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The former Quo Vadis movie theater site in Westland, at Wayne and Warren roads, has a new occupant since Community Financial Credit Union opened Feb. 1.

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Legacy cost lawsuit could continue

Don Howard
Staff Writer

The remaining dispute involves settlement of pensions.

An agreement to settle a dispute between Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth regarding fire department legacy costs appears to be in jeopardy.

Members of the Plymouth City Commission approved a tolling agreement in legal doctrine that allows for the pausing or delaying of the statute of limitations so that a lawsuit may potentially be filed or a case arbitrated even after that time has elapsed in January 2017 regarding a long-standing dispute with the township regarding

financial liability for firefighter retiree benefits.

The tolling agreement follows years of discord following the dissolution of a 17-year joint fire services agreement between the two municipalities that ended in 2010. At the meeting of the members of the township board last week, trustees approved a motion to grant Township Supervisor Kurt Heise the right to cancel the tolling agreement within the

next 30 days, at his discretion.

Previous administration officials filed a five-count lawsuit naming the City of Plymouth as defendant, alleging the city refused to pay its obligation to the township for post-termination health care costs, medical benefits and retirement costs for employees who worked under the Plymouth Community Fire Department from 1995 to 2010, when the intergovernmental agreement

was cancelled.

With the 2016 election, the new township administration and a newfound relationship with the city commission, settlement appeared imminent, according to those familiar with the situation.

In June 2017 the city agreed to a partial payment to the township in the amount of \$330,558.22 to cover four years of the retiree health care obligations, from 2012 to 2015. Subsequently, the medical portion of the dispute has been resolved with the city agreeing to make \$78,000 annual pay-

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Clean sweep Curling Royale makes Romulus debut

As international competitors went for the gold in curling during the Winter Olympics in South Korea, a new tradition may have started in the City of Romulus.

"Curling Royale" debuted Feb. 10 on the frozen outdoor city ice rink at Mary Ann Banks Park in downtown Romulus. Organized by Romulus Director of Public Services Robert McCraight, the tournament attracted 10 teams and about 50 competitors who used homemade equipment - much of it created by McCraight.

Curling is a sport in which players take turns sliding heavy "stones" on a sheet of ice toward a target area, earning points for the stones stopping closest to the target. Players called "sweepers" use brooms to help guide and control the speed of the stones. The United States won their first gold medal in men's curling during the 2018 Olympic Games.

In Romulus, teams competed against until a foursome representing the military-support organization Foundation 14 - Wade Radatz, Jon Shay, Mike LHeureux and Justin Fugate - earned the championship cup. The runners-up were a team of Romulus High School football coaches.

"It was a big success," McCraight said. "We have a big risk in town (inspired by DPS employees and Romulus firefighters). We were trying to use it and create an event where everyone can have fun in wintertime. There's a first time for everything. They dug it. They want to do it again."

In addition to getting people to enjoy the great outdoors, the tournament raised

money to pay for "sunshine boxes" being created for children staying in homeless shelters by students Kayla Leonard and Bianca Waters, who are representatives of the Romulus High School chapter of Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA).

Leonard, who presented the championship trophy at the end of the day, said FCCCLA is a national program that helps prepare young people for the future. Students not only perform community service, they learn about budgeting, timelines, communications and teamwork, she said.

Leonard, a high school junior, said she got to know McCraight last year while working on a project for homeless veterans. In that case, the students filled sunshine boxes with personal care items.

Leonard said she was encouraged to do more projects involving veterans, including a project involving Foundation 14, which is an organization committed to supporting military veteran and their passion for riding motorcycles. McCraight is a Foundation 14 member.

The initial curling event generated \$650, which will be used to purchase plastic shoeboxes that will be filled with "literally anything that can make a child smile," Leonard said. Items may include coloring books, Play Dough, a bouncing ball, bubbles and other items that will be donated to First Step on behalf of children living in shelters.

"We're trying to make their lives brighter," she said.

"I would definitely love to help out again. The turnout was amazing. People were so



Curling Royale champions from the Foundation-14 team, including Wade Radatz, Jon Shay, Mike LHeureux and Justin Fugate were all smiles as they received their trophy from Kayla Leonard after their victory. Photo by Roger Kadus



Members of the runner-up Curling Royale team from the Romulus High School coaching staff, Team Eagles, included from left, Craig Orth, Keith Brothers, Thom Patterson and Mark Edwards. Photo by Roger Kadus

happy just having fun."

McCraight, who is now mentoring Leonard, said he was happy that the curling event will lead to "making a

positive impact on less fortunate children."

Weather permitting, he added, Curling Royale "will be bigger and better next year."

Sidewalk repair costs concern Canton residents

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Periodically, we're going to make a mistake.

Canton Township residents are concerned about the cost and necessity of sidewalk repairs in their neighborhoods.

As the township board of trustees allocated \$826,600 to the Sidewalk Repair Program for 2018, a number of residents who received bills and walked their sidewalks raised concerns during the regular meeting of

the trustees last week.

Supervisor Pat Williams explained that a task force including township board members has been meeting to discuss the issue.

"Cityhood is one of the topics being broached. Stay tuned,

more coming," Williams told the assembled crowd.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faus urged residents with concerns to call (734) 384-3150 for a re-inspection of the sidewalk, if needed. "Periodically, we're going to

make a mistake," said Faus, who acknowledged the paint dots that define responsibility for repairs do fade. Green dots show resident responsibility; red ones denote a township obligation.

Faus also had a colleague at the Feb. 27 meeting to discuss sidewalk concerns with residents. He cited a 1997 Michigan Supreme Court case that made

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Millage for arts complex proposed to trustees

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Amid uncertainties, pushback and skepticism, supporters of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) met with the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees in an effort to develop a millage proposal by mid-April. The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex was financed by investors Mark and Patty Malcolm. The old Central Middle School building in downtown Plymouth along with the surrounding 166 acres of property was purchased for \$23 million from the Plymouth Central Community Schools in 2015. Don Soenen is the president of the PARC.

Plans now include the renovation, preservation and restoration of the current building that at one time was Plymouth High School, and the construction of a new 800-seat performing arts theater. Soenen and Malcolm have been hosting back-to-back public forums and meetings with city and township homeowners associations for the past eight months.

Addressing a standing room only crowd last Tuesday, Soenen faced tough questions as he presented slides and summarized

the plan that will require the support of the Plymouth Township electorate. The PARC plan needs approval of a 1-mill, 20-year tax to be assessed against both city and township property owners. The millage is estimated to generate about \$24 million to be used to support the PARC. City officials have been supportive of the project and former Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, who served on the PARC committee, said the commission is "110 percent behind" the project and it is the best idea to come to the area "in decades."

Initial plans that called for reopening the sports fields, gymnasium, swimming pool, and auditorium for all area residents in the Plymouth community, met with strong resistance and rejection from the previous township administration. The initial target set by the investors has grown from \$10 million to \$30 million with the addition of the performing arts theater. When Soenen first addressed the Plymouth Township board in 2013 asking for support in the form of a feasibility study, former Township Treasurer Ron Edwards flatly refused to consider the plan. He said he felt the township needed their "own facility," and introduced a recreation plan that he estimated would cost the town-

ship \$2.6 million.

Soenen, a 48-year township resident, explained that professional, independent surveys indicate that 60 percent of city residents now support PARC.

"If we can bring more people to downtown—that's a good thing. It will drive up property values," he said.

According to Soenen, the estimate for the old building renovation is pegged at \$7.8 million, improvements to the infrastructure at \$8 million and the performing arts center \$13.4 million. He claims a .75 mill tax would cost the "average" homeowner about \$65 annually.

"We need to come together between the township and the city...If the voters don't want it, I'll walk away in a minute," Soenen said.

Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said the board members were disheartened by disparaging anti-PARC robo calls received by several residents

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prior to the meeting. He said the call profile was the same in nature as those instigated during the last township election; calls he said emanated from Milan Michigan equipment. Those calls reportedly left some elderly and handicapped individuals who attended the meeting upset and feeling intimidated.

"I think it's disturbing in regards to the comments made toward the individuals, claims of profiteering," Trustee Bob Doroshevitz commented.

"I think you should beware of a businessman bearing a gift of an albatross which would become a future albatross," said resident Mary Klein. Most residents who commented at the meeting challenged the PARC project and one said the lack of parking in the city was already a problem. The PARC plan calls for parking for 800 cars. Some residents praised the effort to preserve the arts and music culture in the community and need

for the project.

Arna Guimmo, who lives near Farmer and Birk, was also not in favor of public funding for the project.

"You can say it's a downtown facility, but it's in a residential area. The PARC theater changes that residential area drastically," Soenen said he wants the

ballot question on the August primary at a time "when there is the greatest chance for the maximum voter turnout."

Soenen told board members that the building, the property and contributions would be donated to the township and the city after the formation of an authority to manage and operate the arts and recreation facility.

The next step according to Heise would be to form an authority that both the city and the township "can agree to."

Documents presented to the board in draft form by the PARC group consisted of a plan for a recreation authority with an executive board comprising elected or appointed officials, having official by-laws and a sole-source management contract with the authority to be known as PMA, Plymouth Arts and Recreation Authority.

"We've got a little bit of an idea of what it takes to run a business," Soenen said.

Sidewalks

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townships responsible for sidewalk repair and maintenance.

Canton is now in the second phase of the sidewalk repair program after a number of repairs were done in the first, said Fias. Repairs are done by zone for budget reasons and to be less disruptive.

Resident Williams Asper, who cited a City of Warren court case on easements, said he is concerned about sewers and sidewalks with tree damage. "But you guys are still trying to get the money from me," said Asper. "It's been going on for a very long time. My neighbors are paying for this stuff and really it's Canton's responsibility. When you accept the lowest bid, you're going to get the lowest quality. It just doesn't make sense to me."

Resident Joan Neubacher and her husband built the couple's home in 1976 in Brookside subdivision. She told the board members that she is concerned about the hazards. She said she walked her subdivision to verify those hazards.

"Canton said Wayne County was responsible," noted Neubacher. "Wayne County said we have no budget. Basically, I did all that work for nothing," she added.

Williams explained that when Ash trees died in his subdivision the residents were responsible for their removal; Fias

noted trees are only removed by the county when they pose an imminent danger.

Residents Mike and Doris Burke spoke to the board members about his "eye test" of looking at marked pavement. "I'm all about safety," Mike Burke said. "So many blocks have pavement issues and aren't marked, he added.

Resident John Dimaggio worked 30 years with Wayne County Roads and is a contractor.

"What is the quality of the concrete that's going in?" asked Dimaggio, who noted sidewalks can also have sealers applied for strength.

Several residents expressed concerns about road potholes, with George Miller noting Sheldon Road flooding, Lilley and Sheldon road potholes, and a damaged guardrail.

Township officials explained that the laws regarding the performance and payment for road maintenance differ from those for sidewalk repair.

"The county has been out, not fast enough by anyone's tastes. We are seeing some potholes filled, not fast enough," said Williams.

Municipal Services Fias noted the township added sidewalks in 2001-14 to about 6 miles of "yups" where none existed. He said work will start this year by May 1.

"The township has good data on all these locations. The township pays for a good amount each year," added Fias.

Lawsuit

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ments until all survivor obligations are met for a group of "over two dozen employees." The remaining dispute involves settlement of pensions. The township board has recently reported that city obligation at close to \$1.5 million. The agreement allowed both parties to waive a right to claim that litigation should be dismissed due to the expiration of a statute of limitations.

"The Township and the City wish to continue voluntary negotiation to resolve the dispute regarding the payment by the City to the township of health care costs, as well as to explore other potential options of resolution, such as mediation and arbitration..." the document read.

Informed sources say it was the deliberate stalling by the current city commission and the lack of progress toward settlement that triggered the township board action last week. Should Heise cancel the tolling agreement, the city will have, by law, 30 days in which to respond.

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Notice of Public Hearing Charter Township of Canton Lower Rouge Trail Expansion Supplemental Funding

The Charter Township of Canton is pursuing additional funding support to expand the Lower Rouge Trail east to the Hansen border, as it applies for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant and is seeking public input.

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 26, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. at the Canton Administrative Building - Board Room, located at 1018 S. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan, 48103. All individuals who currently reside in Canton Township, or who utilize the Canton Trail System are encouraged to attend. Participants planning to attend are encouraged to RSVP by calling 734/394-5340.

Comments may be submitted in writing through March 16, 2018, or made in person at the public hearing. All written comments should be addressed to: Greg Boudin, Charter Township of Canton, 1018 S. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan, 48103.

The Charter Township of Canton will provide additional monetary, reasonable auditory aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon a five week notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

Karen Cordery, Human Resources Manager & ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1018 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48103
(734) 394-5240

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NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the Township of Canton:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, must be cut and destroyed on or before the 1st day of May, June, July, August, September 2018 and on as needed. And every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the township that such weeds have been destroyed within a three-day period after any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the date mentioned shall be liable to the township of the amount set forth in Ordinance Number 44, of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if imposed by the township, shall be paid equally and jointly by the owner and the township. The Charter Township of Canton will file and record General Township Tax Roll and/or the Township may place a lien upon the property to secure the collection of such expenses.

The township may apply to certified mail, with return receipt requested, the second, third, or recipient, as shown on the current county and school tax bill, of any lands on which such noxious weeds are found growing. Such receipt shall contain methods of treating and maintaining such noxious weeds and a summary of the provisions of this section. Failure of the township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided in this article or any debt created under this article.

NOTICE TO CUT LAWN GRASS IN EXCESS OF FIVE INCHES

The township shall notify the violator of excessive lawn grass in the same manner as provided for in Ord. No. 78-2(c).

(Ord. No. 64, as amended; § 6-24-1997; Ord. of 6-20-2016) (§ 5)

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PROPOSED ACTION:
DATE OF HEARING:
TIME OF HEARING:
PLACE OF HEARING:
APPLICANT:

Charter Hearing Option (CH) Review
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
7:00 PM
Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170
2279-6218; Plymouth Park Charter Hearing Option
Cantonland Home Group LLC (30 Jack Cassady, PE, PLIC)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application for a Charter Hearing Option (CH) on the Tax ID No. 78-77-09-0001-0001, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99. The property is generally located south of Rock Road, south of Lelandburg Drive, east of Ridge Road, and south of N. Territorial Road. Please note, the subject site was previously identified as "Lelandburg Estate."

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the site to Plymouth Township Hall, addressed to the Community Development Department. Participant information relative to the application is as follows: the Plymouth Township, Public Services Center (second floor) may be visited during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon five week advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170; (734) 354-3201.

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Kathleen Karstensen, Secretary, Planning Commission

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Notice of Public Hearing CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide reasonable, reasonable auditory aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities to ensure they participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcome at the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the Office of the Board/Boardroom, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1101 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48103; (734) 394-5240.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to: Kathleen Karstensen, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1101 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48103; (734) 394-5240.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a penalty on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving from Braille books that are open to the public, but are not accessible to persons who use electronic devices.

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INKS - NORVILLE

Maybury Farm maple syrup tours available

The Taste of the outdoors can be sweet indeed especially when it includes the harvesting of sap to be processed into maple syrup.

Maybury Farm is now offering Maple Syrup Tours at 1, 1.45, 2.30 and 3.15 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays during March. The tours include a wagon ride to the woods where demonstrations of the tapping of maple trees and the collection of syrup take place. Visitors will then travel by wagon ride back to the Sugar Shack where they can watch and learn how the sap is converted into maple syrup, how syrup is graded and how to make maple syrup at home.

Once the tour is complete, visitors can warm up in the Maybury Farm Welcome Center where hot drinks and snacks are available to enjoy next to the toasty wood stove. Pure Michigan Maple Syrup is available for purchase along with free recipes to try using maple syrup at home.

This event is popular each year and space is limited so early arrival to reserve a spot is encouraged. To schedule a private Farm Tour for groups of 15 or more, call (248) 374-0200.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. The cost for the Making Maple Syrup Tour is \$7 per person and children 2 and younger attend at no



cost when accompanied by an adult. Visit www.mayburyfarm.org to learn more. Enter at the Maybury Farm sign, do not enter the State Park. Parking is free at Maybury Farm.

Maybury Farm is operated by the Northville Community Foundation, a

501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. It is a working farm with a mission to connect the community to animals and agriculture through hands-on experiences that are both engaging and educational. Maybury Farm will be open to the public Tuesday-Sunday beginning April 17.

Local legislator speaks at national conference

The youngest legislator ever to be elected in Michigan, State Rep. Jewell Jones (D-Inkster), took part in the Big XII Conference on Black Student Government last weekend in Waco, TX. The theme of the conference was "Sankofa: Our Past, Our Present, Our Future," and Jones took part in a panel discussion about "Our Present" along with two others on a Young, Gifted and Black panel.

"It's an honor to be asked to speak at this gathering of students and young pro-

fessionals, and to inspire them to reach for their dreams," Jones said prior to the event. "I truly believe that every young person is an opportunity, and I hope my participation in the panel discussion will help motivate other young people to make the most of their time and their talent."

"The Big XII Conference on Black Student Government brings together some of the most promising youth in our country, and I look to them to inspire me, just as much as I hope to inspire them," Jones said.

Coffee With A Cop Tuesday

Inkster police officers will host Coffee With A Cop at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 13 at Applewood Coast Island, 28640 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

There will be no agenda or speeches, just an opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee, ask questions, voice concerns and get to know neighborhood police officers.

CITY OF ROMULUS 2018 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by APPOINTMENT ONLY for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll. Please come prepared, as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

March 12, 2018: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
March 13, 2018: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
March 14, 2018: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Residents and Non-Residents may appear by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals documentation no later than March 14, 2018 at 12:00 pm.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. According to Ordinance, all Representatives or Agents MUST submit an original, notarized, current proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appear to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment to appear to the March Board of Review, please call the City of Romulus Department of Assessment at 734-942-7520.

For the purpose of addressing clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact, poverty exemptions, veteran's exemptions, and principal residence exemptions, the Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on:

July 17, 2018: 9:30 am
December 11, 2018: 9:30 am

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

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ROMULUS 2018 03-08-2018

CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID ITB 17/18-28 SIX (6) RADAR UNITS FOR ROMULUS POLICE DEPARTMENT ITB 17/18-41 TRAFFIC MOTORCYCLE FOR ROMULUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above items/terms and/or services.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the form provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the City Procurement Group page at BidNet Direct (<http://bidnetdirect.com>). Bids may be rejected unless made to the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.

(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITS Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITS website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form" supplied in the bid documents.

(3) A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, 3/27/2018. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the ITB documents.

(4) At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids will be publicly opened and read.

(5) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the ITB documents and copies of all required endorsements.

(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. A contract will ultimately be awarded to the lowest met responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

(7) For additional information contact Lynn A. Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, or Gary Hansen, Purchasing Department Buyer by calling (734) 955-4508 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusmi.gov

Public: 3/8/2018

ROMULUS 2018 03-08-2018

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 12, 2018
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Harden.

Roll Call: Kathleen Abdo, John Harden, Celina Roscoe, Tina Talley, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.

Absent: William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LaRoy D. Buncz, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Stragg, Clerk

Shay Price, Treasurer

1. Moved by Talley, seconded by Roscoe to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. 6A. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 5, 2018. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Harden, Roscoe, Talley, Williams. Nays - None. Abstain - Webb. Motion Carried.

3. 6B. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on Monday, February 5, 2018 - closed session, attorney update, open session, 34th District Court Construction and Approval Process. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Harden, Roscoe, Talley, Williams. Nays - None. Abstain - Webb. Motion Carried.

4. Petitioner: None.

5. Chairperson's Report:

Mayor Pro-Tem John Harden introduced Kayla Leonard and Bianca Watts, Romulus High School FCLCA (Family, Career and Community) Leaders of America members. They are accepting donations to help pay for "Sunshine Bikes" which will be donated to children who are displaced from their homes and are living in an area shelter called First Step. A donation box has been placed at the Library from Feb. 12 through Feb. 17. The email address linked to this project is SunshineBikes@gmail.com.

6. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Webb to accept the Chairperson's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously.

7. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Buncz commented on the fine snow-memoial job the DPW workers did during the recent snow storm, and he presented a video of contracting City events.

8. 6A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Talley to concur with the administration and authorize a one-year extension of BID ITB 15-19-16, commercial space agreement with ETC for the pricing and terms of the original contract for hazardous materials testing of residential, commercial and industrial properties to be demolished.

9. 6B. Moved by Webb, seconded by Roscoe to concur with the administration to extend BID ATB ITB 17-19 to the lowest bidder, Todd Wenzel Back, LLC, for the acquisition of two (2) 2018 GMC, Sierra 1500 4WD, Double Cab 4x4 Trucks for the City of Romulus DPW in the amount of \$27,480 per vehicle. Motion Carried Unanimously.

10. 6A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Talley to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a five-year installment purchase agreement with Toshiba Financial for the purchase of the Toshiba T8 management software, "PaperCut" (15 multi-function devices and nine (9) printers through Toshiba Financial (cost approximately \$25,380 for each device (12) month period for five-year term of the installment agreement). Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Harden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. 6B. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Talley to concur with the administration and authorize the purchase (provide) food and beverage, of any additional equipment or accessories under the terms and pricing of Toshiba's proposal documents for the five-year term of the installment purchase agreement with Toshiba Financial. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Harden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. 6A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Talley to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a managed print program with Toshiba Business Solutions inclusive of a fixed per-copy rate for the five-year term of the contract to provide for the maintenance and all consumables (including paper and supplies) for the fifteen (15) MFPs, nine (9) laser printers and any other devices included in the managed print program by the City of Romulus. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Harden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

13. 6B. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Talley to concur with the administration and authorize Budget Amendment 1718-21 to reallocate existing funding and amend the budget in multiple departments to account for the implementation of the Print Management Project. This reflects the lease expense and capital charge amount from April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018. This will have no impact on the General Fund fund balance.

CURRENT AMENDMENT

ACCOUNT NO. ACCOUNT NAME BUDGET AMENDMENT BUDGET

GENERAL FUND

1011-77-950.000 Lease Expense - 250 250

1011-223-950.000 Lease Expense - 200 200

1011-223-950.000 Lease Expense - 50 50

1011-257-950.000 Lease Expense - 75 75

1011-270-950.000 Lease Expense - 350 350

1011-747-950.000 Lease Expense - 400 400

1011-755-950.000 Lease Expense - 400 400

1011-771-728.002 Copier Chg. Print Mgt. 250 250

1011-771-728.002 Copier Chg. Print Mgt. 1,500 1,500

1011-223-728.002 Copier Chg. Print Mgt. - 100 100

1011-223-728.002 Copier Chg. Print Mgt. - 100 100

1011-223-728.002 Copier Chg. Print Mgt. - 250 250

1011-755-728.002 Copier Chg. Print Mgt. - 200 200

1011-755-728.002 Copier Chg. Print Mgt. - 200 200

1011-215-970.000 Capital Outlay 4,600 (4,600)

1011-255-970.000 Capital Outlay 6,000 (375) 5,625

To reallocate existing funding and amend the budget in multiple departments to account for the implementation of the Print Management Project. This reflects the lease expense and capital charge amount from April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018. This will have no impact on the General Fund fund balance. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Harden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A. Clerk's Report:

14. 6A.1. Moved by Webb, seconded by Roscoe to approve the following dates for the 2018 spring and fall no-bid permit projects:

SPRING

Friday, May 17 thru Sunday, May 20, 2018

Thursday, May 24 thru Sunday, May 27, 2018

FALL

Thursday, Sept. 27 thru Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018

Thursday, Oct. 04 thru Sunday, Oct. 07, 2018

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15. 6A.2. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Webb to schedule a special meeting (open study session) with Romulus Library, Perry Bracken on Monday, Feb. 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for the annual State of the Library. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at city hall. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6B. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Shay Price, spoke about the City Quarterly Financial Report that was discussed in an earlier session (open) meeting. Treasurer also gave a reminder that City taxes are due on Feb. 14, 2018 and that there are various payment options.

Don Morgan, newly-elected president of the Romulus Democratic Club extended an open invitation to the next Democratic Club meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall on Harmon River Drive in Romulus. Any Hardhat, Chairperson of the Michigan Democratic Party Disability Caucus, extended an open invitation to their next meeting on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the LAW Hall on Dix Rd. in Dearborn.

6C. New business:

Councilmember Roscoe gave a reminder that Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018 is the annual "Dog Days" at the Romulus Animal Shelter from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

10. Communication:

Councilmember Talley spoke about the success of the Soul Food Dinner.

11. 6A.3. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Webb to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Carol Rafols. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. 6A.4. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to pay Warrant 18-01 in the amount of \$1,855,315.83. Motion Carried Unanimously.

13. 6A.5. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

14. 6A.6. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

15. 6A.7. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

16. 6A.8. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

17. 6A.9. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

18. 6A.10. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

19. 6A.11. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

20. 6A.12. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

21. 6A.13. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

22. 6A.14. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

23. 6A.15. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

24. 6A.16. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

25. 6A.17. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

26. 6A.18. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

27. 6A.19. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

28. 6A.20. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

29. 6A.21. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

30. 6A.22. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

31. 6A.23. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

32. 6A.24. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

33. 6A.25. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

34. 6A.26. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

35. 6A.27. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

36. 6A.28. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

37. 6A.29. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

38. 6A.30. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

39. 6A.31. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

40. 6A.32. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

41. 6A.33. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

42. 6A.34. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

43. 6A.35. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

44. 6A.36. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

45. 6A.37. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

46. 6A.38. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

47. 6A.39. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

48. 6A.40. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

49. 6A.41. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

50. 6A.42. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Talley to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Calendar of events

Veterans set Fish Frys

Plymouth VFW Post 6695 will host Friday Night Fish Frys from 5-7 p.m. every Friday night during Lent. The fish frys will continue through March 30.

Menu choices include cod, walleye, shrimp or chicken strips. Dinners include French fries, baked potato or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, roll and butter and coffee.

There will also be 50-50 raffles during the dinners.

The Plymouth VFW Post is located at 1425 S Mill St. near Lilly Road just north of Ann Arbor Road.

Corned Beef Dinner served

An Irish Corned Beef Dinner is planned for 6 p.m. March 10 as a fundraiser for the Wayne County Fair.

The dinners are \$12 per person or \$8 for children 6 and younger.

The dinner is sponsored by the Wayne County Fair Association and all proceeds will go to the upkeep of the fairgrounds, a non profit organization.

The dinners will take place at 10871 Quirk Road in Belleville. For more information, call (734) 697-7002.

Members work exhibited

The Northville Art House will host the 12th Annual Members' Exhibition through March 24. The exhibit will showcase the talents of current member artists through original works of art created in a variety of media and styles.

The 12th Annual Members' Exhibition will be open during Art House hours, noon until 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon until 4 p.m. Saturday.

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady St. and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits is free and open to the public. For information contact (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearthouse.org.

Church serves Lenten dinners

St. Mary Catholic Church of Wayne will serve Fish Fry dinners from 4-7 p.m. every Friday through March 30 at the church, 34530 Michigan Ave. in Wayne.

There are a variety of choices available including baked salmon, fried cod, baked fish, shrimp and macaroni and cheese in various combinations.

The dinners range in price from \$6 to \$12 and extra items are available for purchase with meals including individual fish pieces, baked potato, French fries and

macaroni and cheese.

All dinners are served with cole slaw, roll and a choice of water, lemonade or coffee.

GriefShare program begins

GriefShare is a 13-week, nondenominational program that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Whether the bereavement experience is recent or not so recent, coping tools will be available.

Meetings will take place at 6 p.m. Thursdays at the Romanus Wesleyan Church at Goddard and Huron River Drive.

The series will continue through May 17. Participants may attend any or all meetings, although the most benefit is received through attending every meeting.

The seminar/support group features DVDs with nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories by people who have experienced the pain of losing a loved one, followed by group discussion.

Grief-related handouts will be available each week. Registration fee is \$15 which will include a journal/workbook that coordinates with the DVD lesson for each week.

For more information: www.grief-share.org

For questions, call (734) 941-1511.

Cruise raffle under way

Two lucky people will cruise the British Isles for 12 days for the grand total of only \$20.

The Michigan Philharmonic will sell 400 raffle tickets at \$50 each for the cruise, which includes round trip airfare for two. The lucky winner will cruise from Aug. 17 through 29 aboard the Princess Cruise Lines.

The cruise will depart from Southampton, England and include ports of call at Guernsey and the Channel Islands in England; Cork and Dublin in Ireland; Belfast in Northern Ireland; Glasgow, Inverness, Loch Ness and Edinburgh in Scotland and Paris and Normandy in France. Passengers will also cruise the North Sea for two days.

The drawing for the winner of the cruise is planned for April 14 at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) and the winner will be contacted that day. Ticket holders need not be present at the drawing to win.

For tickets or information, call (734) 451-2112.



Ed Asner appears in Canton

Ed Asner takes the audience on a comedic journey of pain, laughter, and anatomy—not necessarily in that order in his one-man show, "Ed Asner: A Man and His Prostate", which is coming to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

Asner brings to life the true story of screenwriter and television producer Ed Weinberger's Italian vacation that takes an unexpected turn. A turn that scares the life out of him and at the same time forces self-reflection and appreciation for what he has.

Asner has been an enduring presence in television, film, and stage for 60 years with more than 100 television credits.

In the 70s, his role as Lou Grant in the long-running hit sitcom "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" catapulted him to stardom. He then perpetuated his

character in the dramatic series "Lou Grant". Asner is the only actor to have won an Emmy for the same role in both a comedy and a drama (five total as Lou Grant). He went on to win two more Emmy Awards for roles in the miniseries "Roots" and "Rich Man, Poor Man".

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. show are \$27 for adults and \$22 for seniors. VIP tickets can be purchased for \$37 and will include a post-show meet and greet opportunity with Asner. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 684-8300. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater Box Office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, MI 48178. For more information about this special performance, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Buddy Up begins 8th year

The City of Westland is beginning the 8th year of the popular, seven-week "Buddy Up" Program, led by Wayne resident Buddy Shuh who appeared on The Biggest Loser.

The "Buddy Up" Kick Off will take place at 7 p.m. March 9 in the banquet room at city hall where participants will be assigned team captains and hear a message from Shuh.

After the initial event, participants will meet from 9-10:30 a.m. every Saturday for seven weeks.

This year, back by popular demand, is an optional weight loss challenge where the top three participants with the most weight loss will win a prize.

Registration is limited to the first 250 paid registrants. This program is open to all interested individuals looking to engage in a healthier lifestyle.

Online registration has opened and is available at www.cityofwestland.com.

The fee is \$30 which includes an event t-shirt and access to the special Buddy-Up only section of the Passport to a Healthy City web site with helpful information.

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