to secure funding levels for decades to come, the impact to the community regarding the \$55 million Visteon bonds, the impact of not securing \$250 million in revenue, and the impact of the loss of 30% of overall revenue to the Township that supports a wide range of services.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Frazier moved, Miller seconded to postpone approval of Resolution 2017-33 the 5th Amendment to the Van Buren Township-Waste Management Host Community Agreement. Roll Call vote. Yeas: Frazier, Miller and White. Nays: McNamara, Budd, Wright and Martin. Motion failed. Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve Resolution 2017-33 the 5th Amendment to the Van Buren Township-Waste Management Host Community Agreement. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, and Martin. Nays: Frazier, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

Board members in support of the 5th amendment commented on: The long-term benefits to the community provided under the agreement, securing \$250 million over the term of the

contract thereby solidifying revenue for years to come, stabilization of services, improved Standard and Poors rating, improved ability to bond future public improvements, potential to establish a fund to assist residents unable to afford curb-side pick-up, the financial and service level impact to the residents if the landfill closed, ability to address long-term debt and other post-employment benefits, the financial impact to residents under the 5th amendment as opposed to having the landfill close, and the burden of tax increases vs. the cost of curb-side pick up to residents.

Board members opposing the 5th amendment commented on: the inadequacy of the process of negotiation and involvement of all Elected Officials, lack of significant public input and public notification efforts given the complexity of the agreement, reliance of the Township on landfill revenue, concern over campaign contributions by Waste Management to some Board members, request for input from the community and board involvement in the use of the \$8 million payment identified in the agreement, lack of grant fund increases over the term of the contract, potential future amendments, and read excerpts from the proposed agreement regarding setback area usage, elimination of curb-side pick-up, competitive bid process for curb-side pick-up, household hazardous waste, tax guarantee, and payment schedule associated with agreed upon funds.

Supervisor McNamara outlined the additional negotiations that added funding for the replacement of the golf course, 2% fixed royalties per year, and the ability to bid out collection. He answered questions posed by audience members informing them that those communities with landfill gas agreements have not received any profits, Management has previously sold all gas rights to Ameresco for existing landfill and any expansion, deed restrictions were placed on the property in order to ensure Waste Management would have to come to the Township for approval of any changes from a golf course, landfill revenues have historically been used for operations in order to maintain low taxes, the alternative to using landfill revenues would require an increase of approximately 4.5 miles in order to maintain service levels, comparable homes within a one mile radius will be used to assess the fair market value of the adjacent properties identified, end use of the landfill has not been determined and the Environmental Commission should be involved in decision making, the Township receives more than any other community in Michigan with a landfill Host Community Agreement, and the Board will discuss the potential of financial assistance to residents unable to afford curb-side pick-up. Board members thanked negotiation team members; Supervisor McNamara, Deputy Director Best, Director Akers, Deputy Treasurer Bellingham, Executive Assistant Selman for their hard work in putting together an analysis; the Board of Trustees and members of the community for their input.

**REPORTS: ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The following announcements were made: The Township Administrative offices will be closed December 25, 2017 through Tuesday January 2, 2018 in observance of the Christmas Holiday, tax payments may be placed in the drop box in front of Township Hall or in the drop box located in the Public Safety Department lobby during the shutdown, all tax payments placed in the drop boxes during the Township shut down will be recorded as received by December 31st, 2017, U.S. post marks are not acceptable, and Board members wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Resident comments

included: a historical look back at changes in the community, the recall of Board members in 1982, requested the Board consider letting the public vote on a landfill expansion, failed leadership of the Township and the hazards of methane gas.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Miller moved, Martin seconded to adjourn at 9:53 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor  
Publish: December 28, 2017

## District Library

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of the general fund -- both favorable reports. Suchy said the complete audit will be ready for the next meeting on Jan. 9;

- Heard Peters report on the Art Committee for the new library. She said the Friends of the Library appointed Donna Gilkey Lavin as its voting member on the Art Committee. The Belleville Area Council for the Arts has appointed Barbara Miller as its voting member. The library board will have two voting members and three board members -- Mary Jane Dawson, Alma Hughes Grubbs, and John Juriga -- are interested in the two posts. Peters said she will make the appointment at the Jan. 9 meeting of the board. She said this board will select two artists for the Art Committee and John Douglas Peters is expected to be one;

- Heard Juriga say he would like to see stuff recycled from the present library building when it is being demolished, rather than taking everything to the landfill. "The beams are wonderful," Juriga said. He was told they would have to get with the construction manager on recycling, which is difficult when demolishing a building. "They don't like to do it," Juriga said;

- Heard Suchy announce that the groundbreaking for the new library building has been set for 11 a.m., Saturday, April 14, and she'd like to have a brunch for those who attend. Many people who helped to get the library approved will be invited to attend; and

- Heard Peters pointed out the new sign that has been put up on the new library site to engage the community.

## VBT landfill

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is," he said. "We've got to dig our heels in somewhere and keep our community whole. We're trying to push this ahead. Who's kicking what can down what road?"

John Delaney said the \$8 million carrot should be \$40 million over 40 years.

"They'll make \$1 billion over 40 years," Delaney said and referred to "their salesman Matt Best." Best was chastised at the previous day's board work/study session for highly praising the Waste Management agreement instead of just offering facts he had collected at McNamara's direction.

Delaney said according to public records, in 2016 Waste Management made political contributions of \$1,200 to McNamara, \$1,500 to Budd, and \$150 to Wright.



## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*Out of the 422 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.*

**Sunday, Dec. 17:**  
0109 -- disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0202 -- disorderly, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
0316 -- disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0412 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
0641 -- mental subject, Robson Rd.  
0912 -- found property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1021 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville  
1148 -- assist other dept., Potter Dr.  
1214 -- property damage accident, Martz Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.  
1259 -- fraud, Deanna Dr.  
1329 -- found property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1706 -- property damage accident, Endicott Ave. / Chatsworth Dr.  
1801 -- civil matter, Assembly St.  
1810 -- 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
2244 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis Rd.

**Monday, Dec. 18:**  
0032 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Walmart  
0439 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Huron River Dr.  
0915 -- juvenile complaint, McBride  
1143 -- larceny, Oak Ln.  
1303 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1416 -- fraud, Parkwood Dr.  
1509 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bog Rd.  
1539 -- larceny, Cobblestone Creek Dr. / W. Huron River Dr.  
1633 -- harassment call, Belleville Rd.  
1645 -- larceny, Oak Ln.  
1734 -- 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.  
1738 -- sexual assault, Oak Ln.  
1739 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1828 -- PPO violation, Birch Dr.  
1915 -- sex offender registration, Ayres Ave.  
1929 -- property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.  
1943 -- noise complaint, Hull Rd.  
1957 -- juvenile complaint, W. Walden Dr.  
2008 -- sex offender registration, Outer Dr.  
2118 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.  
2253 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.

**Tuesday, Dec. 19:**  
0158 -- noise complaint, Denton Rd.  
0431 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Laguna Dr.  
0739 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Ecorse Rd.  
0752 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave.  
0854 -- property damage accident, Savage School  
1105 -- sex offender registration, Timberland Dr.  
1124 -- sex offender registration, Truman  
1138 -- sex offender registration, Bayshore Dr.  
1148 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1218 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1305 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Crest Dr.  
1453 -- 911 welfare check, Richard Run Dr.  
1602 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Milton Dr.  
1644 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Pinewood Ln.  
1709 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.  
1816 -- civil matter, McBride Ave.  
1842 -- unattended death, Martz Rd.  
1843 -- fraud, Chaney Ave.  
1942 -- harassment call, Oak Ln.  
2033 -- assist other dept., Church St.  
2133 -- mental subject, Haggerty Rd.

**Wednesday, Dec. 20:**  
0847 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Bradley Dr.  
0851 -- found property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0859 -- 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.  
0903 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Tompkins St.  
1125 -- domestic, Maple Dr.  
1220 -- disorderly, Maple Dr.  
1224 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Colony  
1521 -- malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1629 -- larceny, Dartmoor Cir.  
1859 -- fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2021 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
2029 -- suicidal person, Arthur St.  
2131 -- unattended death, Savage Rd.

**Thursday, Dec. 31:**  
0245 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.

0715 -- threat, Denton Rd.  
0837 -- noise complaint, Denton Rd.  
0959 -- harassment call, Rawsonville Rd.  
1129 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1545 -- assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
1653 -- found property/child, E. Main St.  
1736 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville  
1751 -- narcotics crime, Belleville Rd.  
1814 -- suspicious person/vehicle, WB I-94 / Haggerty  
2350 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Metro Park Party Store  
**Friday, Dec. 22:**  
0152 -- breaking & entering, Sandalwood Dr.  
0354 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0706 -- assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.  
0755 -- sexual assault, Oak Ln.  
0915 -- fraud, Forestdale Dr.  
1030 -- ordinance violation, Hull Rd.  
1038 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1056 -- private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
1102 -- domestic, Parkwood  
1206 -- malicious destruction of property, Hamilton St.

1314 -- harassment call, Pebblebrook Dr.  
1445 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood Dr.  
1503 -- domestic, Oak Ln.  
1605 -- disorderly, Lake Villa Dr.  
1659 -- larceny, Ecorse Rd.  
1730 -- lost property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1826 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
1900 -- civil matter, Outer Dr.  
1947 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Daisy Blvd.  
2110 -- assist other dept., Holly Ln.  
2247 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Winchester St.  
**Saturday, Dec. 23:**  
0109 -- noise complaint, Oak Ln.  
0522 -- property damage accident, E. Schooner Dr.  
0940 -- domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1051 -- fraud, Riggs Rd.  
1146 -- fraud, Rawsonville Rd.  
1235 -- larceny, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River  
1316 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.

1328 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / Ecorse Rd.  
1534 -- fraud, Elwell Rd.  
1745 -- 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.  
1850 -- civil matter, Burtrig St.  
1908 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1932 -- larceny from auto, Hampton Dr.  
1940 -- missing person, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1943 -- private property/property damage accident, Bak Rd.  
2014 -- family trouble, N. Prairiegrass Ct.  
2035 -- family trouble, Park Estates Dr.  
2155 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
Also on this week's log are 76 traffic stops, 34 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Dec. 17:**  
0744 -- property damage accident, Main St.  
0843 -- miscellaneous complaint, W. Columbia  
1048 -- fraud, Loza Ln.  
1105 -- fraud, Main St.  
1108 -- fraud, Victorian Ln.  
1145 -- repossession, Potter Dr.  
1900 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
2002 -- miscellaneous complaint, Main St.

**Monday, Dec. 18:**  
0548 -- intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
0615 -- intrusion alarm, Main St.  
0849 -- family trouble, W. Waterbury Ct.  
1547 -- abandoned auto, High St.  
1742 -- assist fire dept., S. Liberty St.  
1954 -- assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

**Tuesday, Dec. 19:**  
0820 -- larceny, McBride  
1311 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park  
1454 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.  
1703 -- malicious destruction of property, Rose  
1857 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.  
2003 -- juvenile complaint, Main St.

**Wednesday, Dec. 20:**  
0918 -- mental subject, Harbour Pointe Dr.  
0947 -- intrusion alarm, Carmell

1215 -- narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.  
1614 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Edison  
1746 -- 911 welfare check, Fourth St.  
1800 -- traffic offense, Sumpter/Montague  
1846 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main/High  
2021 -- noise complaint, Carmell St.  
2059 -- family trouble, Horizon Park  
**Thursday, Dec. 21:**  
0001 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
0341 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
0840 -- intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.  
0925 -- larceny, N. Edgemont Ave.  
1034 -- intrusion alarm, Main St.  
1204 -- intrusion alarm, Main St.  
1325 -- motorist assist, Main St.  
1600 -- property damage accident, E. Davis/South  
1815 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
1910 -- assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.  
1944 -- traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.  
1955 -- parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
2231 -- civil matter, Brain St.

**Friday, Dec. 22:**  
0500 -- assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.  
0845 -- motorist assist, Belleville/Quirk  
1101 -- civil matter, San Carlos St.  
1342 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
1642 -- threat, Estrada  
1652 -- welfare check, Sumpter Rd.  
1807 -- motorist assist, Main/High  
1144 -- assist fire dept., Brain St.

**Saturday, Dec. 23:**  
0122 -- assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.  
0207 -- intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
1042 -- traffic offense, Main/High  
1206 -- abandoned auto, Belle Plaza  
1235 -- mental subject, N. Aberdeen Ct.  
1511 -- vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.  
1603 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1842 -- civil matter, Main St.  
1910 -- larceny, Oxford Ct.  
2106 -- assist fire dept., Main St.  
2253 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
Also on this week's log are 56 traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Dec. 17:**  
0216 - suspicious incident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
0248 -- 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0300 -- assist other agency, Bemis/Rawsonville  
0920 -- animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1018 -- larceny, Rustic Ln.  
1135 -- malicious destruction of property, Rustic Ln.  
1215 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1418 -- larceny, Carriage Ln.  
1531 -- larceny, Greenmeadow  
1953 -- civil dispute, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.  
2344 -- larceny, Edgewood

**Monday, Dec. 18:**  
0324 -- operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Willis  
0608 -- property damage accident, Judd/Bohn  
0720 -- threats complaint, Country Club Blvd.  
0743 -- alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
0752 -- suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
0908 -- suspicious vehicle, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.  
1002 -- property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis  
1004 -- fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1234 -- well-being check, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1456 -- animal complaint, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1712 -- alarm, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2336 -- citizen assist, Clark/Willow

**Tuesday, Dec. 19:**  
0646 -- suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
0823 -- property damage accident, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0919 -- civil dispute, Nevada  
0919 -- animal complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1027 -- larceny, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1106 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1314 -- well-being check, Wayside  
1636 -- civil dispute, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1738 -- found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2041 -- 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2125 -- breaking & entering, Mulberry

**Wednesday, Dec. 20:**  
0144 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0640 -- suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

0807 -- malicious destruction of property, Tamarack  
0840 -- warrant arrest pick up, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
0953 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1323 -- suspicious incident, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1419 -- suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1830 -- suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.  
**Thursday, Dec. 21:**  
0011 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township  
0426 -- warrant arrest pick up, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1022 -- civil dispute, Wyoming  
1408 -- citizen assist, out of township  
1439 -- citizen assist, Rawsonville/Oakville Waltz  
1506 -- assist other agency, Rustic Ln.  
1739 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1750 -- fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1752 -- disorderly person, 48000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1758 -- juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.

**Friday, Dec. 22:**  
0124 -- disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0913 -- fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1557 -- family trouble, Carriage Ln.  
1636 -- fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1713 -- citizen assist, 23000 Sumpter Rd.  
1930 -- threats complaint, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2122 -- parking complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
2326 -- suspicious incident, Carriage Ln.  
**Saturday, Dec. 23:**  
0547 -- alarm, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.  
0832 -- harassment complaint, Carriage Ln.  
0845 -- property damage accident, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1517 -- property damage accident, Sherwood/Willis  
1537 -- suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Judd  
1921 -- assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis  
2048 -- breaking & entering, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.  
2052 -- well-being check, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2236 -- property damage accident, Willis/Lohr  
2302 -- suspicious vehicle, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
2322 -- family trouble, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.

Also on this week's log are seven follow-up investigations, 34 miscellaneous details, 253 patrol checks, and 36 traffic stops.

## Change Makers

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Register for a Change Maker Boot Camp at [www.hrwc.org/changemakers](http://www.hrwc.org/changemakers).

Contact Kris Olsson at 734.769.5123 x607 or [kolsson@hrwc.org](mailto:kolsson@hrwc.org) to find out more.

The Change Maker Boot Camps are provided with support from the Americana Foundation for HRWC's efforts to educate and inspire residents to become local leaders in their communities.

The Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) is a nonprofit coalition of local communities, businesses, and residents established in 1965 to protect and restore the river for healthy and vibrant communities. Services include hands-on citizen education, technical assistance in policy development, and river protection and monitoring projects. HRWC leads RiverUp! and the Huron River Water Trail initiative. See [www.hrwc.org](http://www.hrwc.org).

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Ken and Kim Dahn, 86 Bedell, were honored for winning the "Balance of Belleville" award in the decorating contest. Presenting the award was Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria.



Carol Sundell accepted the award for the Sundell Family, 506 Harbour Pointe Drive, for the top home decorations in Harbour Pointe from Councilman Tom Smith.



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Oztman  
Winners in the Victorian Commons category of the Belleville Holiday Decorating Contest were honored by Mayor Kerreen Conley at the Dec. 18 city council meeting. They are Ronald, Sabrina and Travis Adkins, 461 Waterbury.



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The Morin Family at 77 Carmell were honored by Councilman Jesse Marcotte for having the top decorated home in the Mobile Home Parks category.



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