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Belleville Fire Fighters sue city, mayor, clerk

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Volunteer Firefighters Association and resident Matthew Loveland threw a monkey wrench into the dissolution of the city fire department by filing an emergency motion for a temporary restraining order in Wayne County Circuit Court and suing the city, the city clerk, and the mayor.

The temporary restraining order was due to be considered at Wayne County Circuit Court at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

The Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection and Medical Response Services between Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville, that was proposed to go into effect Jan. 1 and last for 10 years, was on the agenda of Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council.

It was also on the agenda of the VBT Board of Trustees for its work/study session on Monday afternoon and its Tuesday regular meeting.

But at the beginning of Monday's work/study, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara pulled the two items on the agenda concerning the agreement from both the Monday and Tuesday meetings.

Besides the agreement, there was an amendment to the current agreement for dispatch and lockup services to have that service also be 10 years, like the pending new agreement.

Supervisor McNamara told his board that there is a law suit involved now and, "It would be rude of us to discuss this until Belleville makes a concurrent offer."

But at the Belleville meeting, no law suit was mentioned as a large crowd asked questions about the proposed agreement with VBT for fire fighting and emergency medical services. Many in the crowd wore red stickers saying "I support the Belleville

Fire Department."

The city meeting was opened at city hall and then paused and reconvened at the Belleville High School Commons (cafeteria) where the large crowd could be seated.

Three television crews -- from channels 4, 7 and 20 -- also moved their camera equipment from city hall to BHS for the discussion on disbanding the city's 105-year-old fire department.

At the end of about two hours of lively discussion, Mayor Kerreen Conley agreed to put together a committee including Belleville Fire Chief Brian Loranger, VBT Fire Chief Amy Brow, and an expert or facilitator to discuss the proposal.

Chief Loranger said his concern was that the members of city council were not included in the discussions on the agreement. He said he thinks the council saw it maybe a week before he did.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said they had been talking with VBT since August and the city council first saw the proposed agreement on Nov. 13 and then Chief Loranger saw it on Nov. 17.

She said the fire fighters were not "pink slipped," as stated in the newspaper, but she said they were given 30 days notice that the city was "looking into" an intergovernmental agreement that could remove their jobs.

Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria said he and Councilman Jesse Marcotte talked about the agreement and he said they both agreed "this was a discussion that should have been a little more open."

He said Councilman Marcotte, who is a fire fighter for Northfield Township, can get an independent person to sit on a committee.

"It should have been done before this
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Independent photos by Bob Mytych

Santa came to Belleville on a Van Buren Township fire truck in Saturday's parade. He received the key to the city from Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, at left. With him on the stage were Parade Marshals George Craven and Doug Brown. At right is Christmas Carol.



Santa lit the city's Christmas tree in front of the museum after the parade.

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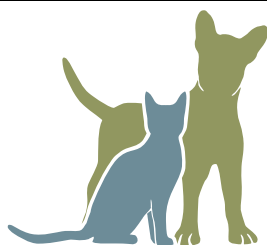
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT, City of Belleville planning commissions discuss master plans

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The planning commissions of Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville met in a hastily called joint session on Nov. 29 in the Belleville High School Commons.

The two-hour-and-41-minute meeting was also attended by six of the seven members of the township board and all five city council members. VBT Clerk Leon Wright was absent.

The city is finishing up work on its new master plan and the township is just beginning a year's worth of work on its master plan. The master plans for the two communities were to be the subject of the meeting.

Steve Jones, chairman of the city planning commission, was chosen as chairman of the meeting, but the agenda was presented by Ron Akers, director of the VBT planning and economic development department. Akers had the floor for most of the long meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara stood to explain why his township called the joint meeting.

"We don't have a downtown. We do have your downtown and you do have festivals," Supervisor McNamara said. "We know our governments will never be one government, but our community is one community."

VBT Trustee Sherry Frazier said this meeting is a "win-win situation for both communities" as they cooperate in their planning.

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley said the city is happy for the opportunity to cooperate.

Akers said he has been department director for two years at VBT and he asked the city planners to introduce themselves, which they did. City Building Official Rick Rutherford said he was attending in place of City Manager Diana Kollmeyer who was at a hospital where her husband was having a procedure.

Then members of the VBT planning commission introduced themselves, including Jeff Jahr, Jr., who said he had been on the commission for 14 minutes since this is his first meeting.

Also introduced were Patrick Sloan of McKenna Associates who is leading work on the VBT master plan; Dave Potter, the township's new engineer from Fishbeck, Thompson, Huber and Carr; Susan Ireland, executive director of the VBT Downtown Development Authority; and deputy DDA director Lisa Lothringer.

Akers explained the township's last

update was in 2006 and VBT has a lot of sub-area plans.

Along with work on the master plan, VBT is seeking a RRC certificate which used to be open only to towns with downtowns. Then, there is the Iron Belle Trail non-motorized walking/bicycle trail that goes from Belle Isle to Iron Mountain and will go through VBT and Belleville.

Akers spoke of an Agricultural and Open Space Plan, an Industrial Land Inventory, and PICA (Potential Intensity Change Area), a planning and marketing analysis of vacant or under-developed land to determine what the community wants and what can be developed.

Jones said in comparison to VBT's undeveloped space, the City of Belleville is pretty much built out. He said 10 years ago the city did a pretty extensive review of the master plan and five years ago it was reviewed and minor adjustments made. This year is the same, he said, noting the city is still on track and minor adjustments will be made.

Belleville Commissioner Matthew Wagner, who is chairman of the master plan sub-committee, said the city is just 2.2 square miles and they are tweaking and redefining the plan to craft a common goal.

"We're not where the city wanted to be, especially in the B-2 district which needs to be reworked," Wagner said. He said it is important to work with other communities. "It's becoming a global economy and we need to work collectively ... find what Belleville can do to assist the autonomous program at Willow Run... and dealing with the lake. It's Van Buren's, but Belleville shares it, as well."

"Every little scrap of space in Belleville is precious," said Belleville Commissioner Randy Priest, who also is on the master plan subcommittee. "We need more parking and must use every property wisely."

Akers explained the joint meeting was set because both communities were updating their master plans and geography has to be taken into consideration, along with consistency.

Akers said along Sumpter Road between the railroad tracks and Bemis, the properties are a maze of jurisdictions, with those in the city next to those in the township and then again parcels in the city next to those in the township.

"We have a goal not to have commercial in the south area of the township," Akers said.

He said there is a rumor of a big box store coming in on Sumpter Road south of Hull Road. It is rumored to be Kroger.

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At the beginning of Monday's Belleville City Council meeting, 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, at right, swore in the two councilmen who were elected to four years of office in the November election. At left is Jesse Marcotte and at right is Tom Fielder. At far left is a television cameraman from a Detroit station covering the fire department issue.

Fire Fighters

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point," Loria said.

"I think the fire department and the council can have some long talks," Loria continued. "Is the city ready for a millage? You want hometown service."

Several members of the audience said they would vote for a millage to keep the city fire department.

Councilman Tom Fielder defended the process followed, and said it was "not secret. How should we have done it? We've been talking about this for 15 years. We had to have discussions with VBT first."

A member of the audience asked why VBT officials weren't present to answer questions and Mayor Conley said VBT was not invited because this meeting was for the city to discuss the agreement.

Alex Corpolongo, a city resident, said he looked into what other communities have done and, "Is this allowed in the city charter?"

Belleville city attorney Steve Hitchcock replied, "My belief is it is permitted to enter into intergovernmental agreements."

Mayor Conley said the city entered into an intergovernmental agreement for dispatch and lockup services in 2006.

But, the law suit disputes that, saying under the city charter, the city council cannot enter into a 10-year agreement without voters approval.

The law suit, naming the City of Belleville, City Clerk Sherri Scharf, and Mayor Kerreen Conley was filed Nov. 30 and served on the defendants on Dec. 1. The motion for an emergency restraining order was then filed and was to be considered Dec. 6.

The case is before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge David A. Allen. A status conference in the law suit is set for 8 a.m., March 1, before Judge Allen.

The fire fighters retained attorney is Michael L. Ossy, who attended Monday's city council meeting.

The law suit claims a breach of the city charter by the defendants since it requires any contract for a period longer than one year be referred to the citizens in an election and approved by three-fifths of the electors prior to its execution.

The charter also requires that established departments of city government shall provide for the public peace and health and for the safety of persons and property.

Also, the city manager, not the mayor, is responsible for the administration and direction of all Belleville departments. The mayor negotiated the agreement with VBT, according to the law suit, which was beyond her authority.

The fire fighters ask for a preliminary injunction as well as a permanent injunction to prohibit Mayor Conley and Clerk Scharf from executing the proposed contract with VBT.

"Most pressing is the fact that the proposed agreement will dissolve the city's 105-year-old Fire Department," reads the brief for an emergency restraining order. "In addition, without an order, the Mayor and City will be unimpeded in blatantly ignoring the clear and unambiguous language of the charter. It will create a situation where the citizens of Belleville not only lose their right to franchise on this issue, but will also lose their City fire department without approval or any real notice."

OPINIONS

Editorial

VB T getting ready to OK landfill pact

Van Buren Township residents will be paying the bill for their trash pickup if the township board approves the fifth amendment to the Waste Management Host Agreement on the landfill -- which it is poised to do.

Under the current agreement, residents get free trash, yard waste, and recycling pickup until the landfill closes. If the new agreement is signed, residents will get free pickup until 2025, when the landfill was expected to close, and then have to pay for it. If the new agreement isn't signed, Waste Management said the landfill will close and the township will get nothing.

What Waste Management wants to do is close its golf course on Ecorse Road and dump trash there, too. It doesn't have any use for the golf club building, so it will lease it to VB T for a dollar a year, along with giving the township \$5,000 a year to maintain it.

The use of the golf course for trash will expand the Woodlands landfill from its current 269 acres, adding 200 more acres.

Waste Management is heaping funds upon the township to get it to sign up. There's \$8 million cash, plus higher tipping fees, a new grant of \$20,000 a year for senior programs, a new \$250,000 a year for special projects, plus the grants it used to give, and other money, about \$250 million in benefits to the township over the next 40 years. But no free pickup.

The township will discuss the landfill agreement at its Dec. 18 work/study session and its Dec. 19 regular meeting before voting. If you're interested, come to the meetings and speak up.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

VB T Supervisor Kevin McNamara invites any of the township residents to come to his office to talk to him about the pending new landfill agreement with Waste Management, that he plans on getting approved at the Dec. 19 township board meeting. He said he will even go to their houses to talk to them about the landfill.

Some of the board members think he is in too big of a hurry, since this agreement was first discussed Monday at the workshop meeting and then again on Tuesday at the regular meeting. This agreement is slightly different than the one presented over a year ago and then never again discussed publicly.

"Time kills all deals," Supervisor McNamara said Monday. "Every time we kick it down the road ... We've been doing this for four years." Of course, he has only been supervisor for under a year, but he referred to previous administrations.

The current landfill agreement is good for another eight years, but Waste Management needs to get state and county approvals for expanding the landfill into the golf course it owns and the mitigation of the wetlands is sure to take a few years.

Trustee Miller said this big decision is being made during the busiest month of the year when people are busy with Christmas. She said some people, the snowbirds, aren't even in the state this time of year.

She suggested putting the decision off until January. "One more meeting. What's the hurry?"

Clerk Leon Wright, who supports the amendment said he doesn't think they need to delay the decision. "Our residents are not stupid. They know what's going on." He said the board meetings are televised live



and the township budget is on the website. "How open can we be?"

Supervisor McNamara said, "I'm not postponing the vote just to get a couple extra people." Then he repeated: "I'll meet with anybody." And, asked me to put that in the paper.

The *Detroit Free Press* reported that Canton Township elected officials turned down a 2% raise for 2018 that matched the raise to the rest of the employees because there are so many pressing things the township has to deal with, specifically crumbling roads.

The decision to reject the pay increase comes just one year after the board wages were slashed 5% by the previous board, following a study of salaries for elected officials in suburban communities.

As you may recall, the Van Buren Township elected officials recently gave themselves a 2.5% raise in the upcoming budget year, to match the raise for the rest of the employees.

It's too bad Belleville's Winterfest is actually held in the fall (winter begins Dec. 21) when its ice sculptures are vulnerable to warm temperatures. If you didn't get a good look at the sculptures downtown early Saturday morning, by afternoon there was water running from the melting ice under the 51-degree temperature and the bright sunshine. The sculptures now are gone. Winterfest really should be held in a

cold month -- in winter -- like January or February to bring people to town during the times shoppers like to stay home by the fireplace and business is slow.

We think the problem is that Winterfest actually is our Christmas celebration, but the Chamber of Commerce is being politically correct by calling it something generic. If it's not a Christmas event, get rid of Santa, the lighting of the city Christmas tree, and the live nativity scene over at the Methodist Church.

Why not just say, "Merry Christmas," and be honest about it.

At last Monday's Belleville City Council meeting at the BHS Commons concerning the mayor's plan to dissolve the Belleville Fire Department and let VB T Fire Department handle services to the city, someone mentioned the railroad track between VB T Station 1 and the city and the I-94 freeway between VB T Station 2 and the city. If the tracks are blocked, or there is a problem on the freeway, VB T fire department would be impeded from getting to the city. Everyone agreed there were more details to consider before dissolving the 105-year-old Belleville Fire Department.



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Letters

Danke! Merci! Aligato! to all who helped

To the editor:

Danke! Merci! and Aligato! only begin to express a modicum of appreciation to the following people who did a fantastic job in fund raising for the Veterans Memorial "Bring Our Boys Home" names and a start on the necessary repairs.

Grazie! to Kathie Steigerwald for she was responsible for all the arrangements for the spaghetti dinner (cooked by Home Land Security) fundraiser and events held at the benevolence of the Belleville Moose Lodge.

Gracias and Megkoszon to the donors for the Chinese auction. And a big dziekowac to Ms. Theresa McCuean for all her hard work (the grunt stuff that makes everything run smoothly); plus Ms. Nancy Summers, whose donated quilt generated 50% of the total revenue!

And whence did those dollars come? From the generosity of the citizens of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren!

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(Can you identify the French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Polish, or Romanian?)

Cornell Anton, Jr.
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Warms my heart to meet such joyous, kind people

To the editor:

It warms my heart to meet such joyous kind people in our community.

On Dec. 1 my two-year-old daughter and I were in the checkout line at Meijer on Belleville Road. The lines were kind of long and my daughter was getting a little rambunctious, as toddlers do. We were lucky enough to meet a wonderful couple who were so kind and so helpful. They were so nice and so caring and complete strangers to us.

I had to place a toy back that I didn't have the money to purchase. Out of the kindness of their hearts they purchased that toy for my daughter. It caught me off guard. Their small acts of kindness truly touched my heart.

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Democrats thank all for attending holiday party

To the editor:

The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democrats would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" to all that helped make our annual holiday party a successful, nearly sold-out event!

Guests began arriving and mingling around 6 p.m. Democratic candidate for Governor, Gretchen Whitmer and Democratic candidate for Attorney General, Dana Nessel, joined us and told participants of their qualifications, goals, and campaigns to win and make a difference in 2018. Gretchen and Dana mingled with the crowd, listened to concerns and answered questions.

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, unable to join us due to schedule conflicts, had plenty of staff on hand to represent her. (Other candidates were invited, but unable to join us due to scheduling.)

Other special guests included State Reps. Darrin Camilleri, Erika Geiss, former State Rep. Doug Geiss, Kristy Pagan, former State Rep. Bill LaVoy and his wife, Monroe City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle LaVoy, Van Buren Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Clerk Leon Wright and Trustees Kevin Martin and Paul White. Steve Rzeppa, Trenton Mayor Pro-Tem, Dian Slavens, Canton Twp. Treasurer and her husband Circuit Court Judge Mark Slavens, Canton Twp. Trustee Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, and 34th District Judge Dave Parrott also joined in the festivities.

Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by local caterer, Deb's Catering. After dinner, it was off to a little friendly Christmas Cookie competition, where Michelle LaVoy took the honors! Guests enjoyed the silent auction and raffle, taking home lots of great prizes.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all the local merchants and members that donated generously, among them: Atchinson Ford, Eagle Crest Golf Course, Eagle Crest Marriott, Garden Fantasy, McShane's, Rollers' Skate Park, Romulus Athletic Center, Willow Road Party Store, Woodlands of Van Buren, JT's Pub & Grub, Leo's Coney Island, Sassy Sissors Salon, Van Buren Clerk Leon Wright, and Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous. Also a special shout out to UAW Local 898 members for allowing us to use their lovely hall and to Region 1A Director Rory Gamble for his continued support.

We hope you will mark your calendars and join us when our Membership meetings resume, Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fair Grounds Dining Hall as we gear up to make positive changes with the 2018 elections!

On behalf of the Southwestern Wayne (County) Democrat Executive Board and Membership, we wish you all a very safe, happy and blessed holiday season!
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Free professional photos with Santa will take place on Dec. 9 and Dec. 16, from noon to 4 p.m. each day at the Belleville Area Museum. The event is put on by the Belleville Central Business Community and sponsored by Genisys Credit Union and Tucker Agency. Santa will also visit with children and take pictures at the Belleville District Library on Monday, Dec. 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Dave's Treasure Trove on East Huron River Drive in Belleville is offering 50% off all sports memorabilia just in time for holiday shopping. They've got lots of cool, one-of-a-kind items and collectibles such as trains, tools, more. They're open Tuesday through Saturday, from noon until 5 p.m. Call (734) 699-4438.

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Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter is holding pet adoption clinics this Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Pet Emporium at 2394 E. Stadium Street in Ann Arbor, and a week from Saturday, Dec. 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Petco Pet Store in Westland on Warren Avenue across from the mall. Call (734) 461-9458. They're also offering basic obedience classes in January. Call for more info.

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Obituaries



Deborah Ann Northrup

DEBORAH ANN NORTHRUP

(December 16, 1967 - November 24, 2017)
Deborah Ann Northrup, 49, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, passed away on Friday, November 24, 2017 at U of M Hospital.

Born December 16, 1967 in Jackson, Michigan, she was the daughter of Charles Snellenburger and Patricia Snellenburger.

She fought strong beside her kids and grandbabies, with the illness of Cancer. Survived by one son Timothy Joseph Northrup; one daughter Patricia Northrup; three grandbabies, Brayden, Timmy Joe, and Zachary; and two sisters Helen and Chrissy.

Debbie asked for a celebration, not a funeral. She always stayed positive and wanted us to think positive. We will be setting up a get together to celebrate her 50th Birthday.

"She will Always be on our minds and forever in our hearts."

<https://www.gofundme.com/deborah-northrup-cremation>



Catherine Elizabeth Cameron

CATHERINE E. CAMERON

(April 15, 1945 - December 2, 2017)

Catherine Elizabeth Cameron, age 72, long-time Belleville resident, passed away Saturday, December 2, 2017 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born April 15, 1945 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Francis Anthony & Mary Elizabeth (Andreassen) Prais.

After high school graduation, Cathie attended Detroit College of Business, now Davenport University. She was church secretary for many years at Trinity Episcopal Church and First United Methodist Church, both in Belleville. She was a former member of the Garden Club and loved gardening and genealogy.

Cathie is survived by her devoted husband of nearly 50 years, Robert G. Cameron; daughter Elizabeth Cameron of Belleville, MI and son Robert A. (Amy) Cameron of Saline, MI; grandson Sean Farnum; also sister Barbara Smith of Menominee, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the family would be appreciated.

ANDREW JAMES WILLIAMS

(August 23, 1972 - November 27, 2017)

Age 45 of Ypsilanti, died suddenly. Survivors include his wife Heather; four children Emily, Kyle, Riley, Ben; father John Williams. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
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EDWARD HAROLD CHRUSCIAL

(July 1, 1945 - December 2, 2017)

Age 72, Canton, served in U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam conflict. Survived by 5 children, 9 grandchildren. Visitation Friday at David C. Brown Funeral Home. Funeral 11 a.m. Saturday at New Hope Church, Canton.
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ULUS EDWARD NOE

(October 13, 1949 - December 2, 2017)

Age 68, of Willis. Survived by three daughters, one like-a-son, seven grandchildren, one great-grandson, nine siblings. Cremation rites accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Celebration of Life planned.
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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Dec. 7** – Ladies' Shopping Night in Downtown Belleville, 6-9 p.m.

• **Saturday, Dec. 9** – "It's Time for Caroling" at 7 p.m. at the Belleville First United Methodist Church by the Belleville Community Chorus, with Children's Chorus and Teen Ensemble. Free.

• **Saturday, Dec. 9** – You are invited to visit the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m., this month in the Senior Center cafeteria at the Van Buren Township Hall. All levels of sewers are welcome and there are lots of different projects.

• **Saturdays, Dec. 9 and 16** – Free Christmas photos with Santa at the museum, noon to 4 p.m. Also, Children's Christmas Ornament Workshop both days at noon, 1:15 and 2:30 p.m. at \$2 per child per day.

• **Sunday, Dec. 10** – "Waco Band" entertains with live music from 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben, (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918

• **Monday, Dec. 11** – Santa will be at the Belleville Area District Library from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Kids -- if you are too shy to whisper in Santa's ear, just bring your hand-written wish list!)

• **Wednesday, Dec. 13** – Eleventh-Annual Belleville High School College and Career Fair, 6-8 p.m., BHS Commons.

• **Sunday, Dec. 17** – "Jay Frandsen & Saxophone" entertains with live music from 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben, (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918. Final concert of the year.

• **Sunday, Dec. 24** – No live music at September Days Senior Center because it's Christmas Eve.

• **Thursday, Dec. 28** – Free Community Dinner from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at Willow United Methodist Church and God Works Family Soup Kitchen, 36925 E. Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. willowchurch.org

Master Plans

(continued from page 3)

Jones said a Kroger store had been considered for downtown Belleville in the past, but that didn't work out. He said the gas station at Hull has been rebuilt and a new fire hall built at Hull.

Jones said people in the city would like a grocery store this side of the lake, but the city will never have that kind of property available.

Akers asked if commercial south of Belleville would be detrimental to the city. "No," Jones said. "It would be a positive and add more services to this part of Belleville Road... And, it could attract smaller stores into the city."

The groups discussed a number of topics, including more senior housing along Sumpter Road.

Supervisor McNamara said, "There is money from HUD. There is money for that, but you have to have a downtown. ... They have real nice rooms."

In discussing the agenda item on the township's opportunity to support downtown Belleville, Akers referred to Belleville as a cultural center.

"I am sick and tired of driving down Main Street and having blight," said VBT Trustee Frazier. "Sorry, I'm a frank person." She detailed how Wyandotte toughed up and now it is a completely different community than it was 10-15 years ago.

She said in Wyandotte, "that Sam guy can't get away with having those buildings" that are deteriorating.

"It's the armpit at the beginning of the city," agreed Belleville Commissioner Priest. "Bingo! You're right on."

Frazier asked how long the ice cream store has been vacant and Rutherford said they have an approved plan for a new facade, but work has not begun.

When asked about the DNR property on the north side of the Belleville Bridge, Supervisor McNamara said VBT currently is in negotiations with the DNR.

"We want to buy it for a dollar and they are deciding on the price," McNamara said. He said it will be a park and community building, "something right next to our downtown, but with our Van Buren Township name on it."

Belleville Commissioner John Juriga, who also sits on the Belleville Area District Library Board, said when the library was looking at that site for a new library, the DNR offered to sell it to the library for \$300,000, which was what they paid for it. And, then the DNR would give the library \$300,000 for the fishing docks.

When asked about the route of the Iron Belle trail, Akers said in VBT it would be from the Metropark on the east, along East Huron River Drive to the city where it would use the city sidewalks out West Columbia to West Huron River Drive to Rawsonville Road, where the Washtenaw County route would begin.

City Councilman Jesse Marcotte said businesses in Belleville don't look good from the lake. He said Hayward's is the most used lake business and the city should bring up the design standards for the people.

"It's called 'Downtown on the Lake,' but it doesn't look good from the lake," Councilman Marcotte said.

In discussing the lake, Supervisor McNamara said, "We have not decided to lower the lake." He said the main reason for that is gone, without explaining. He said he'd like to work on the Denton Road bridge and fix up other areas. He said the proposal has been taken to the Environmental Commission for a recommendation.

Commissioner Juriga said in 1980 the lake was lowered and it compromised seawalls.

McNamara said it was lowered too long. He said the lake has an eroding shoreline.

Juriga said it would be fun again to have a river boat and Akers asked about it, like he never had heard about it.

"It sank in Belleville Lake," said

"Behold, a virgin will be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, God with us."
(Matthew 1:23)

Commissioner Wagner.

"At the dock," said VBT resident CeJay Marshall from the audience.

VBT Trustee Paul White said the draw down of the lake in 1980s was for a fish kill. He said they drew it down 14 to 17 feet and it did create a problem with the seawalls and causeway to the bridge. He cautioned the township as to the amount of draw down on the lake. He said they should have professional help in any draw down.

"Belleville Lake has a unique character," Trustee White said. He said he would like VBT to give all the commissioners a copy of the year-old lake ordinance.

Jones said it is good to have dialogue and a joint meeting and he would like to continue that in the future. He said lately there has been a renewed impetus to have general conversations between the city and the township.

He said the DDAs are cooperating and the supervisor and mayor have had numerous conversations.

"I would like to see Sumpter Township here," said Juriga of the meeting of the planning commissions. "We have a lot in common."

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VBT DDA votes to convert streetlights in streetscape to LED

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority voted unanimously at its Nov. 28 meeting to convert the 72 streetlights on Belleville Road to LED, but to keep the aesthetically pleasing look of the present teardrop design.

DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland presented three proposals from DTE, two of which involved removing and replacing all 72 streetlight poles.

The cost of selected Option A is \$153,384, which covers materials and labor and five sets of replacement parts for the DDA stockpile.

Director Ireland said due to design changes since 2001 when the streetlights were installed, converting them to LED will require replacing the roadway arm and teardrop fixture.

The return on investment would be 4.9 years.

The DDA is still responsible to purchase replacement parts and file insurance claims. Average cost to replace a pole is about \$8,700.

"When we file an insurance claim, we have a \$1,000 deductible, as well as the cost of staff time to process and follow the claim," Ireland reported. She said she checked and found only eight poles had to be replaced since 2001.

The DDA pays an annual cost of \$57,994 for electric service to the streetlights and with the option chosen the estimated annual savings with LEDs would be \$30,824.40.

Ireland said this would be a 2018 project, with March being the earliest start date possible if it is ordered now.

DDA Chairman Craig Atchinson said both his business and Meijer's put in Option C, which was more utilitarian and with more light.

That option was to remove the 72 existing poles and replace them with stock black poles each with an Autobahn Series black luminaire at a total project cost of \$191,205 and ROI of 6.4 years. The luminaire is flat and functional. Under that option, DTE would have sole responsibility to repair or replace poles and luminaires. The DDA would no longer be required to insure the poles, file claims of any kind or maintain a stockpile of replacement parts.

"Option C makes the most sense," Atchinson said.

"It's the most prudent move," agreed DDA member Helen Foster.

"It makes the most sense," Atchinson repeated.

"I don't think you want to blend in with Meijer," said vice chairman Carol Bird.

"Menards will have something similar," said DDA member Ron Blank.

"Driving down the road, I like the teardrop better," said Bird.

Foster said, it was a matter of business vs. aesthetics and you can't add a banner on the utilitarian poles. The poles would have to be altered.

"The teardrop fixture was selected by this board for aesthetics," said Blank. "It's part of the beauty of Belleville Road. They get knocked down once in awhile ... My vote it to keep what we have. Keep the tear drop."

Atchinson said Option C makes more sense, "but I agree with the others on the look."

Blank made the motion to go with Option A, which entailed transferring \$125,000 from 2017 street lighting to 2018 street lighting and authorize the township supervisor, a DDA member, to execute Option A to the DTE Master Agreement.

In other business in the half-hour meeting, the DDA:

- Heard Ireland report the Belleville Road pedestrian crossing over I-94 will have bids let in March and will begin construction after the Strawberry Festival and be complete by the end of November. She said there will be single lane closures and a limited number of ramp closures during the "setting of the beams." MDOT stated they will plan these occurrences to take place at off-peak times as much as possible. Also they will make every effort to limit the impact on local events such as the VBT fireworks, Strawberry Festival, Wayne County Fair, Air Show, and college/professional sporting events;
- Heard Ireland report the Belleville Road

Placemaking project received preliminary site plan approval from the VBT planning commission at its Oct. 25 meeting. There have been some modifications to the site plan, most notably the inclusion of four parking spaces. Two of them will be handicap striped to put additional parking closer to the principle structure. A brick column will be included at each driveway and a decorative wall by the four new parking spaces in the same material used to construct the sign and driveway columns. The job is expected to be bid in January;

- Heard Ireland report the DDA is working to prepare documents for inclusion in the

township's Capital Improvement Plan, which will be updated yearly. This will identify and plan for capital expenditures/projects of \$20,000 or greater which are expected to be expended within a six-year period; and

- Heard Assistant Director Lisa Lothringer report that she received another scholarship from SEMCOG to attend the final module in the Grant Writing / Management series, a two-day workshop on Grant Management. She also reported attending a meeting discussing the possibility of putting together something similar to the Art Prize in Grand Rapids, that was suggested to the Belleville DDA.



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Court Watching:**Jonathon Wilson bound over on six counts of Crim. Sexual Conduct**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Jonathon Glenn Wilson, 33, has been bound over to circuit court for trial on

six counts of criminal sexual conduct in the City of Belleville in 2016 -- three first degree CSC and three second degree.

On Nov. 29, 34th District Court Judge David Parrott held a preliminary exam for Wilson with one witness testifying. Then he declared there was probable cause to believe the crimes were committed and Wilson may have committed them.

Wilson has been held in the Wayne County Jail without bond since his arrest

in October and Judge Parrott continued the denied bond and set his arraignment on the information at circuit court for Dec. 6. He was referred to pre-trial services for a bond review.

Present at the preliminary exam were Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Bruce Elsey, retained defense attorney Ezra Goldman, Belleville Police Cpl. Todd Schrencengost, and defendant Wilson. For the exam, Judge Parrott cleared the courtroom of everyone except for four people supporting the witness and the press.

Artice Jemetta Black

Artice Jemetta Black, 27, waived her preliminary exam on a charge of being in possession of a taser on Nov. 16 in Van Buren Township and was bound over to circuit court for a Dec. 13 arraignment on the information. Her personal recognition bond of \$1,000 was continued.

Talicia Lalonda Harris

Talicia Lalonda Harris, 28, was present via video from the Wayne County Jail, but she couldn't be heard. She communicated with head nods. Her probable cause hearing was adjourned until Dec. 13 and her

preliminary exam until Dec. 20 because her court-appointed attorney David Lankford wasn't available until then. She was being held without bond and that was continued.

The felony counts against Harris are: 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.

Charles Michael Reinbolt

Charles Michael Reinbolt, 57, who is lodged in the Wayne County Jail on \$500,000 bond, had his preliminary exam reset to Jan. 10. The defense attorney needs a video as soon as possible to study for the defense of his client.

Reinbolt is charged with armed robbery, unlawful imprisonment, possession of a weapon by a felon, and three felony firearm counts on Nov. 13 in the City of Belleville.

Ryan Dean Simpson

Ryan Dean Simpson, 25, waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for a Dec. 13 arraignment on the information. He is charged with delivery/manufacture of a non-narcotic

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City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 27, 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

Representing the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Karen Mida presented a check for \$1,123.83 for the City's participation in the recent Chamber golf outing.

Scarecrow Contest Winners

Mayor Conley acknowledged the following winners of the annual Scarecrow Contest:

Business Category:	Healing
Forest Massage & Wellness	
Families/Individuals:	Jackson
& Jillian Widman	
Youth Groups/Organizations:	
BHS Class of 2020	
Adult Groups/Organizations:	
Belleville Area Garden Club	

Council follow up list	None
Citizen Comments	None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Smith, second by Marcotte to approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of November 6th and special meeting minutes of November 13th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS	None
7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES	None
8. GENERAL BUSINESS	

A. Doane's Landing Seawall Repair Bids
City Clerk Sherri Scharf opened the only bid received from E.C. Korneffel Company (Trenton, MI) for \$339,230.00. A separate charge for \$2,790 was listed for lining the drain with Geotech fabric.

In response to a Council Member's question, DPS Director Rick Rutherford stated the bid included all seawall repair work except for concrete, soil restoration, and reinstalling fencing and benches. He was surprised that companies he knew were considering the project did not actually submit a bid. Council Member Fielder recommended that the matter be referred to Administration for follow-up, and City Manager Kollmeyer said that they will reevaluate and have a plan before Council probably by the second meeting in December.

B. WCA Assessing Contract Renewal
Doug Shaw, WCA Managing Partner, addressed the Council about contract renewal stating that the accessing services contract is the same as previous years except there will be a 2% rate increase, bringing the contract total to \$22,430. Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to adopt Resolution No. 17-095 approving renewal of the existing WCA Assessing contract for services.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Mayor's Appointments to Boards & Commissions

Mayor Conley recommended that Jason Mida be appointed to the DDA and Claude Partridge Jr. be appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Both were present at the meeting. Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to adopt Resolution No. 17-096 appointing Jason Mida be appointed to the DDA with a term ending 12/31/19 and Claude Partridge Jr. be appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term ending 12/31/20.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 17-097 for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 for a total of \$134,971.28.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Intergovernmental agreement with Van Buren Township for fire protection services.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: December 4, 2017

Published: December 7, 2017

Pop-up Shop set at Chamber of Commerce for Thurs., Dec. 7

As part of the Ladies Shopping Night in Downtown Belleville on Thursday, Dec. 7, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will host a Pop-up Shop with local artwork and other items from 6 to 9 p.m.

Local artists and vendors will be selling everything from brightly colored snakes and reptiles to afghans, note cards, hand-woven baskets, beaded jewelry, repurposed vintage goods, clothing, accessories, and merchandise from the Belleville Area Museum. Light refreshments will be served.

On hand with their work will be Jean Morris, Debbie Juriga, Tim Marsh, Kelly Skinner, and Nancy Cooper.

The Chamber is located at 248 Main Street, Belleville.

Moose Lodge invites public to join them for New Year's Eve party

The public is invited to celebrate New Year's Eve at the Moose Lodge #934, located at the corner of Sumpter and Harris roads in Sumpter Township.


Cost is \$20 per person and \$25 after Dec. 20. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and pizza and champagne at midnight. The Southern Heat band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

For more information, call (734) 325-7799. Space is limited.

Santa will be at District Library on Dec. 11

Santa will be at the Belleville Area District Library from 6:30-8p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11.

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Court watching

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drug and possession of marijuana in the City of Belleville on Jan. 3, 2014. His retained attorney is Amer Hakim. Simpson is free after posting his \$10,000/10% bond.

William Joseph Tompkins

William Joseph Tompkins, 39, waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Dec. 6. Tompkins is charged with possession of narcotics and second-degree retail fraud in Van Buren Township. He is lodged in the Wayne County Jail with bond of \$10,000/10%.

Court-appointed defense attorney David Lankford said several holds on Tompkins were "floating around."

The sound also was gone from Tompkins' side in his video from the jail, but he could hear the judge and his attorney and he communicated with single and double thumbs up and nods.

Alexandria Sharon Rich

Alexandria Sharon Rich, 23, waived her preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court on Dec. 6. She is charged with unarmed robbery and larceny in a building in Van Buren Township on July 17.

She was lodged on bond of \$20,000/10% and was brought to the courtroom in jail attire. Her court-appointed attorney David Lankford said the VBT detective had no objection to personal bond for Rich, but release must include an in-patient treatment program for substance abuse. Also, there should be no contact with her mother, the victim, and the co-victim.

Judge Parrott reset her bond to a \$20,000 personal recognizance bond with release only to a substance abuse facility.

Her co-defendant, with the same charges on the same day, is Jamie Joe Wood, 24, who has yet to be arrested.

NAACP to gather at WCCC on Saturday for meeting, holiday lunch

The NAACP will meet at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Wayne County Community College Campus at 9555 Haggerty Road in Van Buren Township for its Michigan State Conference annual meeting. A holiday luncheon and awards will follow at 1:30 p.m.

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Pre-mixer at the Holiday Inn Express began at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation at 7:16 p.m. by Treasurer Budd. Dinner was served.

Opening Remarks at 7:45 p.m. by Supervisor McNamara welcoming the committee, commission members and guests followed by a Video Presentations by the Van Buren Cable Department highlighting Township projects, development, programs, events, assets and amenities.

The following Board, Committee and Commission members were present: Board of Trustees: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. September Days Senior Endowment Committee members: Ireland and Sobecki, Water and Sewer Commission members: Rochowiak, Speaks and Partridge, Parks and Recreation Committee members: Belanger, Wall, Coleman, and Willoby, O'Neil, Local Development Financing Authority members: Armstrong, Covington, Barker and Dotson, Downtown Development Authority: Atchinson, Bird, Baskin, Foster and Delibera, Environmental Commission members: Brownlee, Gibson; Planning Commission members: Franzoi, Thompson, Boyton, Atchinson and Jahr, Board of Review members: Netro and Speaks. Board of Zoning Appeals members: McKenna, Kelley, Boynton, Sellers and former member Miller. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Confidential Secretary Belanger, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers, Recreation Director Wright and Deputy Director Zaenglein, Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Executive Assistant Selman, Public Services Director Taylor, Senior Director Jordan, Senior Coordinator McBride, DDA Director Ireland and Deputy Director Lothringer, Water and Sewer Superintendent Ladd, Cable Director McCracken and staff members Bleifeld and Carnacchi, Committee/Commission secretaries Grishaber, Harman, Pecsénye, and Price and thirty guests, more or less.

Senior Director Jordan provided an overview of the Endowment Committee, thanked committee members for their services, thanked Senior Coordinator McBride, and recognized the following members: Ireland, Korgal, Sobecki, Thompson, Wylie and Board liaison Miller.

Public Services Director Taylor provided an overview of the Water and Sewer Commission, thanked Superintendent Ladd, thanked recording secretary Pecsénye, thanked commission members for their service and recognized the following members: Rochowiak, Speaks, Graf, Partridge and Board liaison Frazier.

Recreation Director Wright provided an overview of the Recreation Committee, thanked Deputy Director Zaenglein, recording secretary Price, thanked committee members for their service and recognized the following members: Coleman, Belanger, Willoughby, O'Neill, Nofz, Student Rep Nofz, Wall and Board liaison Wright

Wayne County Community College President, and LDFA Chairman, Dodson provided an overview of the Local Development Financing Authority, thanked committee members for their service and recognized the following members: Armstrong, Covington, Peters,

Delaney, Williams, Barker, Dobriansky and Board liaison McNamara.

DDA Director Ireland provided an overview of the Downtown Development Authority highlighting the projects forthcoming and those completed, thanked Assistant Director Lothringer, thanked committee members for their service and recognized the following members: Atchinson, Bird, Brown, Baskin, Blank, Foster, Delibera, Laginess, Chappell and the recent appointment of Rochowiak.

Planning and Economic Development Director Akers provided an overview of the Planning Commission, thanked the commission members for their service, thanked Deputy Director Best, thanked Township engineering consultants of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, thanked Township Planning consultants of McKenna and Associates and recognized the following members: Kelley, Boynton, Franzoi, Thompson, Atchinson, the recent appointment of Jahr, and Board liaison Budd.

Planning and Economic Development Director Akers provided an overview of the Environmental Commission, thanked the commission members for their service and recognized the following members: Brownlee, Debuck, Gibson, Merritt, Empke, the recent appointment of Ross, and Board appointed liaison White.

Planning and Economic Development Director Akers provided an overview of the Zoning Board of Appeals, thanked the committee members for their service and recognized the following members: Barnabei, Grissett, Senters, McKenna, Kelley, Boynton, Sellers and Board liaison Martin.

Planning and Economic Development Director Akers provided an overview of the Construction Board of Appeals, thanked the committee

members for their service and recognized the following members: Davenport and Osier.

Assessing Coordinator Stevenson provided an overview of the Board of Review, thanked committee members for their service and recognized the following members: Netro, Jensen, Roesch and Speaks

Closing remarks by Supervisor McNamara thanking Township staff for their dedication, committee/commission members for their service and commitment to developing and improving Van Buren Township, guests in attendance and the following sponsors of event: McKenna & Associates, Edward Jones, Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho P.L.C., Gasiorek, Morgan, Greco, Mccauley & Kotzian P.C., Van Buren DDA, Van Buren Board of Trustees, Holiday Inn and Angel Food Catering. Brief video presentation highlighting Van Buren Township.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

BHS home games

Here are upcoming Belleville High School home athletic events:

- Thursday, Dec. 7 -- Boys Swim & Dive, 6 p.m., against Livonia Churchill
- Friday, Dec. 8 -- Girls JV Basketball, 5:30 p.m., against Monroe. Also, Girls Varsity Basketball, 7 p.m., against Monroe
- Tuesday, Dec. 12 -- Boys Freshman & JV Basketball, 5:30 p.m., against Lincoln. Also, Boys Varsity Basketball, 7 p.m., against Lincoln
- Wednesday, Dec. 13 -- Boys JV Wrestling, 5:30 p.m., Quad. Also, Boys Varsity Wrestling, 7 p.m., Quad. Also, Boys Ice Hockey, 7 p.m., against St. Mary Catholic Central at Brownstown Sport Center

Public Notice

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Wayne **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** **Decedent's Estate** **FILE NO. 2017-832017-DE**

Estate of Joyce Ann Cupp, deceased.
Date of birth: 06-12-1951

TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Joyce Ann Cupp, who lived at 46723 Judd Rd., Belleville, Michigan, died 08-26-2017.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Carolyn Pate, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1307 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Detroit, MI 48226 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 12-07-17

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The proposed project consists of vinyl siding, soffit, windows, trim and gutters at the Parks & Recreation Building located at 24560 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

Sealed bids will be received by:

Esther Hurst, Township Clerk

Sumpter Township

23480 Sumpter Road

Belleville, Michigan 48111

Until Friday, January 19, 2018 at 1:30pm (local time)

Bids shall be publicly opened and read on:

Friday, January 19, 2018 at 2:00pm (local time)

Sumpter Township Clerk's Office

23480 Sumpter Road

Belleville, Michigan 48111

Specification for the building may be obtained at the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

**Township of Sumpter
Esther Hurst, Township Clerk**

Publish: December 7, 14 & 21, 2017



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Sumpter Township Public Notice

SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

The Township of Sumpter, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, is seeking sealed bids for snow removal of sidewalks, driveways, handicap ramps using Wayne County grant monies.

Bids must include the following:

- 1) Commercial Vehicle insurance for all vehicles used.
- 2) List of equipment used to provide snow removal.
- 3) Employer Federal Tax I.D.
- 4) Copy of Business License.
- 5) List of all drivers and their drivers' license numbers.
- 6) Liability insurance naming Sumpter Township as an additional insured. To be provided also from each contractor, if subcontractors are used to provide snow removal.
- 7) Workers compensation certificate if employees are used to provide service.
- 8) Payment to be supplied from Wayne County Grant Funds - all regulations to be complied with.
- 9) Sealed bids to be submitted to Township Clerks Office by December 7, 2017 at 3:00 pm. Bids to be opened December 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

The Township of Sumpter is an equal opportunity employer.

Publish November 30, 2017 and December 7, 2017

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

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

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Homestead exemption status; and
- 3) Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to December 12, 2017.

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: November 22, 2017

Publish: November 30, 2017
December 7, 2017

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Dec. 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons
- Tuesday, Dec. 12 – Van Buren Township 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 Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 13 – Van Buren Township

Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Dec. 14 – Keystone Academy Board of Education, 6 p.m., Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m., quarterly meeting. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Dec. 18 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Dec. 19 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Dec. 20 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes November 14, 2017

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Barnes, LaPorte, Oddy, Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak and approximately 17 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Hurst, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Agenda with the following amendments:

Edit - A. Consider approval to purchase Open Mako Cascade system for the re-filling of breathing air bottles used on the fire department air-packs for the cost of \$23,417.57 quotation date 10/16/17.

Add – Closed Session for pending litigation on Po vs Sumpter Township. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No comments.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2017. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Warrants totaling \$221,748.77. Roll call vote: Yes: Swinson, LaPorte, Barnes, P. Morgan, Oddy, J. Morgan and Hurst. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

9. Building/Ordinance Report-LaPorte: Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried.

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

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

12. Supervisor Report-J. Morgan:

A. Recognized the following Sumpter Township employees for their years of outstanding service.

1. Jerry Cox for 22 years on the Police Department

2. Elizabeth Egerer for 13 years on the Police Department

3. Patrick Gannon for 26 years on the Police Department

4. Richard Sliwa for 40 years on the Fire Department

B. Welcomed owners Bob Roberts and Ryan McShane of Bobby McShane to the Township.

C. Let the residents of Sumpter Township know the Township Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

D. Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue has a fundraiser event at Haab's Diner in Ypsilanti.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Supervisor Report. Motion carried.

13. Attorney Report-Young: No report.

14. Board Response:

A. Trustee Barnes let the residents of Sumpter Township know she attended a class on MMFLA out at the Suburban Show Place.

15. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to

approve the Open Mako Cascade system for refilling the breathing air bottles used on the Fire Department air packs at a cost of \$23,417.57. Quote was received on 10/16/17. Motion carried.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve sending the Sumpter Township Brush truck 1997 F-350 VIN:1FTHF36FOVEB73140 to be sold at auction with the proceeds going towards the Fire Department equipment fund. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Barnes, supported by Oddy to approve the personal leave of absence to Firefighter Daniel Montecinos for a period of six (6) months. After that period of time his personal leave will be reviewed by the Board. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Barnes, supported by Oddy to approve sending the Sumpter Township Brush truck 1991 F-350 VIN:2FTHF35M3MCA16531 to be sold at auction with the proceeds going towards the Fire Department equipment fund. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the re-appointment of Jim Clark to the Planning Commission, term to expire November 9, 2020. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Barnes, supported by Hurst to approve the Comcast Franchise Agreement which will expire on November 30, 2027. Motion carried.

G. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Barnes to approve the 2017-2022 CDBG contract between Wayne County and Sumpter Township. Motion carried.

13. Announcements:

A. Armatis informed the residents of Sumpter Township if you see the employee wearing blue jeans to work, it's for a cause. Every time an employee wears blue jeans they have to pay \$2.00 which will be donated to a needy family within the Township.

B. Karen Mickens wanted to say "Thank you" to everyone who donated to the Thanksgiving Day event at the Community Center Gym.

14. Open Floor:

15. Closed Session:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to recess to Closed Session at 7:24 pm for the pending litigation of Po vs Sumpter Township. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Barnes and Hurst. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:37 pm. Motion carried.

16. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:38 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 November 14, 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
Publish: Decembert 7, 2017

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 472 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Nov. 26:

0015 -- assist other dept., Beverly/Chamberlain
0351 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Wheeler St.
0443 -- noise complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0629 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor Rd./Tyler Rd.
0759 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Springwood Blvd.
0817 -- shooting, Madison Dr.
0956 -- malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1103 -- family trouble, S. Timberview Dr.
1210 -- fraud, Crowley Ave.
1457 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2014 -- road hazard, Belleville/Yost
2311 -- noise complaint, Westlake Cir.

Monday, Nov. 27:

0022 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
0059 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter/Hull
0651 -- property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
0701 -- mental subject, Winchester St.
1106 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
1149 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1404 -- malicious destruction of property, Tyler
1448 -- larceny, Samuel Barton Dr.
1526 -- larceny, Lake Villa Dr.
1815 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury Dr.
1819 -- domestic, Landmark
2031 -- suicidal person, Denton Rd.
2250 -- suicidal person, Denton Rd.
2351 -- 911 welfare check, Westlake Cir.

Tuesday, Dec. 28:

0500 -- assist other dept., Robson Rd.
0535 -- operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0752 -- domestic, Hardwood Dr.
0822 -- road hazard, Martz Rd./Hoeft Rd.
0905 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.
0955 -- assist other dept., EB I-94/Rawsonville
1031 -- larceny from auto, Lake Point Blvd.
1207 -- mental subject, Robson Rd.
1336 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Brookview Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1507 -- trespassing, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1519 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
1643 -- traffic offense, Denton Rd.
1654 -- unauthorized driving away of vehicle, Beckley Rd.

1716 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1716 -- lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1840 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1930 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge
2001 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Fairbanks St.
2030 -- threat, E. Huron River Dr.
2121 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2146 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Red Oak Dr.
2216 -- domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2238 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
2327 -- domestic, Greenbriar Dr.

Wednesday, Nov. 29:

0244 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Clayton Rd.
0744 -- larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
1018 -- road hazard, Belleville/Quirk
1222 -- larceny from auto, Jeremy Rd.
1340 -- private property impound, W. Huron River
1502 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1621 -- property damage accident, Village Center Dr.

1625 -- property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
2005 -- domestic, Denton Rd./Beckley Rd.
2058 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.

2111 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis/Lohr
2208 -- property damage accident, S. I-94 Service

Thursday, Nov. 30:

0701 -- holdup alarm, Reedgrass Ln.
0756 -- domestic, Truman
0957 -- larceny from auto, Hardwood Dr.
1019 -- found property/child, Independence Ln. / Haggerty Rd.
1106 -- disorderly, Elwell Rd.

1153 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Dellor St.
1233 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Dellor St.
1328 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1440 -- 911 welfare check, Maurice Dr.
1453 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville Dr. / W. Huron River Dr.
1544 -- neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1620 -- property damage accident, Village Center
1706 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Oak Ln.

1714 -- follow up by officer, Truman
1944 -- assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
2032 -- road hazard, Bemis Rd.
2034 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
2041 -- narcotics crime, Lighthouse Dr.
2110 -- road hazard, Hull Rd./Elwell Rd.
2126 -- larceny, Pebblebrook Dr.
2217 -- traffic offense, Belleville/Yost
2254 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Bramblewood

Friday, Dec. 1:

0114 -- malicious destruction of property, Haggerty Rd.
0326 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sylvia Dr.
0507 -- family trouble, Sumpter Rd.
0721 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
0854 -- larceny, E. Schooner Dr.
0857 -- larceny, Belleville Rd.
1025 -- property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.

1029 -- mental subject, Robson Rd..
1140 -- 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1222 -- fraud, Kent Dr.
1340 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Salem Ct.
1443 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1510 -- juvenile complaint, Laguna Dr.
1519 -- fraud, Daisy Blvd.
1518 -- fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1542 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1549 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Elwell Rd.

1603 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
1648 -- fraud, Greenwood Ct.
1715 -- fraud, Peninsular Dr.
1827 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

1840 -- family trouble, Maple Dr.
1925 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1927 -- missing person, Quirk Rd.
2015 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
2047 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Pinewood Ln.
2149 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2153 -- property damage accident, Bog Rd.
2159 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
2217 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 2:

1040 -- malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1102 -- found property/child, N. Woodbury Green
1136 -- fraud, Assembly St.
1137 -- malicious destruction of property, Lancaster Dr.

1219 -- 911 welfare check, Briarcliff Dr.
1238 -- domestic, Rawsonville Rd.
1353 -- personal injury accident, E. I-94 / Haggerty
1408 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Gilmore St.
1531 -- missing person, Sylvia Dr.
1612 -- property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
1706 -- personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.

1754 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Truman
1759 -- property damage accident, W. Archwood Dr.
1913 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bog Rd.

2016 -- property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Hannan Rd.
2242 -- domestic, Locust Dr.
2249 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Also on this week's log are 142 traffic stops, 36 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 26:

0649 -- assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
0802 -- intrusion alarm, Main St.
1019 -- traffic offense, High/Church

1406 -- narcotics crime, Belle Villa Blvd./Carmell
1650 -- warrant arrest, Main St.
2343 -- harassment call, Carmell St.

Monday, Nov. 27:

0249 -- assist fire dept., Second St.
0755 -- 911 welfare check, S. Aberdeen St.
1129 -- civil matter, Clarence St.
1144 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main/High
1506 -- civil matter, Clarence St.
1727 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park Dr.
1902 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 28:

0439 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Water Works
0622 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. Edgemont
0720 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Second St.
0903 -- follow up by officer, Victorian Ln.
1410 -- fraud, N. Liberty St.
1446 -- miscellaneous complaint, N. Liberty St.
1707 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1820 -- 911 welfare check, Fourth St.
1910 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1939 -- juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
2027 -- threat, E. Huron River Dr.
2041 -- miscellaneous complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
2334 -- traffic offense, S. Liberty/E. Huron River

Wednesday, Nov. 29:

1303 -- harassment call, E. Columbia Ave.
1452 -- abandoned auto, Cool Cone
1812 -- property damage accident, Main St.
1857 -- 911 welfare check, Fourth St.
2015 -- parking complaint, Astor Blvd.
2144 -- noise complaint, Carmell St.

Thursday, Nov. 30:

0207 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Aberdeen Ct.
0810 -- property damage accident, South St. / W. Wabash Ave.

1048 -- follow up by officer, Joe's Coney Island
1152 -- neighbor trouble, Potter Dr.
1338 -- larceny from auto, S. Aberdeen Ct.
1345 -- intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
2114 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Horizon Park

Friday, Dec. 1:

0408 -- malicious destruction of property, High / Church
0742 -- juvenile complaint, W. Davis St.
0917 -- assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1135 -- assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1137 -- property damage accident, W. Wabash Ave. / South St.
1236 -- assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
1532 -- sexual assault, Carmell St.
1652 -- malicious destruction of property, High St. / Roys St.

1726 -- assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1826 -- welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
2007 -- family trouble, Clarence St.
2035 -- follow up by officer, Menlo Park Dr.

Saturday, Dec. 2:

0413 -- assist fire dept., Santa Clara Dr.
1646 -- assist other dept., N. Liberty St.
1902 -- intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
1917 -- missing person, W. Columbia Ave.
1956 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Harbour Pointe Dr.

2013 -- intrusion alarm, Church St.
2022 -- property damage accident, Main St.
2143 -- assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
2143 -- property check, Carmell/Belle Villa Blvd.

Also on this week's log are 53 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 26:

0018 -- fire dept. assist, Wyoming
0350 -- fire dept. assist, Hampshire
1213 -- recovered property, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1506 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1600 -- fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1618 -- animal complaint, Walnut
1624 -- traffic hazard, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1654 -- shots fired, 21000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
2008 -- fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.

Monday, Nov. 27:

0251 -- fire dept. assist, Third St.
0757 -- dumping complaint, 26000 bl. Sherwood
0816 -- alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0825 -- runaway juvenile, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0900 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0937 -- suspicious incident, Sumpter/Willis
1047 -- fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1106 -- fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1137 -- suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1138 -- fire dept. assist, New Mexico
1159 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1228 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1355 -- ordinance violation, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1436 -- fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1649 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1704 -- fraud complaint, 21000 bl. Clemmons Ct.
1857 -- fire dept. assist, Washington
2039 -- suspicious incident, Tulip
2043 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2319 -- suspicious vehicle, Willow/Rawsonville

Tuesday, Nov. 28:

0242 -- assist other agency, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
0732 -- suicide, 21000 bl. Fenster
1051 -- larceny, 50000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1058 -- mental health commitment, Creekside
1353 -- operating while intoxicated arrest, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1412 -- citizen assist, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1439 -- mental health commitment, 44000 bl. Paris
1553 -- fraud complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1622 -- assault, Bemis/Sumpter
1713 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1854 -- fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1908 -- fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
2202 -- citizen assist, Harris/Sumpter
2235 -- fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 29:

0836 -- threats complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0851 -- suspicious person, Creekside
0916 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1036 -- missing recovered, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1109 -- alarm, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1214 -- well-being check, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1358 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1406 -- dumping complaint, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1510 -- animal complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1520 -- down wires, Oakville Waltz/Martinsville
1540 -- property damage accident, Sherwood / Oakville Waltz

1556 -- fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1618 -- lost property, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.

Thursday, Nov. 30:

0914 -- fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1245 -- fire dept. assist, Arizona
1545 -- runaway juvenile, Mulberry
1820 -- citizen assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1844 -- suspicious incident, Country Club
1950 -- citizen assist, Sumpter/Dunn
2030 -- citizen assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

Friday, Dec. 1:

0136 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township
0905 -- fire dept. assist, Washington
0927 -- fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Martinsville
0941 -- assist other agency, Wayside Dr.
1832 -- juvenile complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1851 -- animal complaint, Willow/Martinsville
2044 -- fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 2:

0133 -- alarm, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1016 -- citizen assist, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1018 -- fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1029 -- dumping complaint, Rawsonville/Willis
1117 -- animal complaint, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
1408 -- civil dispute, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1435 -- death investigation, 25000 bl. Carleton West Rd.

1707 -- fight, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
2017 -- suspicious incident, Carleton West/Wear
2050 -- suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2147 -- animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville
Also on this week's log are eight follow-up investigations, 31 miscellaneous details, 154 patrol checks, and 63 traffic stops.



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