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Belleville Council hires interim workers to fill in for Boc, Taylor

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At Monday's Belleville City Council meeting, the council approved hiring interim employees to fill the vacancies left by DPW Director Keith Boc, who retired Feb. 28, and Police Chief Gene Taylor, who will retire March 28.

The council:

- Approved a DPW services contract with Hennessey Engineers, with Keith Tackett as the professional who will come into city offices eight hours a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, to take care of water operation, DPW management, street administration, and soil erosion services. Tackett has MDEQ S-1 certification. Cost is \$1,600 a month. Tackett was Director of Public Works for the City of Southgate, 2010-12, and was a Southgate employee since 1990, after his discharge from 10 years in the U.S. Navy;

- Designated Tackett as the city designee to the Downriver Sewer Joint Management Committee at no additional charge by Hennessey. Boc had held that position;

- Designated City Manager Diana J. Kollmeyer as the designated representative for the MDEQ S-2 Grant. Boc had held that designation;

- Hired building inspector Rick Rutherford as the part-time, interim Building Official, a position Boc had held. Rutherford will be paid on an hourly basis for 25-30 hours a week at pay of \$25-\$30 an hour. Kollmeyer said she will negotiate the figure; and

- Hired former Police Chief Hal Berriman as the part-time, interim police chief to fill in after Chief Taylor retires March 28. Berriman will be paid on an hourly basis for 25-30 hours a week at a pay of \$25-\$30 an hour. Kollmeyer said she will negotiate the figure.

At the beginning of the hour-long meeting, Mayor Kerreen Conley presented a plaque to Chief Taylor to mark his service to the

community. She called former Mayor Tom Fielder (now a councilman) and former Mayor Richard Smith to stand with her for the presentation. After people gave their glowing remarks about the police chief,

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Sumpter Twp. divides up jobs for supervisor who is on medical leave

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Supervisor Johnny Vawters had a stroke in October and has been on medical leave since then.

At the March 11 of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, the board divided up Supervisor Vawters' jobs until he can return.

Township attorney Rob Young said Vawters is under treatment and reaching a level of recuperation. But, him being away so long, has created issues in the supervisor's office.

Young said the supervisor's statutory duties are about 5% and the other duties change over time.

The supervisor is supposed to be the assessor and the township has an assessor. He is supposed to present the budget, and Sumpter Township has Jim Glahn to do that.

He also is supposed to sign the Board of Review rolls, which he will be able to do. And, he is to lead the meetings.

"The other duties can be done by others," Young said, noting these are the non-statutory duties that are being assigned to others.

Trustee Peggy Morgan said that this has been discussed with Supervisor Vawters and is being done with his blessing.

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Photo courtesy of Jeff Riggs

The third-annual Belleville Lake Water Ski Club's St. Patrick's Day fund raiser at Johnny's Grill on Saturday brought in \$7,527 for the Van Buren Public Schools Educational Foundation. That totals \$27,000 over the three years of the charity party. The event was put together by Will Hawley, Tim Craiger, and Susanne Hawley and brought together area businesses to support the charity raffle. Hundreds of people attended a day filled with the music of Irish band Bartic Brew, Irish dancers from O'Hara's School of Dance, skiing on frozen Belleville Lake, and costumes to support the occasion. Prizes given away included a 55" Smart TV, tablet computer, laser engraved glasses, MIS camping tickets, Tiger opening day tickets, A-1 Limousine service, an autographed Tiger's baseball, water skiing toys, dental/cosmetic work and other items from local businesses. From left are Alex Donley (DJ), Suzanne Hawley, Kathleen Springer, Tim Craiger, and Steve Davenport.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Pausing for a photo Monday were, from left, retired Belleville Police Officer Carl Arnett, retiring Chief Gene Taylor, and Taylor's wife Elayne. Chief Taylor was honored at the last city council meeting he will attend before his March 28 retirement after almost 37 years of service to the City of Belleville. He was presented with a plaque, a special cake, and lots of accolades from people in the council audience and at the council table. Former Police Chief Hal Berriman will fill in as chief until the city fills the position.

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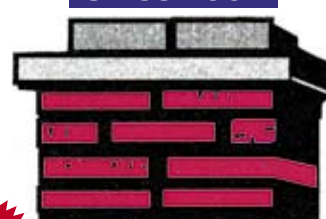
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT Honor Guard to present colors at Tigers' game on April 21

Van Buren Township's Public Safety Honor Guard will present the colors during the pre-game and opening ceremonies at the Detroit Tigers third-annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night on Monday, April 21 at Comerica Park.

This annual event, in partnership with the Detroit Tigers and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, honors the service and sacrifice of Michigan's men and women in law enforcement.

VBT Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain said he is appreciative for this opportunity.

"On behalf of the Van Buren Township Department of Public Safety, it is truly an honor to have our Honor Guard selected out of the more than 400 local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies in Michigan to represent the law enforcement community when it will be recognized by Major League Baseball and the Detroit Tigers on Law Enforcement Appreciation Night," Laurain said.

"The opportunity to participate in this esteemed event speaks volumes as to the reputation the Van Buren Township Honor Guard unit has attained, which is earned exclusively through the high levels of proficiency, commitment and professionalism of its members."

The VBT Honor Guard has presented the colors in Washington D.C. at special ceremonies, including the opening of the Black Tie Event at the Ronald Reagan Center and during opening ceremonies for National Law Enforcement Police Week.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend to honor the service and sacrifice of Michigan's men and women in law enforcement. Special seating packages are available. For ticketing information, visit www.tigers.com/law.

For each ticket purchased, \$10 will be donated to the National Law Enforcement Museum. For more information, contact Director Laurain at (734) 699-8930 or glaurain@vanburen-mi.org.



This photo was taken during the Honor Guard's most recent trip to Washington, D.C. for National Law Enforcement Police Week.

District Library Board sets special meeting for 7 p.m., March 26

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Area District Library Board has set a special meeting for 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 26, to take action on two items:

1. Operating expenses for the new library so the board can set the amount of the millage required to be put on the ballot in the August primary election; and
2. A resolution on acquisition of the Department of Natural Resources property, as required by the DNR.

The meeting will be in the program room of the library and is open to the public.

At its regular meeting on March 11, the board voted 6-1 to set the bond issue for the proposed library at \$19,050,000. That includes \$18,757,930 for construction of a 45,000-square-foot library and upgrades for the satellite branch, plus financing fees.

The total debt incurred, including \$11,892,300 interest on the bond, would be \$30,942,300, as stated by bond consultant Stauder, Barch & Associates.

The estimated interest rate would be 5.25%, but if the interest rates rise the district could be forced to levy a millage over the millage given in the pre-election information, Stauder, Barch stated.

After some discussion, the board decided on a 20-year bond issue that would need 1.08 mill of tax for the first year and 0.96 mill average over the rest of the years.

Board Treasurer Elaine Gutierrez voted against the bond motion saying it was too

soon, since they don't have the rest of the figures for the operational costs.

Library board member Christine Brasil delayed her vote on the motion, saying she thought they should have all the figures first, and then, as the last vote, cast a yes vote with the majority.

Although the board's timetable calls for it to accept the ballot language at its April 8 regular meeting, the operational figures weren't ready to present at its March meeting.

Library Director Deb Green said her deputy director, Mary Jo Suchy, has been working on the operational figures and she's been out sick for a week.

"You need a professional to look at operational costs," said Mike Renaud from the audience. Renaud worked in finances for Ford Motor Co. before retirement.

"We know what the library costs are to light [the building]," offered architect Dan Whisler.

Director Green said the operational costs are almost 60% personnel.

"Where is your financial analyst?" asked Phillip Miller, who is employed by the City of Oak Park as Senior Financial Analyst.

He said the board is looking at building a \$20 million facility and paying for it over 20 years and it is important to know what it will cost for the long-term running of the building.

Director Green said right now the library has .7 mill in tax for operation of the present building and she thinks they will add less than 1 mill more for the new building.

She was reluctant to give out any numbers publicly at this point.

When Phillip Miller persisted in saying they should at least have their financial consultant Ron Traskos as part of the operation estimate, Green said, "Mary Jo is better at our numbers than our financial person." She added that Suchy comes up with the library's figures before the financial person does.

"If you've got money in the bank and we don't know the numbers at the 12th hour ... and you're driving your own staff to illness..." Phillip Miller said, pushing for them to bring Plante Moran or some similar firm on hand to help.

He was cut short by board president Mary Jane Dawson, who called out, "I think that's uncalled for..."

Phillip Miller insisted that when it's at the 12th hour and you need the numbers, you need help.

Building Committee chairwoman Joy Cichewicz asked Green when they will have the numbers.

Green said in two weeks they can have the figures. She said the operating costs will be based on the plan of service. She checked on the meeting room's availability and then asked for the special meeting.

In another matter, board attorney John Day passed out draft copies of a resolution required by the DNR on acquisition of the property, saying he was not asking for a vote on it that evening.

He suggested board members go over the draft and see if they agree with the terms.

He referred to the Sept. 9 Land Exchange Review Committee (LERC) letter that requires the library to construct the fishing site.

Day said the library will agreed to picking up the trash and cutting the grass, "But they cannot use library bond funds for the fishing facility on the site."

He said the DNR now is working on getting a grant for the fishing area.

The paperwork Day presented to the board at the meeting included information that the DNR requires the library to pay the same amount the DNR paid for the 3.02 acres of property.

That would be the \$395,000 price the DNR paid to Roy and Janet Stabnau for the site on July 29, 1986. The DNR also requires a 10% transaction fee.

The three-page draft resolution, "To Approve Purchase and Terms for Acquisition of the DNR Property," contained the following wording that brought some discussion:

"... the Belleville Area District Library has agreed to provide routine maintenance of fishing access and improvements in conjunction with maintenance of the Library property, but capital improvements and the ownership of the fishing improvements will remain with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, as required by item two..."

This referred to Exhibit A, the LERC letter, which said, "2. The Library will maintain the fishing access improvements

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OPINIONS

Editorial

It's Sunshine Week across America

Across America this week, newspapers are celebrating the people's right to know with the annual Sunshine Week.

It's our government and we have the right to know what it's doing. Michigan's Sunshine Laws – the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA) – protect that right for all persons in Michigan.

Sunshine laws are about accountability. They can help spot wrongdoing and weaknesses, but they can also provide us with information to improve our neighborhoods, our schools and our society. FOIA and OMA are critical in government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Unfortunately, over the almost 40 years the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings laws have existed they have been eroded and in some cases ignored by government officials.

Sunshine Week (March 16-22) is a nationwide effort to raise awareness of these laws for Michigan citizens and elected officials. It is crucial to a well-run governmental unit in a democracy that citizens are aware of what is going on with everything from their tax dollars to the property in their community ... and things in between like schools and library construction.

Michigan HB 4314 and 4001 are under consideration which will improve the citizens' use of FOIA. The Michigan Press Association also wants to provide for education of government officials on transparency laws. Sunshine is best.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

At 12:57 p.m. today we have the Vernal Equinox, marking the first day of Spring. We've been looking forward to this all this long, cold, snowy winter. Some spring bulbs are poking their leaves out. At last!

Frosty Boy and the A&W in downtown Belleville are open – a sure sign of warm weather coming.

Downtown Belleville was really hopping on St. Patrick's Day (Monday) starting early in the morning and running all day and night long. Egan's Irish Pub had set up a tent on the Fourth Street Square and opened up at 7 a.m.

The revelers came and they came and filled all the parking spaces along Main as far as First Street. They filled the Bayou and Johnny's and Lakeview, as well as Egan's. And the Lunchbox sold take-out lunches for those who couldn't get in anywhere else.

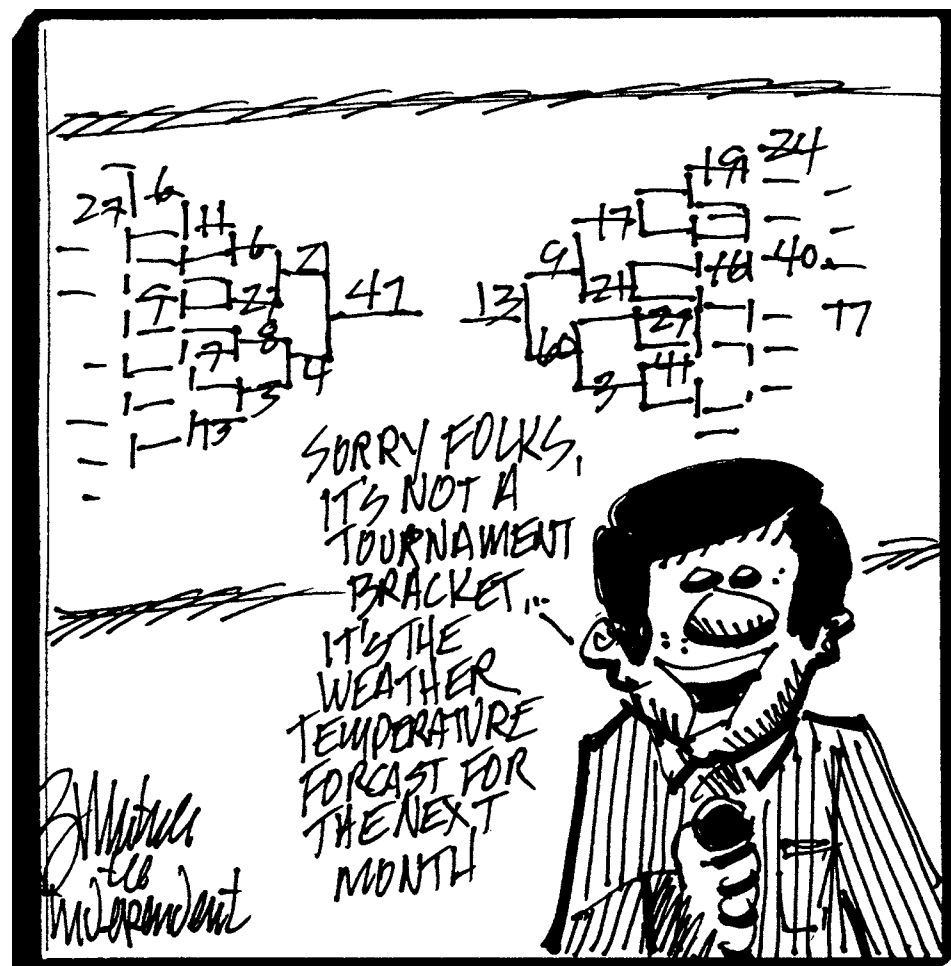
At the Belleville City Council meeting, there were comments about how nice it was to see so many people in town having a good time.

I understand that at the Feb. 25 meeting of the VBT DDA chairman Jere Dolph asked who that young man with the beard was in the back of the meeting room. He didn't recognize Arthur Miller with his beard.

When it was pointed out that was Arthur, the township's director of planning and economic development, Jere could see the resemblance.

He asked Arthur if his wife liked that beard and Arthur replied, "Not really."

Jere thought Arthur looked like he was



in disguise.

Arthur grew a beard during the late winter last year, too. I took a picture of him with a beard and then ran it later not realizing his beard was gone. Confusing to me, too, Jere.

Kay Atkins said it was a cold, snowy day and she was sitting in her quilt shop with no customers coming in. She got to thinking.

She had a bright idea. Kay has come up with a Barn Quilt Trail project for this area that will get people with barns and out buildings to put a decorative, painted, wooden block, from 4'x4' square to 8'x8' square on their buildings.

Then, she will print up the maps of the places where people can go to see these blocks and put the free maps in the visitors' center near the Ohio border and other places visitors will go.

She says she isn't interested in making money, but just to promote the local economy. Visitors coming into the Belleville area may be hungry and patronize a local restaurant, or buy gas, or buy antiques, or flowers, or gifts – or quilts.

She's already got several barns on the list she is compiling, mostly quilters she knows throughout a wide area.

I think she's doing it for Wayne County because she told me other counties already have Barn Quilt Trails. If you are interested, you can visit with Kay about it

at the Threads 'n' Treasures quilt shop on South Street in Belleville.

At Monday's Belleville City Council meeting, Mayor Conley gave a report on the Soup Program event that was held March 13 and sponsored by the Belleville DDA and BHS New Tech.

She said the New Tech student teams presented four good projects to improve the downtown. There were about 100 people present and they voted on their favorite projects. The winner was a Zombie Run, 5K, in October. The students got the top prize of \$500 to fund their project.

Other projects, all popular, were: Main Street Olympics, Battle of Bands, and a Day on the Lake. Mayor Conley said the day on the lake activities could be worked into the dedication of the kayak launch at Horizon Park.

Henry Kurczewski of the Belleville Planning Commission said he was driving south on Belleville Road recently when a deer ran out of the Armstrong Funland area on the east side of the road right into his vehicle. No injuries to him or his passengers. \$4,000 damage to the vehicle.



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Letters

Thank you to man who delivered my package

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the gentleman who found my FedEx package on Hannan Road on Friday morning, 3-14-14, and delivered it to my house.

Thank you very much.
Jerry Yerrick
Van Buren Township resident

In agreement on poor attendance at DDA

To the Editor:

I want to commend Van Buren Township Trustee Reggie Miller for her position pertaining to re-appointment of the two members of the Downtown Development Authority with POOR attendance at required meetings.

I am in agreement with you. The Van Buren Township Board should definitely not reappoint any committee members who lack the responsibility, dedication and sincerity for the job they were appointed and sworn in to do.

I also do not understand why the board did not make the effort to really check on any residents who may want to be a member of the DDA by past applicants or provide a notice with a time period for interested residents to apply and who will attend the meetings.

In closing, I would like to inform you that for some years I did put in applications to be a member of the DDA and was never contacted or interviewed.

I recently spoke with another resident who also recently tried to be a member of the DDA and was never contacted.

Once again, thank you for speaking up. Maybe a more fair way could be established for appointing residents to township committees.

Regards,
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Relay for Life recruiting new teams, sponsors

To the Editor:

The Belleville Relay for Life is currently recruiting new teams and sponsors for our event this year. We would like to thank our wonderful community for all the good work they do.

Unfortunately, everyone knows someone who has been touched with cancer in some way. We are working on raising money for the American Cancer Society for research and services to pave the way for a world with less cancer and more birthdays!

Our committee is dedicated to planning an event that is better than years past, that more people participate in, and that raises even more for ACS! We have had some difficulty getting over some plateaus and we know that our community can rally in the best way. We are asking people to start a team, come to a meeting, or become a sponsor -- you won't be let down. Get out there and get involved!

Also, please note the website relayforlife.org and Facebook page, relayforlifebelleville.org.

Yours in the fight,
Katrina Paich
Survivorship Chair
Belleville Relay for Life Committee
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Belleville resident runs for Mrs. Michigan title

To the Editor:

The Mrs. Michigan pageant is just around the corner. We are so excited our very own Belleville resident Shaylett Stuckey will be representing the metro-Detroit area. Shaylett is the reigning Mrs. Motor City and will compete at the Mrs. Michigan pageant, held in Grand Rapids later this month.

The Mrs. Michigan pageant consists of judges' interviews and on-stage questions, along with bathing suit and evening gown segments. Should Mrs. Stuckey win the title of Mrs. Michigan, she will go on to compete for Mrs. America in Arizona later this summer.

Mrs. Motor City is still looking for local sponsors. If you or your local business is interested in sponsoring her, please email modelmom@comcast.net.

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The 18th-annual Quilt Show, "Patches and Patterns: It's A Man's World," with more than 140 quilts is open at the Belleville Area Museum through March 29.

The quilt exhibit is sponsored by the museum and the Western Wayne County Quilting Guild.

On Saturday, March 22, the Quilting Guild will sponsor four children's sewing classes at the museum. Participants will learn how to sew an iPad, iPod, iPhone, or tablet cover by hand and how to do a running stitch.

Cost of the class is \$1. Sessions will be held at 11 a.m. and 1 and 2 p.m. Both boys and girls seven to 12 years of age are welcome.

At 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, people are invited to bring their quilts to the Belleville Area District Library to get them appraised, in writing, by Velia Lauerman. Cost is \$20 per quilt. A portion of that will go to the museum.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, there will be a bed turning with Tim McCormick and Barb Green.

On March 26, a bed turning is scheduled with Barb Price and on March 28 there will be a bed turning with the Miller Family Quilts. On March 29, people are invited to sew on a crank sewing machine with Elaine and Roxann.

The quilts will be on display during regular museum hours - Tuesdays: 3 to 7 p.m. and Wednesdays-Saturdays: noon to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 405 Main Street in downtown Belleville. Museum admission for this special exhibit is \$2. For information, call the museum at (734) 697-1944.



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Obituaries



Yolanda A. Shirley

YOLANDA A. SHIRLEY

(April 11, 1945 – March 11, 2014)

Yolanda A. Shirley, age 68, of Belleville and formerly of Ypsilanti, passed away Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was born April 11, 1945 in Ypsilanti, the daughter of Stewart and Julia (Kovacs) Gable. On July 8, 1967, she married Jack Shirley in Ypsilanti and he survives. Yolanda was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Canton, MI for the past 20 years. She was a homemaker most of her life but also taught school, worked for McCall Pattern Company and was a Bible Study teacher for 12 years for Women of the Word.

In addition to her loving husband of 46 years, survivors include one daughter, Alison Shirley of Arizona, one son Reid Shirley of Northville, one brother Mel Gable of Washington, and several nieces and nephews, including niece, Anne (Chris) Finley of Maui, HI and nephew, Andrew Gable of Washington. She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral service was held Saturday, March 15, 2014 at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, with Pastor John Shinn officiating. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan, 1050 Wilshire Drive, Troy, MI 48084 (248-649-2891). Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.



Bert Willingham

BERT WILLINGHAM

(November 26, 1937 - February 17, 2014)

Bert Willingham was born in Indianapolis, IN. She captivated people with her "briteyes" from day one. Bert was a lover of life, God, and her family. She was hard working, a loyal friend, and a constant positive presence in every life that she touched.

Those who knew her would call her a fighter and a survivor, but above all her faith carried her through. She battled COPD, emphysema and lung disease since 1987 and since then had resided in Florida where she continued to live with faith and a spirit to accomplish many wonderful things.

She was preceded in death by her son Edward. She is survived by her children Terry Leiter, Kitty (Tony) Paich, Doug (Geri) Kelley, and Lesley Smith; 6 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister Elloise Berkey and a brother Joe (Iva) Pennycuff.

Memorial Service to be held Saturday April 5, 12 noon at Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 N. Sheldon Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170. Meal will follow. In lieu of flowers, cards and monetary donations can be given to the family and/or made to Relay for Life or U.S. Humane Society.



Christine Marie Keast

CHRISTINE (CHRIS) KEAST

(July 24, 1952 - March 7, 2014)

Christine Marie Keast, age 61, of Belleville, MI passed away peacefully on Friday, March 7, 2014, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township, MI.

She was born July 24, 1952 in Garden City, MI. She married her beloved husband James E. Keast March 27, 1972. She enjoyed crafts and craft shows at Tyler Elementary and Township Hall in Van Buren Township.

She is survived by her companion James E. Keast (Rawsonville Ford retiree); 3 daughters Kelly (Pete) Berryman, Krystal (Jay Jutras) Keast, and Katrina (Charlie) Raski, who are all Belleville residents; 12 grandchildren Candace (Chucky), Justin Aaron (Misty), Justin M (US Marine), Jeramy, Shelby, Joey, Bailey, Brianna, Sadie, Hunter Mackenzie, Riley, and Charlie; and 2 great-granddaughters Haley and Reighgan, all of whom she loved and cherished. Please sign her online guestbook and share a memory for her family at www.uhtfuneralhome.com.

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Clara A. Januszyk

CLARA A. JANUSZYK

Clara A. Januszyk age 97, of Saline, March 13, 2014. Beloved wife of the late John Januszyk. Loving mother of Frank (the late Norma) Januszyk and Virginia Williams. Dearest grandmother of Dawn, Derrick, Connie, Brenda, Frank, Jr., Roberta, and Melvin, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother of many. She is also survived by her sister Antoinette. She is preceded in death by her children Stanley and John, her granddaughter Sheri, her parents Izmatius and Rose Domski, her sisters Stella, Francis, Helen, Eugenia, Mary and her brother Theodore. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park.

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More Letters

Library is great asset for Belleville community

To the Editor:

It was Thomas Jefferson who said, "I have often thought that nothing would do more extensive good at small expense than the establishment of a small circulating library in every county..."

That is why reading the letter titled, "Need a Library? You Tell Me", in the March 13, 2014, issue of the *Belleville-Area Independent* made me heartsick and confused.

How could someone so misunderstand the intentions of the library that I found such a wonderful part of this community?

We moved here 14 years ago from a northern suburb with many amenities but, it didn't have that small town, friendly, "we're all in this together" feel of Belleville and the library was and is a large part of that.

It was one of the first places I went after our move and I continue to frequent it all these years later. Besides checking out books, I took a crocheting class, listened to lectures on gardening, went to a garden art sale, picked up my tax forms, photo copied my Sunday crossword, learned to be a reading tutor and tutored my first student and so much more.

It is a place to give to and receive from your community. It is the place we show our children that we love books and learning and that reading to them and teaching them to love books isn't just "babysitting."

It is the place that encourages friends to gather and read, converse, scan the internet, look for a job, check out a book or a DVD. I don't think that is "sponging off the taxpayers." I think that is taxpayer money well-spent. Tax money spent on our people, here at home, not for the benefit of some faceless, nameless, far-off corporation who could care less about Belleville.

It does take a village to raise a child, Mr. Anton. A village of caring, well-read, compassionate people who value what a library can offer. Forbes magazine in its January 2013 issue said, "Like the humble starfish that preserves an entire marine ecosystem by eating mussels, the American library is the keystone species in the

ecosystem of reading. Without libraries to promote the culture of reading, publishers would face a diminished market for their titles."

So, to those who are concerned about the "bottom line," libraries help the sale of books and DVDs by exposing people to those titles they would have never seen otherwise.

Forbes magazine also said, "Libraries support three core missions: 1. Promoting reading, 2. Offering access to information and, 3. Anchoring a community." I think our Belleville Library does all these things and very well and will, in its future location, become even more of an asset to this community.

Thomas Jefferson is smiling down on our little community.

Linda Priest
Belleville

Local residents should scrutinize library plans

Dear Editor:

Isn't it troubling that our District Library Board is planning to spend nearly \$20 Million for library buildings plus a millage for operations and the community has little information about these grand plans?

Many times at many meetings I have suggested to the board members that they could arrange to tape the meetings for little cost to re-play the meetings on the community cable stations. My plea for such outreach to the community has fallen on deaf ears.

The recalcitrance of this library board tells me a great deal about its members. With the exception of Board Treasurer Elaine Gutierrez who consistently offers the lone dissent from the grand plan, I suspect this board believes the information belongs to them and they have little obligation to the citizens.

It appears they do not need nor do they want feedback from the community. Further, they do not need to disseminate information as they are the only ones who matter. While the Board does not prevent citizens from obtaining information, the Board has shown no sense of obligation to promote community understanding. They probably do believe that within their ranks and from their experts (Attorney John Day, Architect Dan Whisler and Librarian Debbie Green) they know all that needs to be known.

Citizens are extraneous to their important process, just an extra nuisance as the Board exercises its power to make the decisions.

It is well-established law (the Statute of Frauds) that to be binding agreements regarding real property are required to be in writing and signed by all interested parties. In the matter of the proposed Library DNR site, it is further troubling that the Board Members and their attorney refer to discussions with the DNR as if a binding agreement is in place.

The Board attorney says both sides have reached certain "understandings" about acquiring the property, developing the property and who is responsible for what regarding shoreline development, the docks, bathrooms, parking and maintenance.

Please note, no final agreements (or options) are in a writing signed by both sides. If the Library Board is relying on "discussions," that reliance is delusional. Further, the Board Attorney references contributions by the Van Buren DDA as if they are a sure thing. Those contributions are also ephemeral. He references "DDA meetings to be scheduled."

The Library Board vote to put these projects on the August ballot is to be set for the Library Board agenda of April 8. After four years of planning it looks to me as if we are still a long way from the finish line. No written agreement (or binding option) with the DNR or commitment from the Van Buren DDA exists.

In spite of all of these problems, the citizens are expected to vote on a multi-million-dollar library to be located on the DNR site.

The word delusional comes to mind...

Regarding the Sumpter Branch Library: The Library Board's outrageous discourtesy to Sumpter Township requires its own full discussion, but the full discussion will be for another time.

To be brief: Perhaps the Sumpter Community Center is an adequate site for a branch library. However, before that decision is made shouldn't the Library Board have a well-publicized public hearing in Sumpter with cable present for further dissemination of the issues followed by a two-week period to receive written comment?

Isn't it basic decency to ask the citizens of Sumpter for their opinions, their suggestions, and their objections, if any, to the proposed site? As I said earlier, it appears that to this Library Board, citizens are extraneous to the "important decisions" of the Library Board. It appears that the Library Board members think they are the only ones who matter. While I have said before this board is delusional, at this time I add arrogant.

The Library Board is having a Special Meeting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 26, 2014, to discuss the operational millage necessary for the grand building that will result from the grand plan. The regular meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at which time the Board is scheduled to vote on the Bond to finance the grand building and on the operational millage. Please attend, listen, and voice your opinion.

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Library Board

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in concert with the maintenance of the library facilities.”

There were questions about what “improvements” to the fishing area meant.

But Treasurer Gutierrez was more interested in the legal aspects of the property acquisition.

“Where is there something [a document] to buy the property, with figures and signature?” she asked.

Day referred to the LERC letter, saying the

library is following the DNR procedures.

“But there are no signatures,” Gutierrez said.

“Have you ever purchased DNR land?” Day asked.

“Everything follows contract law,” Gutierrez said of her real estate training. “Nothing binds us.”

Day said this is not the same as private property and this is the DNR’s procedure the library has to follow for selling trust property.

Dawson said this resolution is in response to the LERC letter.

“They require this board to send the resolution,” Day said, adding he had to wait until they knew the bond amount and now they do.

“We’re spending all this money and time and we have no commitment,” Gutierrez insisted.

When Phillip Miller questioned the wording of the resolution, Day said, “I don’t care what it says in the LERC letter, we will not pay for fishing ... They’ve wanted handicapped fishing for 30 years

and now they get it.”

“It’s a lawsuit waiting to happen,” said Barbara Miller, an attorney.

“They own the facility. They are responsible for capital improvements,” Day said of the DNR fishing area.

Day said the DNR said, in effect, “You guys go get your bond and then we’ll talk. Now they are seeking a grant for \$300,000 for the fishing area. They have told us for two years, ‘We want this project done.’ We had discussed the plan.”

Dawson added quickly that they had discussed plans with a lot of property owners.

Day said the DNR can reject their resolution and the library has to work with their procedures.

“We needed a plan and budget and now we have it,” Day said.

“We could get a bond, but there is no agreement,” Gutierrez insisted. “There is no agreement. In contract law you need it in writing, signatures from buyer and seller, title, default. ‘Other conditions.’ That’s what this is.

“I’m going to call a real estate attorney,” Gutierrez said.

Cichewicz said, “This is land in a trust,” but Gutierrez insisted, “We need something final.”

Later Gutierrez explained she felt her real estate broker’s license could be in jeopardy if she, as part of the board, took part in an illegal transaction.

Day said after the DNR gets the library’s resolution, the DNR will set a public hearing. Day said the library’s application, the LERC letter and the draft resolution don’t mesh, but he’s been dealing with eight different people at the DNR.

No injuries reported in school bus accident at Lohr, Harris intersection

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At about 8 a.m. Tuesday a Van Buren Public Schools bus that was southbound on Lohr Road and carrying 18 students on their way to Owen Intermediate School, backed into a van at the corner of Harris Road.

Sumpter Township Police Captain Eric Luke said the bus driver told police he missed his turn on Harris and put his four-wheels on to back up, not realizing a van had stopped behind him.

A witness said the bus backs onto Harris Road every morning to go north on Lohr. She said a van apparently was too close behind the bus for the bus driver to see it.

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Captain Luke said no injuries were reported.

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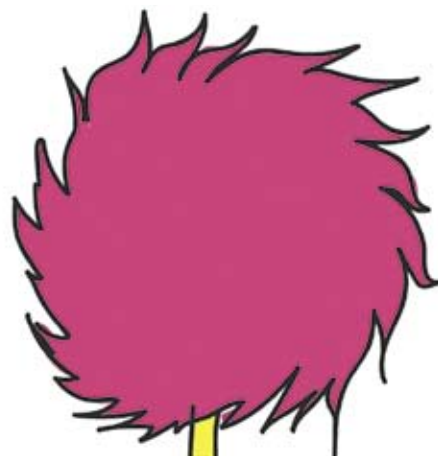
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Young said Supervisor Vawters suggested that Treasurer John Morgan has the experience and knowledge to step into his shoes and take over the day-to-day operations of the township and the oversight of the police department.

Trustee Bill Hamm, who is liaison to the Building Department, will take over administration of that department, since it is expected to go into expansion over the next year.

This is all temporary until Vawters returns, Young said.

Young said those who fill in can be paid for it, but Treasurer Morgan said he is at the office anyway and "would do it out of pleasure, with no remuneration."

Trustee Hamm does not spend a lot of time at township hall, so for his extra work, Trustee Peggy Morgan made a motion to pay him \$500 a month for his administration. She said there is an office in the supervisor's office area that he could use. The motion passed unanimously.

Young said statutorily you don't get additional money for doing what you were elected to do, but this is an extra responsibility.

Resident Mary Ban asked from the audience if they knew when Vawters would be back.

"No," said Young. "He's still doing treatment and is waiting for certain releases from the doctor."

Young said the police department is working fine, but there is always a need for oversight for other departments. If they are not administered, departments can go off in their own directions, he said.

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

- Held a public hearing on the \$105,370.81 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds for 2014 and then approved the uses, which are \$10,537.08 for administration costs, \$15,805.62 for grass cutting and snow removal for senior

citizens, \$26,270 for housing rehabilitation, and \$52,758.11 for demolitions (about six homes). Because there will be less money than last year's \$52,000 for grass cutting and snow removal this year, some seniors might have to pay for part of the service which would be every other week instead of weekly. Sixty-four seniors were served last year;

- Approved the appointment of Trustee Don Swinson as township representative to the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce;

- Set a public hearing for 5:30 p.m., March 25 on the proposed 2014-15 township budget;

- Approved, on a roll-call vote, paying warrants of \$2,253,524.13;

- Heard Fire Chief Joseph Januszyk report that the evening before the fire department trained seven citizens in CPR and AEDs. He said there was no defibrillator at the senior center, even though the police have them in the other part of the building. Chief Januszyk said he would look into the costs of getting one for the seniors. He said his department could do the training on its use;

- Heard resident Mary Ban say that the upgrades to the community center were done with federal CDBG funds and if they tear it up to make a satellite library, will the township have to pay the federal government back? Young said they are looking into this possibility. "This plan has been in the works for nine years because I was here when they came here with that plan," Ban said of the District Library plan to build a new library on the DNR property north of the Belleville Bridge; and

- Heard Lisa Martin introduce herself as a candidate for 34th District Court judge in November's election. She is running for the position held by David Parrott.

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The **Belleville Area Women's Club** will be holding a **Kick Back Day** fundraiser on Tuesday, April 1, from 4 to 8 p.m. at **Belleville Culver's Restaurant** on the North I-94 Service Drive. Simply mention Belleville Area Women's Club while ordering and the restaurant will donate 10% of the receipts to the organization.

The **7-Eleven Store** on Rawsonville Road at Textile/West Huron River Dr. is now serving up pizza, slices at lunchtime to whole pies with triple cheese or pepperoni for just \$5.55. Right now get a free medium Slurpee or Big Gulp fountain drink with any large pizza purchase. Offer expires March 31, 2014. To place an order for pick-up, call (734) 484-5638. See their ad on today's back page for other hot food choices.

Starting tomorrow, March 21, applications and hare cages will be available for the **Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Hares on the Square** (formerly Bunnies on Main) event, coming up for display at the Fourth Street Square beginning April 14. Entry fee is \$10, which includes the bunny cage to dress and decorate. Apps are available at **Michigan PC Tech** at 397 Main Street, Suite 3. Completed bunny must be dropped off at City Hall from April 8-11. Call (734) 697-8123. Prizes will be awarded at the May 5 meeting of the Belleville City Council.

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of **Jim Chudzinski**, whose dad

Walt, founder of **Sumpter Collision**, remains hospitalized at St. Joe's in Ypsilanti following a serious slip and fall closed head injury a few weeks ago at his home. Walt had to have surgery to reduce swelling in his head and continues to improve, but slowly. Get well, Walter.

Dos Pesos on Belleville Road is now offering half-off appetizers every Monday, dine in only. Save \$2 on margaritas, too, on Mondays. Visit www.dospesosmexicanrestaurant.com for their menu. Call (734) 697-5777.

The **Belleville Chamber of Commerce, Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan, Richard & Patricia Donahey Club, and Romulus Club** is organizing the **2014 Golf Outing** fundraiser on Friday, May 16, at the Pine View Golf Course in Ypsilanti. Golfing tickets sponsorship packages are available. Visit the chamber's website at www.Bellevilleareachamber.org or call **Karen LaBelle** at (734) 697-7151.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych, (734) 699-9020, with your suggestion. There is no charge to be in this column.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Throughout March** – Visit the 2014 Quilt Exhibit at the Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main Street, Belleville. Admission \$2. Museum open Tuesday, 3-7 p.m. and Wednesday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Information: 697-1944.

• **Thursday, March 20** – Belleville High School's third-annual Belleville's Got Talent! show begins at 6 p.m. in the high school's main auditorium. Singing, dancing, instrument playing, and more! Tickets for the show are \$5 per person and the show is open to the public.

• **Thursday, March 20** – The Other Book Club will meet at different restaurants throughout the Belleville area at 7 p.m. Contact the library (699-3291) for the location. Tonight is "Krakatoa: The Day the

World Exploded" by Simon Winchester.

• **Friday, March 21** – Friends Family Theater Free Movie, 7 p.m., with Bounce House, in Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Featuring "What the Bible Says 13a God's Kingdom Comes" and another movie. All movies tentative. Confirm or questions: (734) 482-5074. Previews can be seen at: www.friendsfamilytheater.com

• **Saturday, March 22** – Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue invite you to join them for a Euchre Tournament fundraiser at the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2250, 2935 Holmes Road. Tournament begins promptly at 3 p.m. \$20 to play, cash only. Information: (734) 461-9458.

• **Saturday, March 22** – The Belleville High School Jazz Band invites you to a Spaghetti Dinner from 5-8 p.m. in the BHS Cafeteria. Tickets are \$8 at the door. The BHS Jazz Band and local jazz talent "Blue Steel" will perform.

• **Thursday, March 27** – The African American Book Group meets at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library to discuss "Copper Sun" by Sharon Draper.

• **Saturday, March 29** – Learn how to preserve your family's keepsakes for future generations with University of Michigan preservationist Shannon Zachary, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library.

• **Saturday, March 29** – The second-annual St. Vincent DePaul Charity Basketball Game will begin at 7 p.m., at the Belleville High School gymnasium. Players are from the Van Buren Township, City of Belleville, and Sumpter Township police and fire departments.

• **Thursday, April 3** – Join the Evening Book Group at the Belleville Area District Library at 7 p.m. to discuss "A Year by the Sea: Thoughts of an Unfinished Woman" by Joan Anderson.

• **Friday, April 4** – Friends Family Theater Free Movie, 7 p.m., with Bounce House, in Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Featuring "What the Bible Says 13b God's Kingdom Comes" and another movie in Real 3D. All movies tentative. Confirm or questions: (734) 482-5074. Previews: www.friendsfamilytheater.com

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Brian Loranger
Fire Chief

Publish: March 20 and 27, 2014



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 Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, for the purpose of

RECEIVING COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE 2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

The City of Belleville expects to receive **approximately** \$57,000 in year 2014 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: Barrier-free Improvements	\$ 40,470
Activity: Senior Chore Services	\$ 1,000

Program Administration Strategic Planning

\$ 5,700
TOTAL \$ 57,000

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

Lisa Long, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLISH: March 20, 2014

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN FINAL STATEMENT NOTICE Use of Community Development Block Grant

The estimated funding level for the 2014-15 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget Year is \$125,000. The CDBG program provides funding for projects that 1) Assist Low and Moderate Income Persons, 2) Eliminate Slums and Blighting Conditions, or 3) Meet an Urgent Community Need.

The following projects were approved by the Board of Trustees on March 4, 2014 for the Township's application to Wayne County EDGE, the program's fiduciary.

Beck Ball Fields Project	\$93,750
• Complete improvements to the Beck Ball Fields, which includes construction of new dugouts, new landscaping, new pavilion, and improvements to concession building	
Public Services – Senior Citizen Services:	\$9,375
• Partial reimbursement of Senior Citizen Director's salary and programming	
Public Services – Youth Services:	\$9,375
• Parks and Recreation – Takin' It to the Streets and other youth programming	
Planning	\$6,250
• Completing updates to the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance	
Administration:	\$6,250
• Reimbursement of Township staff time to administer the program	
TOTAL FUNDING:	\$125,000

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren
Posted: March 14, 2014
Published: March 20, 2014

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN FINAL STATEMENT NOTICE (AMENDED) Use of Community Development Block Grant

Van Buren Township has completed the reprogramming of 2009 CDBG funds, originally appropriated for Sidewalk Improvements, to fund Beck Ball Field Improvements. The CDBG program provides funding for projects that 1) Assist Low and Moderate Income Persons, 2) Eliminate Slums and Blighting Conditions, or 3) Meet an Urgent Community Need.

The following reprogramming was approved by the Board of Trustees on June 5, 2012 from the Township's 2009 CDBG allocation. It eliminated funding from the Sidewalk Improvements line and added it to a new Beck Ball Fields line.

Sidewalk Improvements:	-\$48,790.57
Install sidewalks along Belleville Road	
Beck Ball Fields:	+\$48,790.57
Complete improvements to the Beck Ball Fields, which includes construction of new dugouts, new landscaping, new pavilion, and improvements to concession building	
TOTAL FUNDING:	\$48,790.57

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren
Posted: March 17, 2014
Published: March 20, 2014



City of Belleville
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2014

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 Smith	Absent/Excused
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Absent/Excused
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN

COMMENTS None.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of February 18, 2014 with one correction. To change the amount from \$3,600.00 to \$3,500.00 under Item 8B health care planning letter of engagement with EmployeeSOLVE.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Appointment of Acting City Manager

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 14-017 to revoke Keith Boc as the

Acting City Manager and designate City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long as Acting City Manager.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FY2014/15 Budget Timetable

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 14-018 to approve the 2014-15 Budget Timetable with one correction. On Monday, May 19th during the regular City Council meeting, City Council will call a budget hearing for June 2nd not June 3rd.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 14-019 to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Item #5 Main Street/Fifth Street crosswalk on follow up list.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: March 17, 2014

Published: March 20, 2014

Correction: Defendant Jeremy Schuh did not escape from prison

In last week's paper, on page 9, we ran a story about a court session of Jeremy Schuh who was bound over to circuit court on charges of stealing a credit card in Washtenaw County and using it at the Van Buren Township Meijer store.

Our story said "... Known as a habitual offender that has escaped from prison ...". This is incorrect. Schuh had not escaped from prison.

The defendant who escaped from prison was in court the same day and a mix-up in information occurred. We regret the error and apologize.

-- Rosemary K. Oztzman, editor

"Reality leaves a lot to the imagination."

— John Lennon

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
FINAL STATEMENT NOTICE (AMENDED)
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The following reprogramming was approved by the Board of Trustees on June 5, 2012 from the Township's 2010 CDBG allocation. It eliminated funding from the Sidewalk Construction line and added it to a new Beck Ball Fields line.

Sidewalk Construction:	- \$97,300
Install sidewalks along Belleville Road	
Beck Ball Fields:	+ \$97,300
Complete improvements to the Beck Ball Fields, which includes construction of new dugouts, new landscaping, new pavilion, and improvements to concession building	

TOTAL FUNDING: \$97,300

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren
Posted: March 17, 2014
Published: March 20, 2014

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
FINAL STATEMENT NOTICE (AMENDED)
Use of Community Development Block Grant

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The following reprogramming was approved by the Board of Trustees on January 14, 2014 from the Township's 2011 CDBG allocation. It eliminated funding from the Sidewalk Construction line and added it to a new Beck Ball Fields line.

Sidewalk Construction:	- \$83,474
Install sidewalks along Belleville Road	
Beck Ball Fields:	+ \$83,474
Complete improvements to the Beck Ball Fields, which includes construction of new dugouts, new landscaping, new pavilion, and improvements to concession building	

TOTAL FUNDING: \$83,474

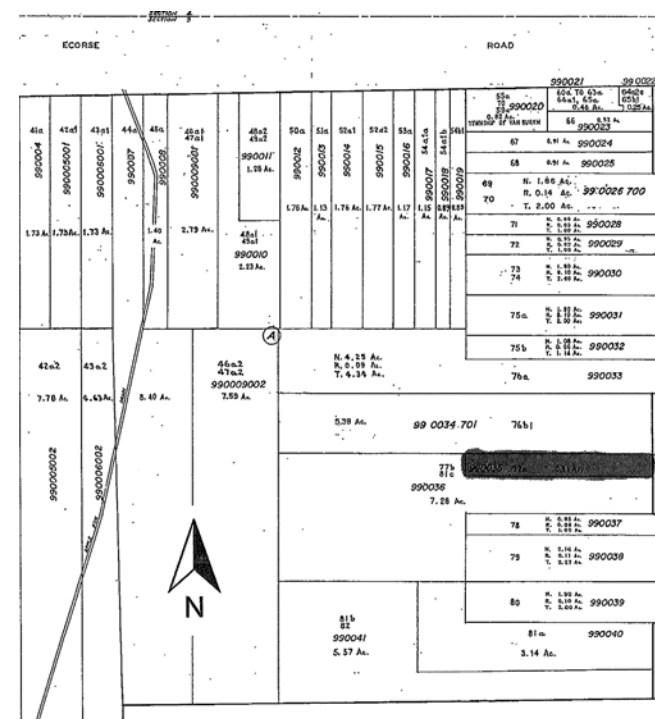
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, and County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday March 26, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a special land use request on the following described property.

Parcel number V125-83-033-99-0035-000, is the subject property of this hearing. It measures approximately 1.0 acres. This property is located on the west side of Belleville Road between Ecorse and Tyler Roads.



Subject Property

The applicant, Full House Self Storage, is requesting approval for the expansion of self storage facility onto an adjacent property including construction of three new buildings and expansion of two existing buildings. This hearing is being held in compliance with Section 12.03 Permitted Uses after Special Approval of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Planning and Economic Development Department until 4:00 p.m., on the hearing date.

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.

Published: March 20, 2014

City Council

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Conley invited them to go out in the hall and eat the cake she had baked in Taylor's honor while the meeting continued.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Approved the fire department's request for an Autism Boot Drive from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., April 2, at the corner of Main and High streets and Main and Liberty;

- Learned the city will go out for bids for a new newspaper of record, since the city's newspaper of record, the *Belleville Lake Current*, has ceased publication. Deadline for proposals is April 21. The *Independent* will be publishing the city's legal notices until a newspaper of record is selected by the council;

- Set a public hearing for 7:30 p.m., April 7, to receive comments and suggestions on use of the estimated \$57,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds coming to the city in 2014;

- Heard Councilman Fielder say he would like to discuss the details of a new pedestrian sign for the Fourth Street crossing on Main Street with the new police chief before presenting it to the council for action. When Councilwoman Kim Tindall said she wondered where they will get the \$376 for the sign, Fielder replied, "I have no shame in taking it to the DDA. It's in their district";

- Approved accounts payable of \$404,387.49 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Auto Value, \$558 for maintenance supplies; to Blue Ribbon, \$5,077 for street repair; to Emergency Services, \$725 for subscription for fire department; to Metro Environmental, \$2,161.25 for city hall flooding, from the sewer budget; to R&R Fire Truck Repair, \$901.82 for vehicle repair; and to WC Accounts Receivable, \$1,435 for police maintenance charges;

- Heard Mayor Conley invite everyone to the Mayors' Ball she is hosting in cooperation with Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff on April 11 at the Romulus Marriott Hotel to earn money for operation of the Boys & Girls Clubs in Belleville and Romulus. Cost is \$100 per person to attend and sponsors and silent auction items are being sought;

- Learned a joint meeting of the DDA, planning commission, and city council is being called for April 16, with the location yet to be determined. They will discuss the newly proposed Sign Ordinance; and

- Noted the city's new zoning map that has been hung in the council meeting room.

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— Chinese Curse

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Belleville Police Chief thanks Sumpter Twp. for all its help

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor attended the March 11 workshop meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees to bid the township farewell and to thank it for its help.

"Instead of sending you folks a letter, I thought I'd come in person," said Chief Taylor, who is retiring from his police position on March 28 after almost 37 years of service to the city.

He said in 1977 he started his police work with the City of Belleville and his first run was to assist Sumpter at Willow and Sumpter roads, along with Van Buren Township and the Sheriff's Department.

"Our old Chevy stopped running and I stepped into a deep ditch," Chief Taylor recalled, noting VBT officers picked up him and his partner. He said there were four police departments working together that day.

Chief Taylor said he has been married to a Sumpter girl for 36 years and she has enlightened him about Sumpter.

Taylor said he attends the township's Family Day functions and, "I saw a community that is unique" with the families coming out together.

He said whenever he asked for assistance

for Belleville, Sumpter Township was always there to help.

Taylor said in the early days he used to wear a robin's egg blue helmet and Sumpter's former Police Chief Clinton Brown laughed his head off the first time he saw him wearing it.

"I learned a lot from Chief Brown and Chief Pierce. They were always there to help," Taylor said.

Chief Taylor recalled that in July 1985 he lost a good friend when "three drunk drivers caused carnage."

He referred to the on-duty death of Sumpter Officer Roy Graham, with whom he used to play basketball. He said Officer Graham's former partner now is ready to retire from another department.

"I want to thank the Sumpter Township residents for allowing me to assist the Police Department and sometimes the Fire Department," Taylor said.

"They are a great bunch of people and uphold the true spirit of being a police officer.

"God bless you all," he said to a standing ovation.

Sumpter Police Chief Jim Pierce came to the lectern to say, "I've only know him 10 years, but I can say he's an honest cop and always has been. An honest cop!"

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• Tuesday, March 25 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, March 26 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, March 31 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m.

• Tuesday, April 1 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, April 2 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.

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

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.
Sunday, March 9:
0935 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Van Buren Ct.
1053 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Beckley
1103 – larceny from auto, Beckley
1310 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
1443 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1815 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Michigan Ave.
1824 – larceny from auto, Parkwood Dr.
1856 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2007 – mental, S. Woodbury Dr.
2047 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.
2101 – disturbance, Stonebridge Ct.
Monday, March 10:
0307 – assault & battery, Briarcliff Dr.
1037 – mental, S. Woodbury Dr.
1137 – private property accident, Ecorse Mobil
1209 – assault & battery, Meadows Cir.
1240 – property damage accident, Elwell Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1237 – assault & battery, Ayres Ave.
1423 – trespassing, I-94 Service Dr.
1501 – suspicious person, Van Buren Ln.
1622 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94 Service
1823 – suicide or attempt, Marlowe Ave.
1915 – weapons violation, Parkwood Dr.
1936 – suicide or attempt, S. Bellridge Dr.
2104 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
2143 – intimidation threat, Denton Rd.
Tuesday, March 11:
0013 – property damage accident, Revere Dr.
0540 – breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.
0818 – noise complaint, Shelley Dr.
1115 – private property accident, Parkwood Dr.
1131 – trespassing, Green Meadows
1146 – suspicious person, Edison Lake Rd.
1420 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1539 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1550 – fraud, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1608 – suspicious person, Chandler/Casteel
1616 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1647 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2200 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
2220 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
Wednesday, March 12:
0234 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
0602 – larceny from auto, Comfort Inn
0615 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
0632 – property damage accident, Haggerty/WB I-94 exit ramp
1016 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1201 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1218 – larceny, Denton
1241 – property damage accident, Bradley Dr.
1256 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1307 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / cemetery
1356 – private property accident, Haggerty Rd.
1406 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Camping World
1558 – property damage accident, WB Ecorse / Beck
1633 – property damage accident, McBride Ave.
2117 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
2128 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2228 – mental, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2313 – personal injury accident, EB I-94 / Rawsonville
Thursday, March 13:
0416 – hospice, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0450 – E-911 hangup/investigation, Willow Run
0645 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0835 – property damage accident, Bradley Dr.
0838 – mental, Hamilton St.
0932 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd.
1038 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Jackson St.
1358 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1546 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1641 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1751 – fraud, Maurice Dr.
1847 – agency assist, EB I-94/Belleville
2007 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
2337 – agency assist, EB I-94/Haggerty
Friday, March 14:
0524 – private property accident, Dollar Tree
0916 – personal injury accident, EB I-94/Belleville
0920 – fraud, Holly Ln.
1039 – suicide or attempt, Hannan Rd./Visteon Way
1109 – fraud, Robson Rd.
1231 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1237 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1430 – property damage accident, Belleville
1441 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1723 – mental, N. Sunset Ln.
1756 – property damage accident, Elwell/Bemis
1759 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
1836 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1916 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2111 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
2338 – missing person, Rolan Meadows Dr.
2350 – noise complaint, Meadows Cir.
Saturday, March 15:
0009 – disturbance, N. Woodbury Dr.
0012 – suspicious person, Denton Rd./Beckley Dr.
0025 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0038 – disturbance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0120 – fight, Johnny’s Hot Spot
0151 – warrant arrest, John’s Hot Spot
0941 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
1143 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1208 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1343 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1344 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1438 – juvenile complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1639 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1910 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2233 – missing person, Parkwood Dr.
Also on this week’s log are 178 traffic stops, 33 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 9:
0510 – disturbance, N. Liberty St.
0818 – property damage accident, N. Liberty/Main
0915 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0930 – harassment call, N. Liberty St.
0937 – assist fire dept., Charles St.
1310 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
1817 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
2114 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
2150 – follow up, Main St.
Monday, March 10:
0010 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
0010 – serve warrant, Astor
0141 – property check, S. Edgemont Ave.
0833 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter
1030 – suspicious situation, Estrada
1045 – harassment call, South St.
1158 – assist fire dept., Fifth St.
1446 – assault & battery, Santa Clara St.
1619 – all other traffic, Bemis/Sumpter
2026 – civil matter, Breakwater Dr.
2032 – property check, Main St.
2132 – noise complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
2242 – suspicious vehicle, Owen
Tuesday, March 11:
0125 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
0447 – vehicle repossession, Carmell St.
1413 – assist fire dept., Estrada Dr.
1641 – follow up, Breakwater Dr.
1858 – domestic assault, Loza Ln.
2121 – noise complaint, W. Thornhill Ct.
Wednesday, March 12:
0353 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0648 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1526 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
2026 – follow up, Sumpter
2111 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
2319 – intrusion alarm, Savage
Thursday, March 13:
0231 – traffic hazard, Belle Villa
0827 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

1836 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2051 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2135 – suspicious situation, Church St.
2141 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2350 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
Friday, March 14:
1026 – vehicle lockout, Belle Villa
1327 – E-911 hang up/investigation, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1407 – harassment call, W. Columbia Ave.
1457 – agency assist, Henry St.
1528 – assist fire dept., Fourth St.
1541 – vehicle lockout, Owen
1545 – all other traffic, Wexford Ave.
1636 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1720 – neighbor trouble, Harbour Pointe
1902 – overdose, Loza Ln.
2153 – parking complaint, Victorian Ln.
2305 – shots fired, Roland St.
Saturday, March 15:
0028 – agency assist, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0037 – suspicious situation, Main/Third
0257 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0348 – suspicious situation, Main St.
0835 – agency assist, Henry St.
1308 – welfare check, Henry St.
1342 – family trouble, N. Liberty St.
1602 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1640 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1724 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2005 – follow up, smith
2010 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2234 – property check, Egan’s
Also on this week’s log are 42 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 9:
0324 – traffic hazard, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1724 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2038 – citizen assist, 9100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2137 – civil dispute, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
2150 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
2231 – assist other agency, out of township
Monday, March 10:
0508 – fire dept. assist 46000 bl. Traskos
0923 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1002 – citizen assist, out of township
1129 – larceny report, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1219 – shots fired, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1412 – suspicious incident, 26000 bl. Martinsville
1414 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1430 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1449 – warrant arrest, out of township
1527 – animal bite, Karr Rd.
1544 – trespassing complaint, New Mexico
1618 – trespassing complaint, Hampshire
1814 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1830 – well-being check, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
1836 – well-being check, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1922 – alarm, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2251 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Arkona
2322 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville
Tuesday, March 11:
0031 – warrant arrest, out of township

0107 – suspicious person, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0743 – suspicious vehicle, 40000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0914 – trespassing complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
0915 – alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1115 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1237 – ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1323 – alarm, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1522 – alarm, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1544 – larceny report, Carriage Ln.
1606 – mental health commitment, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1650 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1733 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1744 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
2029 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2033 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Wednesday, March 12:
0332 – assist other agency, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1240 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1310 – alarm, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1354 – odor investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1529 – ORV complaint, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1744 – mental helath commitment, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1916 – mental health commitment, 1600 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1935 – assist other agency, 160 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1943 – larceny report, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2001 – traffic hazard, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2323 – assist other agency, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
2347 – suspicious incident, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
Thursday, March 13:
0932 – property damage accident, 49000 bl. Bemis
0949 – well-being check, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1128 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1147 – fire dept. assist, 8500 bl. Meadow Springs
1349 – death investigation, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1555 – ordinance violation, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1609 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1807 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1828 – juvenile complaint, Delaware
1959 – civil dispute, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
Friday, March 14:
1228 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Lane
1300 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1401 – traffic hazard, Harris/Boyd
1654 – harassment complaint, Colorado
1723 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1729 – suspicious incident, New Mexico
1901 – animal complaint, Pecan
1905 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
2032 – abandoned vehicle, Willis/Sumpter
Saturday, March 15:
0250 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Judd
0259 – alarm, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0502 – property damage accident, Willis/Elwell
0801 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Fenster
0918 – citizen assist, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.
1320 – warrant arrest, Oakville Waltz / Mineral Springs
1718 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1807 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
1945 – fight, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
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Sumpter Township Public Notice

**Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm with the pledge.
Roll call by Clerk Hoffman showing present: Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan, & Swinson. Excused Supervisor Vawters.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to have Clerk Hoffman chair the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

4. Public comments on agenda items only

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hamm, supported by J. Morgan to approve minutes of regular board meeting minutes of February 11, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Hamm, supported by Bates to accept minutes of the Parks & Recreation of January 15 & 29, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve the warrants totaling \$547,284.30. Roll call vote: Yes: Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, P. Morgan & Swinson. Nay: None. Absent Vawters. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation: Motion by J. Morgan, supported by Hamm to approve the parks & recreation report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Attorney:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve Resolution 2014-03 CDBG coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to direct the attorney for draft changes to the medical marijuana ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve the attorney's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Board Response

10. Presentation by Jason Maciejewski of the Senior Alliance

11. Presentation by District Library for Sumpter Satellite Plans

12. New Business:

A. Motion by Hamm, supported by Swinson to approve to reschedule the 2014-2015 CDBG Public Hearing for March 11, 2014 at 6 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by J. Morgan, supported by P. Morgan to approve to sign a 1 (one) year agreement for storage of camera videos with evidence.com cost \$3,939.60. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve to lease/purchase 2 (two) 2014 Ford police interceptor SUV's for police cost \$56,616.00 out of 2014-2015 budget year. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Announcements

14. Open floor

15. Adjournment: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on February 25, 2014 at 7:08 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

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BREAKFAST EMPANADAS – STUFFED HASH BROWNS



The RAC is 6 Years Old!



Join us as we celebrate the RAC's 6th Birthday!

Sunday, March 23rd

12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.



FREE for Members

\$6 for Non-Members

In addition to all of our regularly scheduled activities, we will also have a bounce house, pool games, free fitness classes, contests, membership giveaways, and much more!

Special Membership Offer! Purchase a membership on March 23, 2014 and receive your choice of an additional 6 weeks added onto the end of your membership OR 6% off of your membership price! PLUS, you will also get 6 free group fitness classes, 6 free aquatic fitness classes, AND 6 lbs. added onto the starting weight of your Commitment Resolution for next year!