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F R E E

Councilwoman Tindall opposes '16 days of alcohol' on 4th St. Sq.

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A weekly outside beer garden on the city's Fourth Street Square for the Bayou Grill and the BooVille weekend of alcohol-related events on the square were approved by the Belleville City Council on Monday.

But, the votes were 3-1, with Councilwoman Kim Tindall voting no to what she called 16 days of alcohol on the city square. Councilman Tom Fielder was absent. Voting yes were Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria, Councilman Tom Smith, and Mayor Kerreen Conley.

The beer garden will run in concert with the Monday car shows on Main Street sponsored by the Bayou Grill. The beer gardens are approved for 5-9 p.m., July 21-Sept. 29.

Brian Copsey of the Bayou said he plans a total of 12 outside alcohol events, 11 for the car show and one for BooVille.

He presented a drawing to the council showing four-foot sections of wrought iron fencing set in concrete footings, 20'x20', with the bar and tables and chairs inside, all in the center of the square. The opening to the beer garden will face the Bayou, with security at the entry.

Security will check IDs for entry and monitor, with the bartender, for safety and liquor law compliance, Copsey indicated on the drawing. Those entering will get wrist bands.

It will be a walk-up bar with aluminum bottles, Copsey said. He said the fence will be taken down each Monday night and put up the next Monday.

"We all know how I feel about turning Fourth Street Square into a beer garden," said Councilwoman Tindall, before voting against it.

Then, came Bryan Suliman's proposal for the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce's part of the BooVille weekend on the square. He said the tent will go up on the square at noon on Oct. 24 and the Monster Mash Masquerade Ball with a disc jockey will run from 6 to 11 p.m. There will be a mask contest and raffle, and refreshments to be announced later.

"Adult refreshments?" Tindall asked and Suliman replied, "Likely."

"Another beer garden," Tindall said.

Bill Wolters, president of the Central Business Community, rose to tell about the BooVille events planned for Saturday, Oct. 25, on the square.

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VBT Board turns down attorney's opinion, but doesn't say what it was

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on July 1, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to turn down the attorney's opinion letter and recommendation on the Waste Management demolition waste product proposal.

What attorney Patrick McCauley wrote in his opinion letter and what he recommended were not disclosed.

This concerned Waste Management's proposal to accept waste from demolitions of Detroit houses at a reduced tipping fee for the township, which would allow Waste Management to make a profit on the deal with contractors.

The proposal was never on any township agenda, but was discussed briefly during the June 16 work/study session after the regular agenda was completed.

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Photo courtesy Timeless Images by Susan

On July 1, the new Belleville Rotary Board and officers were inducted for the 2014-15 Rotary year. From left are Doug Jenvey, director; Debra Green, director, Mike Aimone, treasurer; Mary Jo Suchy, secretary; Julie Hardy, vice president; and Jerry Richardson, president. Absent from the picture is Director Phil Miller.

VBT passenger dies when car hits tree on Morton Taylor Road

Marcus McIntosh, a 21-year-old resident of Van Buren Township, died early Sunday morning when the car in which he was riding hit a tree on Morton Taylor Road, just north of Van Born Road.

In a news release, VBT Police Lt. Ken Floro said the driver of the Chevrolet Malibu, Joshua Morris, 22, of VBT was traveling northbound on Morton Taylor, when he lost control of his vehicle and struck a tree.

Morris was transported by Survival Flight to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital where on Monday he was listed in serious but stable condition.

McIntosh was the front seat passenger in the car at the time of the accident and he was pronounced deceased at the scene, Lt. Floro said.

At about 2:10 a.m. on Sunday, the VBT and Canton Township public safety departments and Huron Valley Ambulance were dispatched to the scene following a report of a single motor vehicle accident with serious injuries.

Lt. Floro said when officers arrived they

found the car with passenger side impact damage and secondary damage to the vehicle's roof.

The VBT Accident Investigation Team also was dispatched to the scene to secure evidence, record measurements, and complete the follow-up investigation.

The accident remains under investigation and anyone having information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Mark Buxton at (734) 699-8917.

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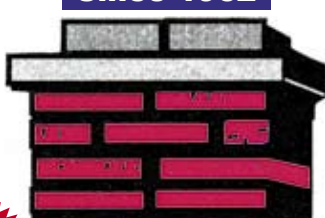
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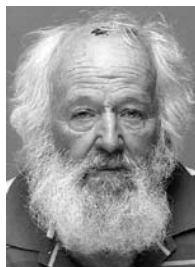
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Court Watching:

Coskie bound over on charge he shot, killed Eric Williams

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Accused murderer Kenneth William Coskie of Van Buren Township told police he shot and killed Eric Williams because he was afraid Williams would beat him up again and steal his money. "I didn't want to do it, but I was scared," Coskie, 74, reportedly told VBT police after the shooting on April 9 at 49170 Michigan Avenue where Coskie was living in a camper.



Coskie

VBT Police Detective Donovan McCarthy, lead officer on the case, testified at length to the details of the murder investigation during Coskie's preliminary exam July 2 before 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green.

After the hour-long exam, Judge Green bound Coskie over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information at 9 a.m., July 9, at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Judge Green found the prosecution proved there was probable cause that a crime was committed and Coskie was involved.

He is charged with shooting Eric Williams, 44, in the back with his 12-gauge shotgun just before 8 p.m. on April 9 near his home in the Michigan Avenue – Denton Road area.

Coskie is being held in the Wayne County Jail on \$1 million bond and the bond was continued. A recent exam determined he was competent to stand trial.

His charges are: first-degree murder and felony firearm. He is considered a habitual offender.

At the beginning of the exam, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Michael Reynolds read a summary of the autopsy performed April 10 by an assistant Wayne County Coroner.

He said the decedent was a 44-year-old black male with a shotgun wound to the torso. The gun shot damaged the left spleen, left lung, heart, right lung, and right arm. The shot went from back to front and left to right. There was bleeding in the abdomen.

The cause of death was ruled homicide. His body was definitely identified by his mother.

More than 10 family and friends of the victim were in the courtroom. Before the exam started, his girlfriend was asked to leave the courtroom because she may be asked to testify in circuit court.

Det. McCarthy was the fourth witness

and he told the story of what he found at the murder scene and what Coskie told him.

He said the call came in to police at 8 p.m. and when he got to the scene, other officers were there.

They found a deceased man with a gunshot wound face down, between the camper and the van covered by a plastic lawn chair and some debris. There was identification in his pocket.

Two shotguns were recovered from the scene. One was a single-shot 12 gauge loaded with a live Winchester 00 ("double-ought") buck shell. There was a spent shell found at the scene.

The older model, 16 gauge, pump-action shotgun, was placed next to the other on a metal bench, both covered in Liquid Wrench, indicating they had been worked on recently.

Det. McCarthy said at 2 a.m. he returned to the station from the scene and Coskie said he would talk to him. McCarthy said Coskie did not appear intoxicated and there was no smell of alcohol.

After asking if he needed water or a blanket, McCarthy said he read Coskie his Miranda Rights and Coskie signed the form.

Then after talking for 15 to 20 minutes, Coskie wrote his own statement and signed it. Prosecutor Reynolds asked McCarthy to read the hand-written statement and he did.

The statement said on April 3 or 4, he gave Eric Williams \$5 for a ride to cash his check and Eric borrowed \$15 for his cocaine smoking. He said Eric came back in the morning and broke the window in his camper and beat him on the head with a mag light. Eric made Coskie's watchdog run away, Coskie wrote.

Coskie said he only had one bullet for his shotguns and Eric was a big person. His dog was gone. He said he didn't want to be beat up again. He said he shot him once and put a cover and folding chair over him.

Coskie wrote that Eric hollered his name and he turned and, "I shot him." The only thing in Eric's hand was a party store bag.

Coskie said that the week before when he got beat up he went to the clinic and told them he fell off his bike. He went to Walmart and bought 00 buck shells and Liquid Wrench.

McCarthy said he asked Coskie if he shot Williams twice and Coskie reportedly told him, he's "... from the UP and only needed one shot." He shot him in the back.

Coskie said he covered up the body after the shooting because he didn't want anyone to see Williams and he wanted to

protect himself.

In cross examination, court-appointed defense attorney David Lankford asked about the poor spelling in Coskie's written statement, questioning whether Williams was reported to be carrying a "nife" or a rifle.

McCarthy reported Coskie said Williams was carrying a knife.

McCarthy said Coskie had fired one round and reloaded the gun.

At the beginning of the exam, the first witness to testify was Eddie Short, 43, Coskie's stepson, who worked at Willow Creek Market at the corner of Denton and Michigan Avenue in VBT.

Short testified that he knew Williams and Williams had moved into the neighborhood in the winter.

Short testified he was working on April 9 at the party store. He said there is a parking

lot between the store and where Coskie lived at 49170 Michigan Ave.

At about 7:45 p.m., Williams was leaving the store. Shortly after Williams left, Short went outside to see if the parking lot lights he manually turned on were working all right.

He said he saw Williams approaching his stepfather's property and was about 10 feet from the property when he got shot.

"I saw Eric and he was ready to run away from the property and then I heard one gun shot," Short testified.

He said his stepfather just came up out of nowhere. He said he turned his head a second and then when he looked back it was happening.

He said he said to himself, "Oh, my God. I really can't believe this happened."

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Court Watching:

Jury trials set in circuit court for Billy Ray Patrick, Vena Mixon

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After appearances at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit last week, defendants Billy Ray Patrick of Belleville and Vena Mixon of Sumpter Township have been scheduled for jury trials in September.

Billy Ray Patrick

Billy Ray Patrick, 22, has a final conference set for Aug. 22 and a jury trial set for Sept. 8 on charges surrounding the shooting of his friend in the face over a dispute over marijuana.

Circuit Court Judge Thomas C. Cameron is presiding.

Vena Mixon

Vena Mixon, 47, has a final conference set for 9 a.m., Aug. 13, and a jury trial on Sept. 9 before Circuit Court Judge Lawrence Stuart Talon.

She is facing charges surrounding the alleged drawing of a gun and using her car to push a woman and her bicycle into the ditch on Judd Road.

Clarence Joseph Johnson

Charges of possession of narcotics filed against Clarence Joseph Johnson were dismissed by Judge Green before the scheduled preliminary exam on July 2.

Johnson's bond of \$4,000 personal recognizance was cancelled. Det. McCarthy was the officer in charge.

Ash Al-Awamleh

A preliminary exam on assault and weapons charges was scheduled for July 2 in district court, but defendant Ash Al-Awamleh waived the exam and Judge Green bound him over to circuit court on July 16 for an arraignment on the information.

VBT Det. Mark Buxton is lead officer on the case.

Maurice Terre Anderson

The preliminary exam for Maurice Terre Anderson was set for July 2 on charges of delivery/manufacturing of drugs, but he decided to waive the exam.

Judge Green scheduled him for a 9 a.m., July 16, arraignment on the information in circuit court. VBT Officer Derek Perez is the officer in charge.

Brian Carl Barton

Brian Carl Barton was due for his preliminary exam on operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, third, on July 2. His attorney asked for adjournment and Judge Green reset the preliminary exam for July 30 before Judge David Parrott.

Officer Ken Toney is officer in charge.

Nicholas Simon Mishler

Nicholas Simon Mishler, charged with criminal sexual conduct, third degree, was set to have his preliminary exam on July 2 and waived his exam. Judge Green bound him over to circuit court for a July 16 arraignment on the information.

Officer Toney is officer in charge.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

What's a city to do about its dogs?

The City of Belleville is looking at some of its ordinances to bring them where the council thinks they should be. There's Special Events, Snow/Ice Removal and its policy, and Animal Control.

The Animal Control Ordinance was discussed at length at Monday's council meeting. It's all about dogs.

Police Chief Hal Berriman said Belleville does not have the facilities to take care of dogs. No pound, no way to transport them (except the back seat of the patrol car), no place to keep them except the two cages they bought.

He said Dr. Craiger at Sumpter Pet Care does work on the city's stray animals for free. He said the city has no protocol to dispose of dogs – such as taking them out to the cemetery to shoot them, which they don't want to do anyway.

Recently a dog was left at the city PD because the people didn't want it anymore. The newest police officer took it home. That dog caused \$3,000 worth of vet bills with chronic bone disease and other problems.

City Manager Kollmeyer said years ago the city had an arrangement with Van Buren Township, but now the township wants a contract. FMAR doesn't have room.

Dr. Craiger offered to come in and help the city set up a protocol, so a subcommittee was appointed to work on the ordinance with a report due Sept. 15.

Here's hoping for the best for Belleville's dogs.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I had a lovely visit with Don Juchartz on the Fourth of July. He and his wife Dorie and I remembered the old days, talked about the new days, and sang a song together.

My college roommate had perfect pitch and she said I sang off key and I did and do, but Don and Dorie didn't mind at all.

Don, who is suffering from congestive heart failure, was happy to hear that the Van Buren Public School Board is putting aside money each year to pay for the replacement of the artificial turf on the BHS football field when that becomes necessary – a very expensive project.

Don spoke forcefully to the board in favor of natural turf for the field, but the board wanted artificial turf.

We also talked about how Michigan State University, Don's alma mater, decided to buy its natural turf from Colorado and truck it to Michigan for installation. MSU told him the soil in Colorado is exactly like the soil in Michigan.

Trust me. It isn't.

I lived in Colorado for seven years and gardened along the Front Range. It was arid and water was scarce. I remember flying back to Michigan to see my parents and was astonished at how green everything was in Michigan from the air compared to the yellows and browns of Colorado.

Don and Dorie's son lives in Colorado, so we talked about Colorado, too.

I couldn't have had a more pleasant holiday afternoon than I spent with the Juchartz family.

Don was our county extension agent when my parents were learning about farming after they moved to Van Buren Township from Detroit in 1937. I remember him



as a dashing young man in uniform and he remembers me as a skinny teenager working out in our fields.

He has done many things in his long life of helping people grow things, among them being a radio personality on WJR for many years, then switching to another station.

When I moved back to Belleville from Colorado in 1990, I worked for Chesley Odom for a while and he always listened to Don Juchartz, "The Plant Doctor," on the radio and was so proud to know him personally. Me, too.

I got an email from a reader in the City of Belleville saying she received a large postcard with a "conceptual design" sketch of the proposed new main library.

She said "the dome is strangely mosque-like and the V-shaped roof nearby should fill up nicely with snow and ice every winter."

And, "the sailboat is about to cross someone's fishing line which is exactly why fishing near the bridge is currently not allowed."

I was not surprised to hear her say she already absentee-voted NO! on the two library proposals on the Aug. 5 ballot.

I've attended every library board meeting and looked at all the information released for every meeting and never saw that conceptual drawing before. Must have been drawn up just for the political action committee's support of the ballot

questions.

The drawing shows three or four floors under the dome, but all I've ever seen were plans for two floors. 'Tis a mystery.

Actually, at our house we received two, different-sized postcards on the same day with that drawing on it, one to "Registered Voters" (with headlines promoting voting Yes on both ballot proposals) and the other to "Current Resident" (which seemed to be only general information on library plans).

The first mailing was paid for by Belleville Area Citizens for a New Library and the second one by Belleville Area District Library.

There was an abundance of fireworks over the weekend throughout the tri-community – some after midnight, which rankled the neighbors.

I received an email from Richard Vandervoort, who was in our graduating class of 1954 at BHS. We are celebrating our 60th anniversary this year. Richard lives in the Philippines. His address is psychicmind.vandervoort231@gmail.com

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Letters

Let me tell you about the lady who scammed me

To the Editor:

Another scam: On Sunday the 7th an older thin lady with red hair streaked and a big red purse stopped me while I was cutting grass and asked for a donation because her daughter had died of breast cancer.

She showed me a picture of a girl and a brochure of a funeral home, she said she was staying with her mother but lives in Trenton. I gave her \$5 and wished her well.

After I cut the grass, I went to the Sumpter store at the corner of Willis. As I was standing in line, I realized she was in front of me buying a 12-pack of beer and a few odd things.

When she left, I followed her. She pulled into a driveway on Willis, half way between Sumpter and Martinsville. When I knocked on the door a different lady came to the door. The lady that scammed me would not come to the door. As this is happening, four guys drinking \$5 worth of beer from my money.

Harris Road Resident
Sumpter Township

Wayne County Fair events community assets

To the Editor:

Living across from the Wayne County Fairgrounds driveway for the past 24 years, I have seen the ups and downs of event cycles come and go. Many events do not draw the crowds they have in years past.

Some are pleased by this downturn in attendance. I am not. It has come to my attention that a small number of residents object to having events that draw large crowds which might cause some noise a couple times a year.

These events also bring people to our community (with their money) which otherwise would not come. Many local merchants have seen their retail sales accelerate on these big-event days.

As with any large gathering, any reasonable person would expect some noise during times of celebration, showmanship events, competition and entertainment.

Also, any additional public safety assurances could be charged to the event

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promoter, so as not to burden township officials with additional budget issues.

The few complainers should close their windows, or leave town for the day, and let those of us who enjoy events at our local facility continue to have unfettered access to special events.

Last I checked, the name on the sign and the building (per the web site) say Wayne County, implying a public use facility for all comers, not an event site controlled by a few malcontents.

Timothy C. Nieland
Quirk Road resident

Library handing the ball to us, let's run with it

To the Editor:

This area, Van Buren & Sumpter Township and Belleville, is a progressive, forward-looking community with hopes and aspirations for our children that require a fine school system supported by a good library if they are to be fulfilled.

We recently took a big step forward in the renovation and expansion of our high school and the introduction of a host of excellent new programs in our schools at all levels.

We've let our library get behind, however. A facility that was adequate in the past is now badly strained by the additional tasks it's been asked to assume. Our library needs to grow to satisfactorily meet all the demands the community, particularly our students, puts upon it – a research resource, a variety of reading programs (some of which are designed to prevent student "slippage" during the summer), access to computers and the internet, etc.

Thanks to the efforts of our Library Board, we have a well-thought-out plan for filling these needs. The Board will be handing the ball to us on Aug. 5. Let's make sure we run with it.

Carol Schank
Belleville

Looking for Huron High School Class of 1965

To the Editor:

I'm looking for information on the (New Boston) Huron High School Class of 1965. Does anyone know how I can reach our class president or anyone on the class reunion committee? Any information is appreciated. I can be reached at the e-mail address below. Thank you!

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Hole patched up in the night on West Columbia Avenue in Belleville

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A considerable hole in the pavement of West Columbia Avenue in the City of Belleville was reported in front of St. Anthony Catholic Church by Sam the United Parcel Service driver in the middle of the night July 2-3.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, Police Chief Hal Berriman reported that Sam brought the hole to the attention of the police department and Wayne County was called.

Chief Berriman said a bigger hole, five feet deep and several feet wide and long was found beneath the hole on the surface.

Berriman said the county workers came and filled the hole and patched the road surface. They said they don't know when it will get fixed permanently.

All the temporary repairs were made before early-morning traffic began driving on West Columbia Avenue early Thursday.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said the hole was dry, so there was no water involved

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Coskie

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Short said his stepfather had told him about an incident the previous Saturday in the early morning.

Short said Coskie told him that Williams went over to Coskie's place and broke a window and possibly robbed him of money. Coskie was hit across the head with a blunt object and he had a scar on his forehead in the picture taken of him after his arrest.

Short said about five minutes after being called the Van Buren Police arrived, which he said was, "a pretty good response time."

Under cross examination, defense attorney Lankford asked Short to describe Williams. Short said Williams was younger, at 44, than his stepfather, who was 74.

Williams had a large frame and was "a built guy," Short said. Lankford suggested Williams weighed well over 250 pounds and besides the 30 years age difference, there was a weight difference of 100 pounds and Short agreed.

Lankford asked Short to describe the area where the stepfather lived and he said it had a pickup truck, van, and other things parked together. Lankford asked if Williams bought alcohol in the store and he replied, "I guess."

Prosecutor Reynolds asked if his stepfather told him he was going to have a surprise for Mr. Williams and he said that was true and he told VBT Det. McCarthy that on May 5.

Short agreed he told Det. McCarthy that he turned the parking lights on and, "Kenny pops out of nowhere and shoots him one time."

Short said Coskie's house had been condemned by Van Buren Township and Coskie was staying in the camper.

Lankford asked Short if Coskie told him "I will protect myself" and Short said that was true.

The next witness was Monique Danielle James, who was a customer at Willow Creek Market the night of the shooting. James said she stopped in at the store on her way home and took about 10 minutes deciding what she wanted to get.

When she left to go out to her car, a heavy-set black man was running to where she was coming out of the store.

"I heard noise – shots or firecrackers," she said. "The man running toward me fell and I went back into the store and ... eventually called 911."

The third witness was Daniel Joseph Ramsey, another customer at the store that night. He said he saw a black male pay for a pint and leave. Shortly thereafter, he heard a pop and said, "What was that? I wasn't sure."

He said a woman came back in and said, "I think he just shot at me."

Ramsey said he looked out in the parking lot and didn't see anyone. Then he left and walked out to his truck. When he was unlocking the door to his truck, he saw Coskie standing by a camper but didn't see anyone else. He said he often saw Coskie over in that area.

He said he had been at work for 14 hours and was ready to go home. Later he was contacted by police.

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, July 10 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, July 14 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building.

• Tuesday, July 15 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 16 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, VBT Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

Jehovah's Witnesses to hold convention in sign language in VBT

Jehovah's Witnesses are inviting all of their neighbors who use Sign Language to attend their annual convention to be held at the Belleville Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses located at 43777 Ecorse Road.

The theme of this year's program is "Keep Seeking First God's Kingdom!"

Keenan Stutz, a convention spokesman, said, "People of many faiths pray for God's Kingdom. This convention will explain what that Kingdom is and how it can be a positive influence in our lives. A highlight of the program will be the keynote address on Friday morning, which will discuss how that Kingdom is benefiting people today.

"A core belief of Jehovah's Witnesses, based on Biblical and historical evidence, is that Jesus Christ began to rule as the King of God's Kingdom in 1914. The convention program marks this year as the centennial of that event," Stutz said.

Starting this weekend, and continuing for the next couple of weeks, Jehovah's Witnesses will extend personal invitations to everyone who uses Sign Language from 11 Midwest states, Ontario, and Manitoba to attend the Sign Language convention with them.

Forty-one congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses will be supporting the activity of distributing printed invitations to the convention. The first of three-day events to be held in Belleville will begin Friday, July 11, at 9:20 a.m.

There is no admission fee. Conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses are supported entirely by voluntary donations.

An estimated 2,000 people will come to the Belleville Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses over the weekend for the Bible-based programs.

Jehovah's Witnesses in the United States plan to host 193 conventions in 71 cities. Worldwide, there are over 7,900,000 Witnesses in more than 113,000 congregations.

Birthdays

July 5 – Joe Sixbey
July 9 – Sophia Zoller
July 10 – Sharon Pokewinski
July 19 – Shae Millard
July 28 – Eileen Graham

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More Letters

Create a 'palace' and leave Sumpter short?

To the Editor:

A three-day traffic study? At least that is the statement made by Michael Labadie in his report (pages 1 thru 7) to the Belleville Area District Library.

"The average hourly volume over the three day period ..." But, a study of the Traffic Data Collection, TDC sheet indicates 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Monday May 19, 2014; 12 midnight to 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 20, 2014. Thence 12 midnight to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 21, 2014 (pages 5, 6 & 7) is falling two hours **SHORT** of a **TWO-DAY** study not a **THREE-DAY** study. (There are a missing 19 hours Monday and 6 hours on Wednesday.)

Pages 8, 9, 10 & 11 consist of a Four-Hour Vehicular Volume report for Warrants requesting need for signal lights, and "...Conclusion: The results of the signal warrant analysis indicate that Warrant 2 (Four-Hour) ...are not met."

It is curious Miovision Video one month earlier 4/22/2014 did this count. School was still in session in the Van Buren School district, not one school bus on Belleville Road or Quirk Road loading or unloading young people. Only 13 total pedestrians in the four-hour block, and we have a previous recommendation that there should be a pedestrian overpass on Belleville Road!

Those cars, Semi's-Heavy Trucks, on page 2 of this report, wouldn't be using Quirk Road because of construction and traffic jams at I-94?

This whole study is justification for something we already knew -- there is a LOT of traffic on Belleville Road! There were not the necessary numbers for a fully functional light with left-turn lanes and left-turn signals, so now we have created a monster request with activation by anyone anytime, or is this on flashing yellow or red after 10 p.m. for our neighbors to the east? Would the board like that in front of their house? I recall something about train noise being obnoxious.

To suggest another traffic light that is unsynchronized with the other lights on

Belleville Road and Main Street is folly to its ultimate. In addition, to consider this DNR site as ideal for a library is outrageous.

To create a "palace" while having Sumpter Township make do with a refurbish is tantamount to placcation. To waste dollars on studies to try to justify a decision based on desire, want instead of reason and need, is an exercise in frivolity. Moreover, to spend dollars in anticipation of bond passage is ignoring a fiduciary responsibility.

VOTE NO on LIBRARY BONDS!

Cornell Anton, Jr., Belleville

Vote No and No for two library proposals

To the Editor:

I urge a Vote No on the two Belleville Area District Library proposals.

When this location proposal was first presented to the Sumpter Township Board nine years ago by head librarian Ms. Debra Green, I told her then and the township board that this location is a dangerous site due to the poor visibility on Belleville Road due to the unsafe curve.

She continued to press the issue when the Fred C. Fischer Library became the Belleville Area District Library (BADL) five years go. She proceeded full-speed ahead with her plan with the library board.

I have a copy of their traffic study and on page 3 in the sight analysis it states, "The results of this analysis indicate that the proposed library driveway aligned with Quirk Road would not have adequate sight distance due to the guardrail and trees south of the intersection which obstructs the driver's view."

In the study conclusion, a traffic-actuated traffic signal should be installed at this location, however the Wayne County Road Commission has not given their input. I believe this site is a public safety hazard.

Also, Sumpter's proposed satellite library plan is totally inadequate. As far as I am concerned the perfect site would have been the former Elwell School that was destroyed by the Van Buren School Board.

I urge all property owners to Vote No on the two library proposals because it will increase our property taxes greatly.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Ban, Sumpter Township

Senior got her big tax bill and ballot proposals

To the Editor:

I am a tax-paying senior. I just got my tax bill -- another whammy. First thing I see is "School Debt, \$110.55; City of Belleville, \$672.47; St. School \$222.60."

Next library -- our simple little library.

They said on my tax (Belleville) \$19,050,000 (not to exceed...) issue its general obligation "unlimited" tax bonds.

That makes me nervous. Tax bonds for constructing renovations -- furnishing, equipping -- and it goes on -- and re-equipping existing building for library. (Why didn't they do that and have their simple library?) And, acquiring sites for library. Are they wanting to get a city? This proposal will allow to levy additional millage in the city of Belleville.

"Let's use Common Sense with taxpayers' money."

We do not need a library and other buildings that they will decide on.

Why weren't the older school buildings renovated? Why were they demolished so quickly? The taxpayers paid for these buildings.

We are a very small town. Since when do we need all this? Could it be the library committee shut themselves up and started making their elaborate plans?

The most important thing is: We don't need a new library and buildings now. If they decided all this expense for the taxpayers to pay, maybe they should make

their plans and pay for them!

Van Buren Township and Sumpter have all kinds of land. We are taxed way, way too much.

I haven't gotten over my big school taxes. How long will it take to pay all this?

Name withheld by request

Belleville man arrested in Ontario for speeding on 401 at 118.68 mph

On Saturday, July 5, at about 8:35 p.m. on Highway 401 westbound, east of Highway 19, a police officer from Ontario Provincial Police Highway Safety Division observed a vehicle travelling at a speed of 191 km/h (118.68 mph) in a posted 100 km/h (62.14 mph) zone.

According to a report in the *Tillsonburg News* in Ontario, the driver, a 44-year-old Belleville, MI man was charged under the Highway Traffic Act with "Change lane -- not in safety," "Fail to surrender permit for motor vehicle," and "Race a Motor Vehicle."

The vehicle was impounded for the prescribed seven-day period and his driver's license was suspended.

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VBT Board votes 4-3 to delay vote on law suit against Wayne Co.

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its July 1 meeting voted 4-3 to postpone action on a proposed law suit against Wayne County regarding the Downriver Sewer System.

The item will be on the agenda of its next regular meeting on July 15 for a vote.

Voting against waiting were Treasurer Sharry Budd, Trustee Jeff Jahr, and Supervisor Combs. Voting to discuss it in two weeks, after more information was in hand, were Clerk Leon Wright and Trustees McClanahan, Miller, and Hart.

The proposed law suit reportedly was discussed in the board's closed-door session on June 30.

The agenda item paperwork noted that the DPW director and the township attorney supported the lawsuit and it has also been supported by "Treasurer Budd, Trustee Jahr, and Supervisor Combs."

The budget implications noted were: "The township is to pay its share of the attorney fees and expenses based upon a proportionate share of the township's five-year average annual flow volumes adjusted as to the number of communities that join the litigation."

If all 13 municipal members of the Downriver Sewer System's Joint Management Committee join in the law suit, VBT's share would be 1.8% (and the City of Belleville's share would be 1.06%).

It also was noted on the agenda paperwork that the VBT legal fees will be funded from the Water and Sewer Fund's attorney account.

The five-page resolution on the proposed law suit notes the Downriver Sewage Disposal System contract was effective March 1, 1962 and later amended for the treatment and disposal of sanitary sewage emanating from the 13 municipalities.

The contract, as amended, provided the establishment of the system with the cost allocated among all the municipalities as funding units as having an ownership in the system and contractually authorized the county to operate the system.

That contract expired March 1, 2012 and despite the municipalities' best efforts, the county has refused to continue negotiations as to a new contract, resulting in the parties continuing their relationship under the expired contract.

The resolution further explained that the

system has undergone a major expansion and renovation as a result of the U.S. EPA and MDEQ mandates which were set forth in a consent decree dated May 24, 1994 in the matter of *United States of America, et al vs. Wayne County Michigan, et al.* filed in federal court.

As a result of the consent decree the system has undergone a major renovation and expansion, bonds were issued in the aggregate amount of about \$350 million for a Financing Plan and Final Judgment entered on March 14, 1994, and the municipalities pledged their full faith and credit as the primary obligor to secure debt payments on the bonds and have exclusively made the payments on the bond indebtedness.

The resolution points out that since 1962 the municipalities have exclusively paid for all capital improvements, bonded indebtedness and reserves for the system, but on May 15, 2014 Wayne County approved a Deficit Elimination Plan without notice and without the consent of the municipalities, that imposes \$121 million dollars of additional debt unrelated to the sewer system on the municipalities.

In essence, the resolution states, this requires the municipalities to purchase the system for which they have already paid.

The municipalities already have filed objections with the county and the state treasurer.

The resolution goes on to state that on top of that, the municipalities discovered that on May 28, 2014 the county, again without notice or consent of the municipalities and in violation of 1957 PA 185 and the contract, caused the transfer of \$4.594 million from the system's reserves (all of which was funded by the municipalities for the exclusive use and benefit of the system) to the county's general fund.

The county also transferred \$4.4 million from the Rouge Valley system to its general fund.

The resolution states, "... the municipalities are justly concerned that the county's tenuous financial condition and the uncertain ability to implement a workable Deficit Elimination Plan may very well result in the appointment of an Emergency Financial Manager and/or a bankruptcy filing thus imperiling the assets of the system in which the municipalities have a legal and/or equitable interest."

The resolution said the municipalities "now recognize that given the county (i)

had no interest in resuming negotiations of a contract; (ii) intends to further burden the municipalities with tens of millions of added debt through the Plan; and (iii) will, given the need to continue to fund general county operations in light of the financial deficit, continue to misappropriate money from the system's reserves, the municipalities have no other option than to commence litigation..."

Among other things, the law suit would "seek a declaration of rights, obtain a full accounting of the county's use of the municipalities' system fund, obtain injunctive relief to prevent the implementation of the Deficit Elimination Plan that was approved by the County Commission on May 15, 2014, and request the appointment of a receiver to cause, among other things, the restoration of system funds with interest and other costs and such other relief as may be necessary."

In the public comment portion of the July 1 board agenda, Alan Helmkamp, Assistant Wayne County Executive, told the board it does not have all the facts.

He said the county proposes the sale of the wastewater treatment plant and seeks dialog with the communities. He said they are not looking to oppose the sale.

Helmkamp said the bottom line was, "If you proceed to sue, you will be wasting the township's money." He said Southgate and Romulus have already decided not to be in

the litigation.

"I would be happy to sit down and listen to you," said Supervisor Linda Combs, inviting Helmkamp to give the printed information he offered to Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery, which he did.

When the litigation resolution came up for action on the agenda, Clerk Wright said, "I would like to hear what he has to say before I cast a vote." Trustee Reggie Miller agreed.

Wright made a motion to postpone the item.

"I'm not as optimistic as you," said Trustee Hart.

"Plenty of time has already been given to this," said Trustee Jahr. He said the township has been stonewalled by the county and when the township wants to sue, now the county will talk with the township.

"I've heard some alarming things, financial things," Trustee Hart said.

Trustee McClanahan said there may be some information the township is not aware of and Trustee Miller said she would like to hear more information.

Besides VBT and Belleville, other municipalities that are members of the Downriver Sewage Disposal System are Allen Park, Brownstown, Dearborn Heights, Ecorse, Lincoln Park, River Rouge, Riverview, Romulus, Southgate, Taylor, and Wyandotte.

VBT Planners recommend removal of 'Livonia Language'

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After a brief discussion at its June 25 meeting, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend deleting the "Livonia Language" from the zoning ordinances.

Commissioner Bryon Kelley was absent and excused.

The recommendation now goes to the township board for final action.

The "Livonia Language" is the sentence: "Uses for enterprises that are contrary to Federal, State or local laws or ordinances are prohibited."

At a previous meeting, commissioners questioned the rationale for removal of the sentence. Planning consultant Sally Hodges of McKenna Associates, said she

would talk to attorney Patrick McCauley and bring back more information.

On June 25 she reported that the Michigan Supreme Court held the City of Wyoming's zoning ordinance was preempted by state law, including the sentence in the "Livonia Language."

She said the more specific law trumps the more general law, in this case the Michigan Medical Marijuana law.

Hodges said attorney McCauley said the township should remove the language. She said he is concerned in the event of a law suit the township could be found at fault and there could be considerable cost to the township.

"It is wise in this case to eliminate it,"

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VBT Planners

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Hodges said.

Commission vice chairman Donald Boynton, who at the last meeting questioned elimination of the sentence, said since that meeting he looked at the documents. He said all the points Hodges raised are definitely valid.

He spoke of the U.S. Controlled Substance Act vs. Michigan Medical Marihuana Act.

"This does not preclude the federal government from enforcing the Controlled Substance Act," Boynton said. "If federal officials decide to take action, it can do so."

He said a couple of communities used the Livonia Language and VBT felt the language would benefit it.

He suggested the township not take out the sentence, but add at the end, "... unless otherwise prohibited."

Hodges said she was confused.

"Is prohibited unless not prohibited? I don't get it," she said.

Boynton suggested the wording might be a deterrent.

"It's still illegal on your federal law," Hodges said. "We don't need this statement."

"That portion was redundant," said Commissioner Robert McKenna.

"When it was being added, we said it restates what the situation is anyway," Hodges said. "We decided to err on the side of safety."

Boynton said he got all the documents and it was "so convoluted" and there was a "sword hanging by a hair."

He said, "If a Congressman steps up and says one thing, all of these [state] laws are done."

"My question is, if we remove this do we go back and look at the zoning?" asked chairwoman Carol Thompson.

"That would be my recommendation," said Hodges, noting when the sentence was added the status of the Medical Marijuana law was up in the air and it was easiest just to add the sentence.

She said she could come up with some conditions for the zoning ordinance.

Thompson asked if a committee would be required.

"Let me take a whirl at it," Hodges replied. "We can have a couple of discussions and then, if you like, set up a committee."

"A couple of communities have passed zoning ordinances," Thompson said.

Also in the 20-minute meeting, the commission approved the final site plan for construction of a 165,000-square-foot expansion to the former Olympic Laser building on 27.9 acres at 6331 Schooner Drive.

Constellium, an aluminum fabricator for the automotive industry, said it relocated its argon tank and cooling towers to comply with township requests. It also has engineering approval, approval from Wayne County for ground water, the water main is in progress and approval coming from the MDEQ for discharge to Denton Drain.

VBT Board accepts audit for 2013 fiscal year from Plante Moran

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

Dave Helisek, a partner in Plante Moran public accounting and business advisory firm, and Marie Stiegel presented the end-of-year audit to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on June 17.

The VBT fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2013.

Helisek said they gave VBT an "unmodified opinion" which is the highest they can give.

Helisek went over the changes in reporting under the new GASBE (Government Accounting Standards Board) 65. Then he turned the audit report over to Stiegel who explained a series of graphs.

She reported that the total budget in 2011 was \$12,813,000, with \$3,344,000 of that coming from landfill tipping fees. In 2012 the total budget was \$12,400,000, with \$3,011,000 of that coming from the landfill. In 2013, the total budget was \$12,283,000, with \$2,860,000 of that coming from the landfill.

She said the revenue in 2013 decreased a little from in 2012.

Stiegel pointed out that in expenditures, Public Safety was 66% of the budget: \$7,752,000 in 2013 and \$7,959,000 in

2012.

The fund balance for the general fund is 34% of expenditures, about four months worth of spending, she said. In 2013 it was \$4,607,000; in 2012, \$4,009,000; and in 2011, \$3,534,000.

Helisek spoke of the management letters, including one on two material weaknesses, both of which were repeating weaknesses from other years.

He questioned the equity investments in aerotropolis.

"Every year the treasurer and clerk get stronger and stronger," Helisek said.

He said there was a problem with deposits for engineering fees. He said the township would collect those fees and they were kept in a subsidiary ledger to show which specific entities made those payments. The balance in the general ledger is not balancing with the subsidiary ledger.

"I think you know what to do," Helisek said, noting the ledgers will be brought up to date.

Helisek also explained some legislative items, noting that the previous week the EVIP state program went away but transparency and accountability are still expected on the website.

He also said the personal property tax issue will be on the August Ballot. If it passes,

the personal property tax will be phased out and it will be reimbursed to local units. He said it will be 100% except for townships in the first two years.

"If it doesn't pass, back to business as usual," Helisek said.

He said the DDA and LDFA have debt tied to personal property taxes.

In other business at the June 17 meeting, the board:

- Approved the second reading and adoption of an ordinance amendment on Fireworks, staying in compliance with the 2012 Michigan Fireworks Safety Act;

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance amendment that would rezone 57.52 acres of land west of Belleville Road and north of the railroad viaduct on the Canton Township border from M-1 (Light Industrial) to M-2 (General Industrial) for Costco's truck depot. The second reading and adoption is expected at the next meeting on July 1;

- Heard Alton Bergeson, a resident of Alden Road, complain about the dirt road's dust that surrounds the school bus when his grandchild gets off, which is a public safety issue. It was explained how the township pays to put calcium chloride on the 25 county roads (not private roads) that are dirt once a year and the county also does it once or more.

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Aug. 5 Primary ballot offers many choices for voters

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

There are many choices for local voters in the Aug. 5 Primary Election and the ballot will be two pages long.

That is why Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright urges voters who aren't physically able to stand in long lines to get an absentee ballot and fill it out in the comfort of their homes.

He said the Presidential election last November also was two pages long and had very long lines.

This is a primary, so voters are reminded they have to choose whether they are voting in the Republican or Democratic side of the ballot — and stick with it.

There are non-partisan questions for judges and millages, so there is no Republican or Democratic side there.

Here's a brief report on what will be on your primary ballot.

Governor

- Republican — Rick Snyder
- Democratic — Mark Schauer

Congressional U.S. Senator

- Republican — Terri Lynn Land
- Democratic — Gary Peters
- Rep. in Congress - 12th District**
- Republican — Terry Bowman
- Democratic — Debbie Dingell or Raymond G. Mullins

Legislative

State Senator 6th District

- Republican — Darrell McNeill
- Democratic — Hoon Yung Hopgood

Representative in State Legislature

17th District (Sumpter Twp.)

- Republican — Charles A. Londo
- Democrat — Bill LaVoy, incumbent
- 21st District (Belleville, VBT)**
- Republican — Carol Ann Fausone
- Democratic — Cornell Mathis, Natalie Mosher, or Kristy Pagan

County

County Executive

- Republican — Daniel K. Wenderlich, Fred A. Bolen, or John Dalton
- Democratic — Adam Salam Adamski, Phil Cavanagh, Cindy Darrah, Warren C. Evans, Robert A. Ficano, Russell George Leviska, Kevin M. McNamara, Bettie Cook Scott, Sigmunt John Szczepkowski, Jr., William R. Wild, or Christopher Wojtowicz

County Commissioner, 11th District

- Republican — No candidate on ballot
- Democratic — Jeremy R. Cady, William J. Collop, or A. Haidous

Delegate

- Republican and Democratic Delegates to County Conventions varies with each precinct.

Non-Partisan Section

Judicial

34th District Court, Incumbent Position, 6 year term, vote for not more than 1

- Lisa Martin
- David M. Parrott, Judge of the District Court
- Charles Septowski

Proposal Section

State Proposal 14-1

Approval or disapproval of amendatory act to reduce state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share to modernize the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

The amendatory act adopted by the Legislature would:

1. Reduce the state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share of the tax for the purpose of modernizing the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs in Michigan.
 2. Require Local Community Stabilization Authority to provide revenue to local governments dedicated for local purposes, including police safety, fire protection, and ambulance emergency services.
 3. Increase portion of state use tax dedicated for aid to local school districts.
 4. Prohibit Authority from increasing taxes.
 5. Prohibit total use tax rate from exceeding existing constitutional 6% limitation.
- Should this law be approved?

District Library Proposals

BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall the Belleville Area District Library, formed by City of Belleville, Charter Township of Van Buren, and Township of Sumpter, each in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Nineteen Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$19,050,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for all or a portion of that amount for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new building for library purposes; constructing renovations to, furnishing and refurbishing and equipping and re-equipping an existing building for library purposes; and acquiring sites for library buildings?

The following is for informational purposes only: The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2014, is 1.08 mill (\$1.08 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty (20) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 0.96 mill (\$0.96 on

each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the District Library to levy additional millage in the City of Belleville, Charter Township of Van Buren, and Township of Sumpter for library operating purposes.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable property within the geographic boundaries of the Belleville Area District Library, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 20 years, 2014 to

2033, inclusive, to provide funds for library operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$1,352,779, of which the District Library will receive \$1,224,806 and the following entities will capture a portion of the revenues: Belleville Downtown Development Authority (\$24,891), Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (\$73,050), and Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority (\$30,032)?

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Election

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Intermediate School District Proposal ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil

membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2014 to 2019, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2014.

The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the following school districts:

Allen Park Public Schools; Crestwood School District; Dearborn City School District; Dearborn Heights School District #7; School District of the City of Detroit; Ecorse Public School District; Flat Rock Community Schools; School District of the City of Garden City; Gibraltar School District; Grosse Ile Township Schools; The Grosse Pointe Public School System; Hamtramck Public Schools; City of Harper Woods Schools; School District of the City of Highland Park; Huron School District; School District of the City of Lincoln Park; Livonia Public Schools; Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Schools; Northville Public Schools; Plymouth-Canton Community Schools; Redford Union School District; River Rouge School District; Riverview Community School District; Romulus Community Schools; Southgate Community School District; South Redford School District; Taylor School District; Trenton Public Schools; Van Buren Public Schools; Wayne-Westland Community School District; Westwood Community Schools; Woodhaven-Brownstown School District; Wyandotte School District

Understanding the Law



By Jason Goldman, Esq.
and Bryan Suliman, Esq.



Let's talk about something that most married couples or about-to-be-married couples are too uncomfortable to discuss themselves: prenuptial and postnuptial agreements.

A prenuptial agreement is a binding legal contract between two people who intend to marry. A postnuptial agreement is a binding legal contract between two people who are already married. Typically people enter into prenuptial or postnuptial agreements to simplify the dissolution of marriage in the event of divorce, provide for the distribution of assets and debts upon a divorce or the death of a party, to possibly set forth potential spousal support amounts in the event of divorce, or to provide for the distribution of property to children of the marriage and children from a prior relationship upon a divorce or the death of a party.

If a prenuptial or postnuptial agreement does not violate the following, it will generally be valid and enforceable: the agreement is not obtained through fraud, duress, mistake, misrepresentation or nondisclosure of material fact, is not unconscionable when executed, and the facts and circumstances have not materially changed since the agreement was executed to the point that enforcement of the agreement would be unfair and unreasonable. Sometimes the agreement will not be upheld if counsel did not represent one of the parties to the agreement.

Not every couple needs a prenuptial or postnuptial agreement, but in certain circumstances one should consider especially if one party owns a home, owns assets that could increase in value during the marriage, owns a business, has significantly more wealth than the other, has children from another relationship, has a large amount of debt, has a history of financial instability, or has a tax debt or has a history of not paying taxes.

The drafting and review of a prenuptial or postnuptial agreement can be very complex. If you believe that you need a prenuptial or postnuptial agreement, you should contact your attorney.

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• **Sunday, July 13** – Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs

• **Sunday, July 13** – Country and Blue Grass Music at the Van Buren Township Senior Center, every Sunday, 2-5 p.m. Information: Hugh 485-7241, Lynette 699-8918.

• **Thursday, July 17** – Yard Sale and Antique Appraisal Day noon to 7 p.m. at the museum. (Appraisals: 2-6 p.m.) Admission to appraisals and first item is \$10; each additional item is \$5, limit 4. Also, book signing by Jean Scheffler, author of "The Sugar House," 1-3 p.m.



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The **Romulus Athletic Center** will be holding a **Summer Sizzle** event on July 20, from 12 noon until 6 p.m. featuring membership giveaways, children's games, live DJ, inflatable bouncers, and free fun on their outdoor splash pad and indoor water park. The event is free for members and \$5 for non-members. New membership purchases and renewing members will also get one month free added on to their contract on this day. Visit www.romulusathleticcenter.com or call **Andy MacKay** at **734 942 2223**.

The **5th Annual Golf Outing** to benefit the **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue** of Sumpter is this Saturday, July 12 at the **Green Oaks Golf Course** in Ypsilanti. There will be a \$10,000 prize for Hole-in-one on Hole 3 this year. Golfing slots are still available and can be made by calling **(734) 461-9458**.

Moe's Farm Market on Sumpter Road just south of the Sumpter Fire Hall is now open for the season. Mary Johnson and the family farm is selling green beans, green tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers, and cabbage at this time.

The **Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Concert Lakeside Series** continues tonight with the **One Love Reggae** (Reggae) at 7 p.m. at **Horizon Park** on High Street. Rain location is **First United Methodist Church**. The concert is free. Call **(734) 697-8123**.

At their annual meeting July 1, the **Belleville Area Council For the Arts** elected **Doug Dalton** President, **Steve Jones** Vice President, **Elaine Gutierrez** Treasurer, and **Angie Renaud** Recording Secretary. Congratulations!

With the closing of **Perfect Image Salon** on Sumpter Road, its team of salon professionals is moving across the street to **990 Sumpter Road** next to **Cork n Bottle**. Owners **Mark** and **Monica Ragsdale** have

opened **Shear Envy Salon** and will staff **Tina Marie Bass**, **Samantha Sobolack**, and **Ludy Burgess** from **Perfect Image**. They're also looking for additional staffing, such as a shampoo assistant, receptionist, and a **Mani Pedi** nail tech. Call **(734) 697-9778**. Hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, from 8 a.m. to noon. Find them on all the popular social media sites, too, and visit www.shearenvysalon.us.

This Saturday is **Fish Pond Stocking Day** again at the **Willis Feed Mill** in Willis, next to the railroad tracks behind **Boneheads BBQ**. Orders will be taken for Koi, catfish, largemouth bass, red-ear, bluegill, minnows, and Black Crappie, if available. To order, call **1-800-247-2615**.

The **Belleville Church of God** on Hull Road in Belleville is giving away free food on Thursday, July 17, from 10:30 a.m. until noon. The church's pantry gives away

perishable and non-perishables the third Thursday of each month. To reserve some, call **JoAnne** at **(734) 697-1142** or the church at **(734) 697-0927**.

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City of Belleville
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2014

A special 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

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve agenda with the removal of Item 8C Hillside Cemetery and the addition of a request for a meet & greet at Victory Park on Flag Day, June 14, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of May 19, 2014 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve the Special City Council meeting minutes of May 12, 2014 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. FY2014/15 Budget

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 14-061** to open Public Hearing at 7:50 P.M. to discuss FY2014/15.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to close Public Hearing at 8:00 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Village Park – Children’s Fun Run

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-062** to approve a request from Pryde Athletics for a kids 5K at Village Park on Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Fourth Street Square Use – Bayou Grill

Discussion was held on a request from Bayou Grill to have a beer garden at Fourth Street Square on Monday’s from July 14th to September 29th during the Crusin’ on the Bayou car show. Meeting deferred until June 16, 2014.

C. Flag Day Meet and Greet with Terry Bowman

Discussion was held on a request for a Flag Day meet and greet with Terry Bowman on June 14, 2014 at Victory Park. City Council suggested that they participate in the Strawberry Festival parade and possibly meet people at Victory Park after the parade with no special permission or provisions being made.

D. Mayor’s Appointments to Boards & Commissions

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 14-063** to approve Mayor’s appointments to boards and commissions as follows:

BOARD OF REVIEW

Lawrence Gallo Term to expire 12/31/16

CEMETERY ADVISORY

Toni Clark Term to expire 12/31/17

Mary Ann Chudzinski Term to expire 12/31/17

DDA

Sabrina Richardson-Williams

Term to expire 12/31/17

Rosemary Loria Term to expire 12/31/17

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Betty Kurczewski Term to expire 12/31/16

PLANNING COMMISSION

Steve Jones

Term to expire 12/31/16

John Juriga

Term to expire 12/31/16

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Dispatch Agreement

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-064** to approve the intergovernmental agreement between the Charter

Township of Van Buren and the City of Belleville for emergency dispatch and lockup services agreement as presented retroactive to January 1, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. Employees – Use of Vacation Day – Friday after Christmas

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 14-065** to allow GELC and CSC employees to use a vacation day on December 26, 2014 the Friday after Christmas.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. FY2014/15 Budget

Discussion was held on the FY2014/15 budget and will be further discussed.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-066** to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

FY 2014/15 Budget.

11. RECESS MEETING

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to recess the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to re-convene the June 2, 2014 meeting to continue budget discussions.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-067** to approve The FY2014/15 budget as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: July 7, 2014

Publish: July 10, 2014



City of Belleville
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2014

A special 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

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 8F FY2014/15 budget due to the 2014/15 budget being adopted after re-convening the June 2, 2014 City Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular City Council meeting minutes of June 2, 2014 to be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. S-2 Wastewater System Improvements Grant

Motion by Smith, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 14-068** to open Public Hearing 8:33 P.M. to discuss the S-2 Wastewater System Improvements Grant.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Smith, Second by Tindall to close Public Hearing at 8:35 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. S-2 Wastewater System Improvement Grant & Designation of an Authorized Representative

Motive by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-069** to authorize Hennessey Engineers, Inc. to prepare a project plan, which recommends the rehabilitation of existing sewers identified with structural defects through the sewer cleaning and television investigation conducted in

2013 as part of the S2 Grant program and authorizes Diana Kollmeyer, City Manager as the representative for all activities associated with the project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Fourth Street Square

Discussion on a request from Bayou Grill to have a beer garden at Fourth Street Square on Monday’s from July 14th to September 29th during the Crusin’ on the Bayou car show. Meeting deferred until July 7, 2014.

C. Street Administrator Designation

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 14-070** to approve the designation of Keith Tackett of Hennessey Engineers, Inc. as the single Street Administrator of Section 13(9) of Act 51 for the City of Belleville in all transactions with the State Transportation Department as provided in Section 13 of the Act.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Charter Amendment – Civil Service Commission

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-071** to place the question of eliminating the Civil Service Commission on the November 4, 2014 General Election ballot.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Hillside Cemetery – Rules Amendment

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-072** to approve changing the Hillside Cemetery rules to allow granite or marble benches to be placed in an area commonly know as “The Park” area with prior approval of City administration.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. FY2013/14 Budget Amendments

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 14-073** to approve the FY2013/14 budget amendments as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 14-074** to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Discussion on special events, dogs, and snow ordinance.

Water & Sewer rates.

Specifications for refuse and yard waste pick up.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

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City Council

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He said Karen Mida of CAP5 is interested in putting on the planned pancake breakfast under the tent that morning to earn money for the nonprofit group. That will probably run from 8 a.m. to noon, he said.

There will be a minor farmer’s market from 8-11 a.m. and children’s activities from noon to 4 p.m., with refreshments by A&W.

From 6 to 11 p.m. there will be adult activities, including movies, raffle, and refreshments by the Bayou Grill.

“More adult refreshments,” stated Tindall.

Wolters said they may have several movies to show the kids since he doesn’t know how long their attention spans will be.

“Don’t know how long adult attention span is either, with adult drinks,” Tindall said.

Claudia Roulier, who started the Belleville Community Chorus and is a part of the

group, said the chorus will present events on Sunday, Oct. 26, of BooVille week end.

From 6 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, they plan a “Black Magic Ball” with music by the chorus and Blue Steel Jazz Band from the Community Band. She said they plan music from the 1940s with Egan’s Pub serving refreshments, CBC offering pop and water, and the chorus providing snacks.

“This is by no means against BooVille,” said Tindall in beginning further remarks. She said her problem was with 16 alcoholic events at the Fourth Street Square.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said this was 16 opportunities to bring people downtown.

“It’s 16 times to have to be 21 years old to come,” Tindall said. “I’d like to bring people of all ages downtown.” She said now they will have a beer garden in the city square over once a month.

“I’m not against BooVille,” Tindall repeated, adding she was against 16 days of alcohol programming.

Mike Renaud said from the audience that in visiting other small towns, he has found most of the evening activities for adults include alcohol.

“I don’t like using city property for alcohol-based events,” Tindall stated.

“It’s not alcohol-based, it’s music-based,” Roulier said of the chorus’ plans.

Because some of the plans are a little sketchy now, the council voted, 3-1, only to grant the BooVille events exclusive use of the Fourth Street Square from noon Friday to 11 p.m. Sunday for that week end, with specific times for events due to be presented at the second council meeting in September.

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

- Approved setting a work/study session at 6:30 p.m., July 16, at City Hall to discuss the proposed sign ordinance. Present will be members of the City Council, Planning Commission, and Downtown Development Authority;

- Approved setting a work/study session for 6 p.m. July 21 at City hall for a Healthcare Educational presentation;

- Discussed the specifications to be sent out for bids for refuse/recycling pickup. There are several options for the bidders to consider;

- Forwarded updates to the Special Events Ordinance to a subcommittee made up of Councilmen Fielder and Tom Smith, along with DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson. They were asked to bring a recommendation back to the Sept. 2 council meeting;

- Discussed updates to an Animal Control Ordinance update and set up a subcommittee of Councilwoman Tindall, Mayor Pro Tem Loria, Police Chief Hal Berriman, City Manager Diana Kollmeyer, and Veterinarian Dr. Yvonne Craiger. A recommendation to the council is expected Sept. 15; and

- Discussed possible updates to the Snow/Ice Removal Ordinance and Policy and set a subcommittee of Mayor Conley, Councilman Fielder, City Manager Kollmeyer, and anyone else who wants to weigh in.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE 06-17-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE 06-02-92, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:

SECTION 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

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

Ordinance No. 06-17-14

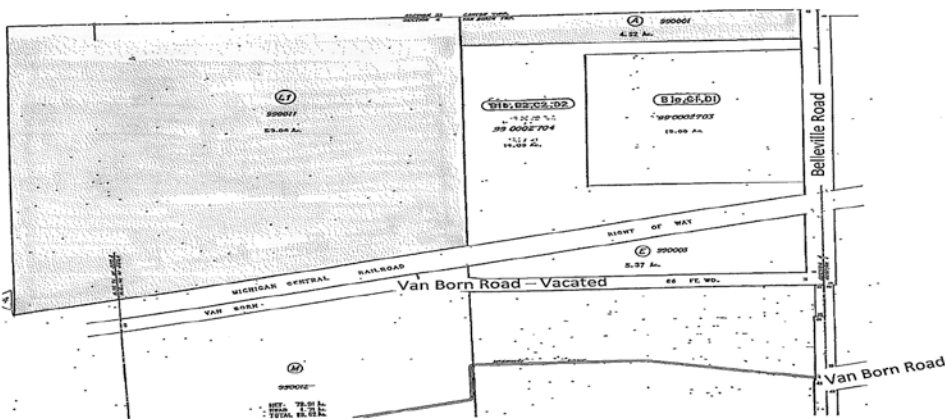
A request to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcels V-125-83-013-99-0011-000 and V-125-83-013-99-0001-000 from M-1 (Light Industrial) to M-2 (General Industrial).

Legal Description of Property:

Parcel V-125-83-013-99-0011-000: Part of North ½ of Section 4 Township 3 South Range 8 East, Beginning at the North ¼ Corner of Section 4; then North 89 Degrees 54 Minutes 42 Seconds East 1356.30 Feet; then South 0 Degrees 10 Minutes 42 Seconds West 1216.18 Feet; then South 79 Degrees 28 Minutes 15 Seconds West 1713.61 Feet; then North 0 Degrees 11 Minutes 20 Seconds East 1526.67 Feet; then North 89 Degrees 57 Minutes 01 Seconds East 327.22 Feet to Point of Beginning, 53.00 acres.

Parcel V-125-83-013-99-0001-000: Part of NE ¼ of Section 4 Beginning South 89 Degrees 07 Minutes 15 Seconds West 63.01 Feet from the North East Corner Section 4; then South 89 Degrees 07 Minutes 15 Seconds West 1257.99 Feet; then South 0 Degrees 32 Minutes 15 Seconds East 156.77 Feet; then North 89 Degrees 07 Minutes 15 Seconds East 1256.52 Feet; then Due North 156.79 Feet to Point of Beginning, 4.52 acres.

This property is located west of Belleville Road, and north of the railroad right-of-way and Van Born Road.



SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

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

SECTION 3. REPEALER.

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

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect immediately after adoption and publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 1st day of July, 2014.

YEAS: Combs, Budd, Wright, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan, Miller
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen (15) days of passage. The Ordinance may be

reviewed at Van Buren Charter Township located at 46425 Tyler Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

Leon Wright, Clerk

Linda Combs, Supervisor

Adopted: 7-1-2014

Published: 6-26-14, 7-10-2014

Effective: 7-18-2014

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

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

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 3:00 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 July 18, 2014.

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: July 10, 2014
July 17, 2014

Post: July 2, 2014



City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville JULY BOARD OF REVIEW



The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the City of Belleville will meet at City Hall, 6 Main Street on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.

The purpose of the meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact.

Property assessments can only be changed for:

1. Homestead exemption status.
2. Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify under item 1 or 2 should call Belleville City Hall at 734-697-9323 ext. 7016 prior to July 22, 2014.

Lisa Long
City Clerk/Treasurer

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VBT and WM

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It also was discussed during the board's closed-door session on June 30.

On July 1, John Delaney, speaking from

the audience, opposed the item being on that evening's agenda during the discussion on whether to approve the agenda as submitted.

Delaney said there was no chance for the public to discuss that item or ask questions about it.

He said the meeting-conduct policy the board approved needs amendment because it asks for public comment before the item is discussed by the board and it's impossible for anyone to know in advance what the board will be saying.

The public is not allowed to comment after the board discusses the item before it takes action.

He asked the board to take that item off that night's agenda so the public could have a chance to discuss it.

Supervisor Linda Combs asked the board for a show of hands on who would like to keep the item on the agenda, as proposed, and it was five in favor of keeping it, Trustee Brenda McClanahan voting to remove it, and Trustee Jeff Jahr staying uncommitted.

It was kept on the agenda.

Under the public comment on agenda items, before they are discussed, Delaney again got up again to speak. He said the township may lose the life expectancy of the dump at lower rates.

"We are in a financial crunch," he said, noting that the trash being taken in at the dump has been less during the recession.

Sandy Crosswell said currently township residents get free trash pickup and disposal and if trash from outside the VBT community fills up the landfill and the landfill closes, residents will have to pay for trash pickup.

She said the trash trucks have damaged the roads and Hannan Road, where she lives, is a total mess.

"I think we should say no," she said. "Consider our township and our roads..."

Ernie Tozer, also of Hannan Road, agreed with Delaney's comments on discussing a topic before the details are given.

"We cannot have real-time discussion when the item is up," Tozer said.

He warned the board about being asked to "shoot the goose that lays the golden eggs" and do it at bargain basement prices ... Please tell me you not seriously considering this."

Supervisor Combs said they can't answer Tozer's question right now.

When the item came to a vote, board members unanimously denied the attorney's opinion letter and his recommendation – whatever it was.

Trustee Jahr said, "On these matters when we discuss the attorney's recommendation ... I think you can read between the lines."

"If we were going to adopt a reduction, that should be done in public. We had a committee set up to study this, but got no recommendation from the committee. The recommendation came from the attorney and not on legal issues. We should reject that," Jahr said.

"Anything that affects the community should be discussed in an open meeting," he said.

Jahr said the board strongly feels it would have been clearer if it had waited for a recommendation from the committee.

"Contract negotiations can't be done in the open," Jahr continued. "This board member is not going to adopt something to affect the public without discussion in open session."

In other business at the July 1 meeting, the board:

- Approved using \$3,000 of Waste Management Cultural Activities grant money for the 2014 concert series and to authorize the supervisor and clerk to execute the performance contracts.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2014

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Others in attendance: Planning Consultant Hodges, Executive Assistant LaMothe, DDA Director Ireland, Secretary Montgomery and an audience of fifteen (15).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda. Following public comment from John Delaney requesting removal of New Business Item #4 and a policy change to allow public comment at Work Study sessions the agenda was approved as presented. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda Work Study Session Minutes June 16, 2014; Closed Session Minutes June 16, 2014; Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 17, 2014; Approval to use \$3,000 of Waste Management Cultural Activities grant money for the 2014 concert series and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the performance contracts; Voucher List of July 1, 2014 as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read an email from resident C.J. Marshall thanking Ordinance Officers and Lt. Buzzy for clean-up of blight property, Clerk Wright thanked former Deputy Clerk Cline for years of outstanding service and Board members welcome newly appointed Deputy Clerk Montgomery.

PUBLIC COMMENT: DDA Director Ireland announced outer lane closure of Belleville Rd. until 7-3-14 with all lanes open during the holiday weekend. Fence repairs on Belleville Rd. awaiting parts. Additional fence damage (puncture) to be repaired by DPW. Residents expressed disapproval over agenda approval, requested policy change allowing public comment at Work Study sessions, real time discussions during Board Meetings and urged further discussion with the public on New Business item #4. Representative from Wayne County expressed concern that Board members did not receive adequate information regarding New Business item #3 and provided additional documentation for Board member review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Miller seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of General Code of Ordinance 06-17-14 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance by rezoning 57.52 acres of land (Parcels V125-83-013-99-0011-000 and V125-83-013-99-0001-000) located west of Belleville Road and north of railroad viaduct from M-1 (Light Industrial) to M-2 (General Industrial). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Budd, Wright, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan, Miller. Nays: None. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the telecommunications right-of-way permit application for Fiber Technologies Networks, LLC. Carried.

Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the request for special use for proposed expansion of used car sales and addition of vehicle servicing as "Quick Lane" operation. Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to postpone consideration for approval of Resolution 2014-16, regarding litigation effort with Downriver Sewer System communities until the next regular scheduled Board Meeting. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Miller, Wright, McClanahan, Hart. Nays: Jahr, Budd, Combs. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to deny the attorney opinion letter and recommendation on Waste Management demolition waste product proposal. Carried.

REPORTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Shred Day August 2nd from 9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Township hall; last day to register for the August 5th Primary Election is Monday July 7th; public service announcements regarding elections on VBT12 coming soon; tax bills have been sent out and extended until the last day of September. Supervisor Combs made the following announcements: The fireworks were a huge success and thanked Waste Management, EQ, Wade Trim, Belleville Square and an anonymous donor for their financial support and the Public Safety and Recreation Departments; MDOT I-275 at Van Born Road Bridge repairs to being July 7th with anticipation of re-opening on July 28th. Project will include I-275 posted trail closures; Health and Wellness Expo Friday August 1st from noon until 7:00 p.m. at the September days Senior Center. Free admission to the Expo. Visit the vendors and receive a free Turkey Dinner. Reservations required before July 28th or \$3.00 at the door. Western Wayne County Senior Olympics August 18th-22nd; Zumba Gold adds Mondays to their weekly schedule at 10:30 a.m. \$4.00 drop in or \$30 for a 10 class punch card; Congratulations extended to our Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command graduates Sgt. Louis Keele and Sgt. Marc Abdilla; Belleville Area Museum and Historical Society Yard Sale noon-7:00 p.m., Book Signing with author Jean Scheffler 1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m., Antiques Appraisal Day 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.. Proceeds to benefit the Don Keene Memorial Fund. For yard sale donations contact Katie Dallos 734.697-1944. Resident thanked the Water Department and Joe Strickland for covering an open man hole on Tyler Road at Haggerty. Rosemary Otzman announced the closing of the Secretary of State Office from July 14-20st. Reopening at the Davenport Plaza on July 21st.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments by residents regarding presence of consultant at Board meetings, request to consider change to Work Study session policy to add public comment and to request to allow open public discussion during Board Meetings when item is on the floor.

ADJOURNMENT: Wright moved, Budd seconded to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Carried. Respectfully submitted, Leon Wright, Township Clerk Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor Publish: July 10, 2014

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday, July 30, 2014, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1998	MITSUBISHI	2D	4A3AK44Y9WE029527	14-10296
2003	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1ND52J43M687261	14-11332

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2008	DODGE	PU	1D7HU18298S511425	14-9725
2002	PONTIAC	2D	1G2NW12E52C171643	14-10776
1981	OLDSMOBILE	2D	1G3AM47A4BM467321	14-10947
1996	MERCURY	4D	1MELM53S4TG625877	14-11360
1987	AMC	2D	1XMDC960XHK120887	14-11360
1985	FORD	2D	1FABP28M2FF155698	14-11360
1998	JEEP	SW	1J4FJ28S1WL192409	14-11360
2003	TOYOTA	4D	2T1BR32EX3C012823	14-11872
2003	HONDA	4D	1HGCM56683A109381	14-11872
2006	HONDA	4D	1HGFA16596L130030	14-7067

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, June 29:

0015 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
0052 – fireworks, Bayshore Dr./Denton Rd.
0059 – noise complaint, Western St.
0203 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
0549 – malicious destruction of property, Sylvia
1003 – suspicious person, Denton Rd.
1012 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1037 – animal complaint, Belleville/Tim Horton's
1042 – malicious destruction of property, Pond Ridge Dr.
1224 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren St.
1337 – larceny, Lake Pointe Pass
1405 – fraud, Oak Ln.
1435 – property damage accident, Rawsonville/McDonald's
1501 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1558 – fraud, Belleville
1657 – intimidation threat, W. Huron River Dr.
1717 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
2012 – assault & battery, McBride Ave.
2125 – breaking & entering, Country Walk Ct.
2127 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Manor
2220 – fireworks, Sumpter
Monday, June 30:
0027 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0104 – distruance, Outer Dr.
0621 – malicious destruction of property, Maple Dr.

1027 – larceny, Elwell Rd.
1337 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1334 – assault & battery, Green Meadows
1341 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
1422 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
1452 – fraud, Rayna Ct.
1520 – personal injury accident, SB I-275/Ecorse
1555 – disturbance, Lakewood
1656 – breaking & entering, Martinsville Rd.
1730 – malicious destruction of property, Bradley
1842 – fireworks, Western St.
1931 – private property accident, Archway
1949 – water leak found, Andover Dr.
2044 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.
2133 – assault & battery, Bog Rd.
2207 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2223 – disturbance, Redwood
2339 – felony assault, Van Buren St.

Tuesday, July 1:

0023 – fireworks, Martz Rd./Lohr Rd.
0041 – assault & battery, Hardwood Dr.
0821 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1046 – harassment call, Sadie Ln.
1130 – juvenile complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1604 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.

1643 – disorderly conduct, Belleville
1933 – malicious destruction of property, Westlake
2018 – assault & battery, Mott
2239 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2245 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service
2309 – suspicious person, Quirk Rd./Belleville
2320 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton

Wednesday, July 2:

0157 – private property accident, S. I-94 Service
0515 – shots fired, Parkwood Dr.
0646 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Visteon
0820 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ash Dr.
1059 – PPO violation, Tyler Rd.
1256 – narcotics crime, Belleville McDonald's
1817 – harassment call, Belleville
1945 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter
2218 – juvenile complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2227 – fireworks, Woodbury Dr./Haggerty Rd.
2245 – water leak found, Beck Rd.
2300 – fireworks, Arthur St.
2331 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Ecorse
2334 – noise complaint, Arthur St.
2334 – assault & battery, Landmark

Thursday, July 3:

0011 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1043 – private property accident, Ecorse Rd.

1232 – weapons violation, Arborview/Stonebridge
1241 – weapons violation, S. Timberview Dr.
1340 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1401 – larceny from auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1501 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1528 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1558 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
1701 – larceny, Belleville
1803 – breaking & entering, Westlake
2024 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
2041 – disturbance, Rawsonville Rd.
2116 – noise complaint, Beacon Trl.
2136 – fireworks, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
2134 – fireworks, W. Huron River Dr.
2220 – fireworks, Arthur St.
2248 – noise complaint, Meadows Ln.

Friday, July 4:

0003 – fireworks, Van Buren St.
0205 – assault & battery, Beckkley
0515 – juvenile complaint, Belleville
0958 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
1056 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1608 – holdup alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1719 – fireworks, Parkwood Manor
1736 – assault & battery, Ironwood Dr.
2059 – private property accident, Kirkridge Park Dr.

2109 – fireworks, Lake Pointe Blvd.
2319 – malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville Rd./Martz Rd.
2324 – noise complaint, Hardwood Dr.
2330 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville

Saturday, July 5:

0013 – fight, Lake Villa Dr.
0014 – shots fired, Parkwood Dr.
0035 – fire investigation, W. Huron River Dr. / Elwell Rd.

0056 – fireworks, McBride Ave./Haggerty Rd.
0105 – fireworks, Old Michigan Rd./Rawsonville
0114 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
0156 – assault & battery, Mott/Barr
0147 – fight, The Creek

0258 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty

0406 – felony assault, Denton Rd.
1042 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1215 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty BP
1317 – noise complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1344 – assault & battery, Lauren Ct.
1541 – suicide or attempt, Sheldon Rd.
1849 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1913 – ATV/ORV complaint, Holly Ln./Cranberry
2002 – ATV/ORV complaint, Van Buren St.
2154 – fireworks, Ponderosa
2200 – noise complaint, Tavistock Dr.
2210 – fireworks, Ironwood Dr.

Also on this week's log are 171 traffic stops, 55 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 29:

0153 – suspicious person, Main St./Fourth St.
0247 – suspicious person, Lunchbox
0323 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0926 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
0937 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1030 – animal complaint, E. Waterbury Ct.
1333 – follow up, Birch
1455 – miscellaneous complaint, Johnny's
1535 – domestic assault, N. Liberty St.
1620 – follow up, N. Liberty St.
1827 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Monday, June 30:

0021 – civil matter, Biggs Ave.
0042 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
0959 – suspicious person, Horizon Park
1119 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1441 – animal complaint, E. Waterbury Ct.
1525 – juvenile complaint, Owen
1657 – background investigation, Main St.
1735 – property damage accident, Second St./N. Liberty St.
1900 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.
2022 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2311 – disturbance, Belle Villa Blvd.
2327 – suspicious person, Citgo
2343 – suspicious person, Belle Villa Blvd.

Tuesday, July 1:

0101 – suspicious vehicle, Village Park
0742 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ae.
0829 – assist citizen, Main St.
1132 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
1318 – miscellaneous complaint, N. Liberty St.
1605 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
1707 – parking complaint, Main St.
2116 – assist fire dept., Capistrano Ct.
2254 – agency assist, Lake Crest
2310 – agency assist, Quirk/Belleville

Wednesday, July 2:

0221 – motorist assist, Belleville Bridge
0421 – suspicious vehicle, Estrada
0801 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0819 – follow up, W. Columbia Ave.
1703 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1723 – found property, Victory Park
2337 – motorist assist, Five Points

Thursday, July 3:

0145 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Plaza
0202 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Villa
0857 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1439 – animal complaint, Cocoa Beach
1842 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1846 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1900 – operating while intoxicated, Church St. / Roys St.
1924 – harassment call, Main St.
2054 – domestic assault, Belle Villa Blvd.
2150 – juvenile complaint, Main St.
2337 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, July 4:

0023 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.
0045 – disorderly conduct, Belle Villa Blvd.
0358 – suspicious vehicle, Victoria Commons
0531 – assist fire dept., Main St.
0543 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0816 – vehicle lockout, Brain St.
1035 – animal complaint, Church St.
1249 – information, Sumpter Rd.
1323 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1747 – vehicle lockout, Citgo
1845 – larceny, Carmell St.
1929 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
2326 – fireworks, Fifth St.

Saturday, July 5:

0045 – E-911 cellular, Victorian Ln.
0145 – family trouble, Biggs Ave.
0147 – family trouble, Oxford Ct.
0229 – juvenile complaint, N. Aberdeen Ct.
0916 – malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa Blvd.
1512 – traffic complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1616 – follow up, Carmell St.
1811 – narcotics crime, Hillside
2051 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln./E. Huron River Dr.

2116 – property check, Belle Villa
2135 – suspicious situation, First St.
2213 – suspicious situation, Davenport Plaza

Also on this week's log are 48 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 29:

0720 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
0732 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0756 – warrant arrest, 26000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0936 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1016 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1108 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1247 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1403 – found property, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1554 – assault, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1704 – alarm, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1710 – property damage accident, out of township
2135 – traffic hazard, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2245 – minor in possession, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
2341 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Martinsville
Monday, June 30:
0031 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
0311 – trespassing complaint, 20000 bl. Haggerty
0704 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
0939 – suspicious incident, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1150 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Fenster Rd.
1222 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1240 – suspicious vehicle, Judd/Haggerty
1533 – death investigation, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

1629 – ordinance violation, 210000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1944 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2030 – death investigation, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2128 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2145 – malicious destruction of property, 5800 bl.

Oakville Waltz Rd.

2212 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/Rawsonville

Tuesday, July 1:

0133 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0217 – family trouble, Texas
0441 – traffic hazard, Martinsville/Haggerty
0712 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0917 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville
1051 – threats complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1105 – reckless driver complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster
1209 – larceny, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1243 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1500 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1539 – larceny, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
1747 – ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1940 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.

Wednesday, July 2:

1114 – alarm, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1133 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1139 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1458 – neighbor dispute, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1606 – malicious destruction of property, Rustic Ln.

1712 – traffic hazard, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1716 – assist other agency, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1726 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1913 – warrant arrest, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1918 – larceny, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1951 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.
2125 – assist other agency, Sumpter/Dunn
2302 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, July 3:

0004 – traffic hazard, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
0120 – well-being check, Third St.
0745 – well-being check, Martinsville/Judd
1140 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1339 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1446 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1709 – alarm, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.
1728 – suspicious vehicle, Willow/Clark
2032 – assist other agency, 9000 bl. Rawsonville
2225 – family trouble, Wyoming
2317 – assist other agency, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.

Friday, July 4:

0702 – suspicious person, Knollwood
0855 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1403 – fire dept. assist, Iowa
1528 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1605 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville
1715 – alarm, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1819 – breaking & entering report, 17000 bl.

Sumpter Rd.
1841 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2012 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2107 – civil dispute, Redwood
2124 – civil dispute, Texas
2150 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
2157 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 19000 bl.

Sumpter Rd.

2257 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, July 5:

0001 – alarm, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
0016 – fireworks complaint, 17000 bl. Sumpter
0025 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
0222 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
0317 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1130 – found property, out of township
1453 – animal bite, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1556 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1635 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis / Elwell
1655 – traffic hazard, Bohn/Judd
1959 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2206 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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Local Secretary of State office to relocate to Davenport Center

The Secretary of State Southwest Wayne County PLUS Office in Belleville will be closed for several days this month as it moves to a new location in town that features upgrades, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced.

She said customers and staff will benefit

from improvements that include a larger lobby, public restrooms, power-assist entry doors, abundant parking, new counters, new paint, and carpeting.

The office will continue to offer 24/7 access to a Self-Service Station, which provides a convenient option for customers renewing their license plate tabs.

The Secretary of State office at 795 Sumpter Road will be closed as of Monday, July 14, and will reopen at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 21, in the newly constructed Davenport Plaza at 164 E. Columbia Ave.

Johnson said the new location is about one mile northeast of the existing location and only one block from the heart of Belleville, offering easier access to residents.

Office hours remain unchanged: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

"Moving the Belleville office to a new location is part of our mission to provide convenient services to customers while using taxpayer dollars efficiently," Johnson said.

"Area residents can do many time-saving transactions with us online, but if they have to visit, they will benefit from this improved office."

People who need to renew license plates, driver's licenses and ID cards or change their address can do business online at www.ExpressSOS.com or by mail. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. Additional services can be done online as well.

Those who need to visit a Secretary of State office for services during the relocation have several alternatives to the Belleville office:

- Central Wayne Co. PLUS, 6090 N. Wayne Road, Westland;
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