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Township plans to sell disputed property

Despite an unresolved lawsuit and an Affidavit of Interest filed by the City of Detroit, Plymouth Township plans to sell the prison farmland they purchased in a Wayne County foreclosure sale at 2011 and team up with State Rep. Kurt Heise, R. Plymouth, to appropriate \$5 million in state funds to tear down the buildings in a nearby prison site that once was the Detroit House of Corrections jail facility.

At the board meeting last week, trustees voted to support House Bill HB-5179 sponsored by Heise and approved a resolution drafted by Township Clerk Nancy Conzelman, which read in part:

“The \$5 million appropriation would provide the township with the means to tear down the former state prison site and prepare the usable area of the prison property for economic development...”

The prison farmland is the 323 acre parcel located south of Five Mile Road between Ridge and Napier roads. The City of Detroit lawsuit was filed in April 2013. Detroit contends that following the 2006 sale of 133 acres on the eastern-most part of the 323-acre site to Demco 54 LLC, a property transfer affidavit was filed and a



The former DeHoCo property is reportedly for sale by Plymouth Township despite a claim on the land by the City of Detroit..

property split approved that should have indicated Detroit had kept the remaining 190 acres. It states that state law, and specifically the State Tax Commission, forbid the foreclosure of property owned by a city.

In November, attorneys for the City of Detroit were forced to withdraw their request for a hearing in Wayne County Circuit Court regarding the lawsuit filed against Plymouth Township and Wayne County demanding the return of the land. The withdrawal was

based on the relationship of Plymouth Township with the law firm Miller-Canfield, the same firm chosen by the City of Detroit officials to represent the municipality in the city bankruptcy filing. The purchase order contract was drawn up by then Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann, an attorney working for the Miller-Canfield firm.

In his filing of affirmative defenses, township attorney Timothy Cronin stated in one objection that civil action was

barred, “due to the fact that there is another civil action between some of the parties arising out of the same transaction or occurrence.”

Heise is associated with the same law firm as Cronin.

Last December, Heise introduced House Bill 5179 that would transfer the state-owned Detroit House of Corrections jail facility site (DeHoCo) in Plymouth Township to the Michigan Land Bank Authority for \$1 dollar.

If approved, the bill would create a \$5 million state appropriation to demolish the buildings and according to Heise if there's anything left over it will be used for future private re-development as determined by Plymouth Township and the state.

Heise stressed that the property he was discussing was not the parcel involved in the legal dispute with the City of Detroit, but neighboring property. Heise said the \$5 million appropriation would not include an environmental assessment or clean up of contamination, which is said to be prevalent at the site. Studies done in 2004 confirmed that substantial

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Memorial Day ‘Thunder’ rolls throughout area

Whatever the weather, there will be thunder throughout Van Buren Township and Belleville this Memorial Day when more than 300 motorcycles travel through the community.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Thunder Rolls in Belleville, a special tribute organized to honor all veterans, especially those who have given their lives to protect our nation, said Mary Martinez of the Brown Funeral Home which sponsors the event. Martinez and Kathie Steigerwald, also of the Brown Funeral Home and Family Center, are the organizers of the event.

The event is open to the public and there is a \$10 entry fee for each rider.

A special Memorial Day ceremony is preceded by the one hour police escorted motorcycle ride through parts of Van Buren Township and then into Belleville. Participants in the ride register



and line up for the ride starting at 11 a.m. in Wayne County Community College Western Campus front parking lot located just north of the Haggerty Road/Interstate 94 intersection, on Haggerty Road in Belleville. The actual address of the college is 9555 Haggerty, the women said in a prepared release

All makes and models of motorcycles usually participate in the event, and many of the riders are veterans themselves, according to Martinez. She said that many of the riders proudly fly the American

Flag during the ride.

The event has become so popular that crowds assemble along the route to wave flags and cheer the riders on, she added.

Each year a special pin is designed and given out to all riders who have paid to ride. All entry fee funds are used to benefit local veterans and their families.

Bikers make their way from the college to the Belleville Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park, located off Belleville Lake on High Street, east of Main Street. The estimated arrival time is between 2 and 2:30

p.m. Once all are assembled, the memorial ceremony takes place, the organizers added.

Again this year, honor guards from the Belleville VFW and PLAV and honor guards from the Canton Young Marines will participate in the ceremony. The event includes special songs and prayer and a performance of Taps by a local veteran. The memorial ceremony itself usually continues for about an hour.

The names of local veterans who have died during the past year will be announced during a bell-ringing ceremony. Organizers said that names are still be added to the list. To add a name to the list of deceased veterans, call (734) 697-5090.

The organizers urged the public to attend and support the event. More information is available from Martinez or Steigerwald at the number above or email brown-griefcenter@yahoo.com.

Westland signs new contract with Police Officers Association

Westland has signed a new, 5-year contract with the Westland Police Officers Association.

The new agreement will include no pay raise for officers this year, a 2 percent raise in 2015 and 2016 and renegotiation of wages in 2017 and 2018, if necessary. The contract also included reductions in benefits, allowances and leave time for new hires into the department.

Current employees in the police department will contribute 5 percent toward their pension and new hires will contribute 3 percent toward a less-expensive retirement plan. New employees will also receive a health care savings plan for retirement health coverage.

Retirees will retain the same coverage they had when working. The new agreement changes the age and seniority for retirement to

25 years of service to retire at a minimum of 50 years of age. Previously, officers could retire at a younger age.

According to Mayor William Wild, the new contract is a step in the right direction for city finances. The new agreement covers police officers and dispatchers. According to Wild, the new contract reduces the cost for an officer from \$131,000 annually to \$82,000

annually. Dispatchers cost to the city annually will be reduced from \$101,000 to \$74,000.

Wild said the negotiating team from the city and the members of the police union deserve praise for their professionalism.

He said that this new contract demonstrates to other city unions like police lieutenants and sergeants and firefighters that reforms are needed.

New 274 condominium project coming to Canton

Residential developer Toll Brothers will build 274 single-family homes on 173 acres of land in Canton Township.

The new housing development called Rosewood Place will consist of detached condominium homes located south of Ford Road, between Ridge and Napier roads. The site incorporates 58 acres of open space and will feature a

lower tributary of the Rouge River and a large wooded area in the center of the development.

Members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved a special land use permit last week for the project. Toll Brothers will now be required to have site plans and engineering specifications approved by township officials. Officials said this

project, scheduled to begin construction next spring, was the largest single development proposed in the township in more than 10 years.

Home plans will vary from 2,800 to 4,000 square feet, according to the developer, and are tentatively estimated to be in the \$500,000 price range.

Trustees raised some questions

regarding traffic patterns in the area, particularly considering the Ford Road congestion east of the proposed site and noted that a traffic engineering study will be required as part of the project.

Officials said that it is expected most traffic to the development would use Ridge Road or Napier, rather than add to the Ford Road congestion.

ROMULUS

Fire fighters donate outdated equipment overseas

Due to safety regulations, the Romulus Fire Department can no longer use some outdated gear and equipment. But the local firefighters hope their “brotherhood” in foreign lands can put the items to use.

Deputy Chief Kevin Krause said the gear and equipment did not meet the standards established by the National Fire Protection Association, which deems the older equipment unsafe for use by firefighters in the United States.

However, such standards do not apply to needy third-world countries, Krause said, so the Romulus Fire Department, with the support of the city administration, has donated the items to the International Fire Relief Mission in Hazel Green, KY.

Krause said the mission collects old gear and ships it to firefighters in needy foreign lands.

The equipment includes different sized fire hoses, fire backboards, old nozzles and fittings and such “turnout gear” as helmets, hoods, gloves, boots, coats, pants and jumpsuits that Romulus firefighters no longer use.

The items were wrapped for shipping on pallets. Freddie Block of family-owned Block’s Stand and Greenhouse used a forklift to load the pallets into trucks of Con-way Freight. Antoine Seegars, a driver and trainer for Con-way Freight, transported the pallets from the Fire Station on Eureka Road to Con-way headquarters in Romulus. Other drivers will transport the freight to the Con-way location in Cincinnati and then on to Kentucky.

“This gear can’t be used in American fire service,” Krause said, “but its usefulness to another department is huge. If we were going to sell the items, we would recoup very

little, but in the fire service brotherhood, the value is priceless. We know somebody will use them.”

Lareece Broadus, personnel supervisor with Con-way Freight in Romulus, said her firm did not hesitate when Krause inquired.

“When he reached out, I instantly thought of community outreach and how our company can provide assistance for the greater good,” Broadus said. “We are big on charity and we are really big on helping the community. By being a part of this, we know someone will benefit.”

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Block’s Stand and Greenhouse, located across Eureka Road from the fire station, is one of the best-known providers of flower and vegetable plants in the spring and home-grown produce, fruit and vegetables starting in July. The Romulus family-owned-and-operated business farms more than 800 acres. Items are picked daily for market.

“We want to help our neighbors and the community,” Freddie Block said. “We’re always happy to help.”

Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff thanked the Romulus businesses for their participation and said he is in “total support” of needy firefighters making use of equipment no longer of value to the city.

“Public safety is all about helping each other out,” the mayor said. “No matter what state or country we are in, first responders are passionate about doing their job. If we can help with our support or equipment,



The Romulus Fire Department and Con-way Freight in Romulus were two of the partners in a donation of outdated gear and equipment to needy firefighters in third-world countries. Among the participants in the process were Lt. Mike Wojtylko (left), EMS Coordinator Neal Allgood, Firefighter George Smith, Deputy Chief Kevin Krause, Con-way driver Antoine Seegars and Personnel Supervisor Lareece Broadus. Other participants included Lt. Doug Rowe and Freddie Block of Block’s Stand and Greenhouse.

whatever it may be, it’s not just our obligation, but our privilege to do that.”

Krause said the donation was part of Romulus’ reputation as the “gateway to the world” and also ties in with the mayor’s initiative of “projecting the city into the community.”

“The Fire Department wants to continue to build relationships with the public and with surrounding communities,” Krause said. “This is a very good cause.”

Krause said the fire department is involved in other community outreach initiatives. The department has a supply of smoke

detectors that can be installed in homes in the city. Firefighters conduct home safety inspections. The department will offer classes in first aid, CPR and automatic external defibrillation (AED).

On Saturday, May 31, the Fire Department will host an open house at fire headquarters at 28777 Eureka Road. The Fire Station will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Firefighters will distribute fire safety materials and participate in various demonstrations throughout the day. For more information, call the Fire Department at (734) 941.8585.

\$15,000 host agreement funds used for roof repairs

A Host Community Agreement with the Environmental Quality Co. is already paying dividends for the City of Romulus.

Members of the city council unanimously approved a \$15,000 expenditure to fix the roof on the Romulus Civic League building on Wahrman Road. The funds for that project were available through the host agreement the city council approved in March.

That agreement allowed EQ to handle non-hazardous material at the facility off Van Born Road. In exchange, the company provided the city a flat \$50,000 up-front fee. The city will also receive \$25 for every ton of material transferred at the facility, which could bring in as much as \$25,000 annually.

“Those funds are set aside for things that we couldn’t have normally done, that wouldn’t meet the requirements for block grants

and so forth,” said Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff.

Willie Hester, president of the Romulus Civic League, said the roof at the facility was leaking and the project was important to the continued activities and services the league provides for the community. He said he was pleased with the unanimous vote.

“It does me good and fills me with confidence that the council has good things to say about our group,” said Hester, a 30-year member of the organization. “We try to make an effort for our community. We really love Romulus. It’s all about the neighborhood. We appreciate the support.”

Burcroff said he was glad the city could provide the financial assistance, and added that the funds did not come from taxpayers’ pockets. He said he looked forward to the

other civic projects the host agreement would allow the city to help with.

“This is going to allow us to help some good people that have a good cause, that are non-profits in the community,” Burcroff said.

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Belleville - Canton

Canton Farmers Market now open Sundays

The Canton Farmers Market is now open at 9 a.m. every Sunday at 9 a.m. at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge, and will be open, rain or shine, through Oct. 19, with the exception of July 6. The market is usually open until 1 p.m.

Canton's Annual Perennial Exchange will be at the market May 25. Gardeners can divide crowded perennials and bring them to exchange for some other plants. Participants are asked to label plants, including type and color of

bloom (when known). A special seedling project will be available for children to get hands-on gardening experience.

A few new vendors are being added to the lineup this season, including: Paw-la's Pantry (dog treats), Garlily (garlic sauce), Argricola (soft pretzels & baked goods), Lush Paws (body scrubs), Simple Threads (city and school apparel) and Xiong's Fresh Asian Produce. Additional new vendors will be announced throughout the

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season.

“The Canton Farmers Market provides the community with the opportunity to support Michigan farmers and vendors so that they can buy fresh, buy local and buy in season,” said Canton Farmers Market Manager Tina Lloyd. “Remember,

we are a local market; no pineapples or lemons are available at the Canton Farmers Market since that type of produce isn't grown here. In addition, market-goers are reminded that cooler temperatures so far this spring have pushed back the harvest season, so produce may be slow mak-

ing its way to our market. In May, you can expect the farmers to bring a variety of greens, spinach, asparagus, arugula, carrots, herbs, potted flowers and in June the berries will be ready. Finally in July, a bounty of produce should start arriving at the market.”

The market is open to the public and there is no admission charge. More information is available at Cantonfun.org under the community events tab, or contact Lloyd at (734) 394-5375.

Belleville Road improvement plan on schedule

Improvements to Belleville Road, funded by the Downtown Development Authority, are currently under way and on schedule, according to DDA Director Susan Ireland.

Improvements to the road, from Tyler Road to just north of the bridge, will include new milling of the road-

way along with other major construction improvements, Ireland said in a prepared statement.

"These major construction improvements will facilitate safety and accessibility to the businesses along Belleville Road," she said.

The construction timeline began

with traffic re-signalization foundations for posts installed beginning April 14. Completion dates, which can be impacted by weather conditions are projected as July 12 for the south end of the project and Aug. 15 for the north end of the construction work.

The project will require periodic lane closures and traffic shifts during construction, Ireland noted. One lane will be maintained and open to traffic in each direction at all times on Belleville Road

Closure and detour of I-94 ramps is only allowed from 9 p.m. until 6

a.m. and/or on weekends, she added.

There will be no lane closures during Memorial Day weekend or July 4 holiday

Access to all businesses, homes and intersecting streets will be open throughout construction, Ireland added.

Next Coffee with a Cop is planned for this Saturday

Coffee with a Cop will take place again from 10 a.m. until noon this Saturday at McDonald's on Ford Road in Canton Township.

These ongoing sessions are open to the public and provide a unique opportunity for communi-

ty members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in local Canton neighborhoods and business districts.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies or

stressful situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building, police officials said. The Coffee with a Cop program is designed to break down barriers and allows for relaxed one-on-one interaction.

The Canton Police Department is planning multiple sessions throughout the community this year and locations for the meetings are needed.

Any business or organization interested in hosting a 2-hour session of Coffee with a Cop, can con-

tact the police department at (734) 394-5401.

Requirements to host a 2-hour session of Coffee with a Cop require only a Canton Township location that is open to the public and enough coffee provided for the attendees, officials said.

Charter Township of Canton
Board Proceedings – May 13, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Anthony, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sneiderman, Williams, Yack. Members Absent: Bennett. Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Faas, Director Mutchler. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Anthony to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneiderman to approve the Board Minutes of April 22, 2014 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, questioned on the hours of operation of the Police Gun Range on weekends and holidays. Mr. Miller also commented on the size and condition of the parking lot located on the north/west corner of Lilley and Ford Roads. **Payment of Bills:** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION R-1-Resolution Of Support For Michigan Townships Association's Robert R. Robinson Scholarship Application** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Anthony to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Resolution Of Support For Michigan Townships Association's Robert R. Robinson Scholarship Application** WHEREAS, the Michigan Townships Association administers a scholarship fund established in memory of Robert R. Robinson, former executive director of the association; and WHEREAS, the purpose of the scholarship fund is to help students in Michigan who are preparing for a career in public administration; and WHEREAS, the scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis to a junior, senior or graduate student enrolled in a Michigan college or university, who is pursuing a degree in public administration and considering a career in local government administration, as determined by the applicant's academic achievement, community involvement and commitment to a career in local government administration; and WHEREAS, James Tatum, currently a Senior at Eastern Michigan University, has demonstrated academic achievement with a 3.4 grade point average; and WHEREAS, James has presented two research papers at 2014 Undergraduate Symposium and serves as Opinions Editor for The Eastern Echo campus newspaper; and WHEREAS, the scholarship application requires a resolution of support from an MTA-member Michigan township board; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Canton Township Board supports the application of Canton Township resident James Tatum for the Robert R. Robinson Memorial Scholarship. May 13, 2014; Philip J. LaJoy, Canton Supervisor. **Item PH - 1 Public Hearing Approval of 2014 CDBG Program Year and Annual Action Plan. (FBD)** at 7:07 p.m. Supervisor LaJoy declared the public hearing open to hear comment on the Advisory Council recommendations for the PY 2014 Community Development Block Grant Program. Budget Manager, Carolyn Cox was present to address any questions the Board or public might have. Trustee Yack stated he would be voting “no” chiefly because of the Housing Rehab portion of the program. He would like to see the township find a project that would benefit more of the township in general. Not to diminish the value to the individual homes that are renovated. As per the recommendation of Supervisor, Trustee Yack agrees to be on the committee next year. Trustee Sneiderman asked how the process works. Budget Manager Cox replied the program has a waiting list at all times for housing-rehab and as funds become available they are notified to apply and finance will income qualify the applicant. The Building Department then inspects the property to evaluate the work necessary. Trustee Sneiderman asked if there are before and after pictures available. Budget Manager Cox replied yes. Trustee McLaughlin explained the contractors bids will come before the Board before any work is done. No Public Comments were made. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to close the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to accept the recommendations of the Canton CDBG Advisory Council for the PY 2014 Community Development Block Grant Program and to forward the adopted program to the Department of H.U.D. as the Canton PY 2014 Final Statement: First Step-\$15,000; Neighborhood Legal Services - \$13,361; Wayne-Metro CAA - \$15,000; Growth Works - \$1,500; Summit Scholarships - \$2,500; Tutoring Services (At-Risk Youth) - \$2,500; Program Administration - \$66,482 Housing Rehabilitations - \$116,068; ADA Projects - \$100,000; **TOTAL: \$332,411.** Motion carried by 5 to 1 vote. **Item PH - 2 Public Hearing Consider IFT Certificate for Greenfield Die & Manufacturing Corporation. (Supv)** Supervisor LaJoy declared the public hearing open at 7:12 p.m. to consider IFT Certificate for Greenfield Die & Manufacturing Corporation. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to close the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Yack to adopt the resolution approving application of Greenfield Die & Manufacturing Corporation Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property. Motion carried by all members present. **Resolution Approving Application Of Greenfield Die & Manufacturing Corporation Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate For Personal Property.** WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, this Canton Board of Trustees by resolution established Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Canton approved an application from Greenfield Die and Manufacturing requesting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property investments located at 7295 Haggerty; and WHEREAS, Greenfield Die and Manufacturing has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to personal property in the amount of \$5,814,000 located within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development; and WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the Charter Township of Canton held a hearing on May 13, 2014 at the Canton Administration Building, in Canton, at 7 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and WHEREAS, Greenfield Die and Manufacturing has substantially met all the requirements under Public Act 198 of 1974 for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate, will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that: 1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Charter Township of Canton, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Charter Township of Canton. 2. The application from Greenfield Die and Manufacturing for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, with respect to the following described parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District to wit: Legal Description: 01R1A1A1, 2 12N1A1A1A1, 2 PT OF SW 1/4 SEC 1 AND NW 1/4 SEC 12 T2S R8E DESC AS BEG AT SW COR SEC 1 TH N 00DEG 33M 13S W 72S.80FT TH S 89DEG 27M 41S E 691.31FT TH S 00DEG 33M 44S E 700.00FT TH S 89DEG 27M 43S E 630.07FT TH S 00DEG 33M 44S E 30.00FT TH S 00DEG 01M 25S W 30.01FT TH N 89DEG 27M 43S W 630.37FT TH S 00DEG 01M 25S W 268.91FT TH N 89DEG 58M 35S W 689.97FT TH N 00DEG 11M 25S W 309.37FT TO POB 17.24AC Parcel# 003-99-0004-717 be and the same is hereby approved. Kristin Thomas was present to address any questions the Board or public might have. Trustee Williams commented, “Keep growing!” Trustee Sneiderman questioned what other abatements have been given over the past 10 years. Supervisor LaJoy explained a chart exists with the past details. He agreed to share this with Sneiderman. No other Public Comments were made. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1.Consider the Second Reading for Approval of an Amendment to Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances for the Skelton Rezoning. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to adopt the ordinance to amend the zoning map pursuant to Section 27.06 of Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton for the Skelton Rezoning as provided in the Ordinance and map. Motion carried by all members present. **STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDINANCE NO. ____ AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 8.00 OF APPENDIX A - ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN WHICH AMENDS THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ON THE ZONING MAP THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: PART I. ARTICLE 8.00 –ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS AND MAP * * *Pursuant to Section 27.06 of Appendix A – Zoning, the zoning map is hereby amended by changing the zoning on parcel no. 121-99-0005-000 from RR, Rural Residential to R-2, Single-Family Residential District as shown on the attached zoning map. PART II. Severability.** Should any in part, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated. **PART III. Savings Clause.** The amendment of the Canton Code of Ordinances set forth in this Ordinance does not affect or impair any act done, offense committed, or right accruing, accrued, or acquired, or liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment, pending or incurred prior to the amendment of the Canton Code of Ordinances set forth in this Ordinance. Skelton Rezoning File No. 121-RZ-2018 Page 2 **PART IV. Repealer.** All other Ordinances or part of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent to give this Ordinance full force and effect. **PART V. Publication.** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause the ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. **Part VI. Effective Date.** A public hearing having been held hereon pursuant to the provisions of Section 103 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be published within fifteen (15) days of its adoption of publications of a notice in a newspaper circulated in Canton Township stating the date of enactment and effective date, a brief statement as to its regulatory effect and that a complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public purchase, use and inspection at the office of the Township Clerk during the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Local Time. The provision of this Ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. **CERTIFICATION** The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 13th day of May, 2014, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. Terry Bennett, Clerk Introduced: April 22, 2014. Adopted: May 13, 2014. Published: May 22, 2014. Effective: May 29, 2014 **Item C-2. Consider Approving an Extension of the Animal Control Services Contract. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to approve a three-year contract extension with Varmint Police, Inc., 35563 Thames St., Westland, MI 48186, in the amount of \$5,053.44 a month (\$60,641.28 annually). Funds for this expense are budgeted in the 2014 Police Budget Account Animal Care, #207-301-50.829, in the amount of \$70,000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-3 Consider Award of Installation of ADA Stair Guard in the Administration Building Lower Level. (CLS)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to award the installation of the ADA Stair Guard in the lower level of the Canton Administration Building to Future Fence Company, 23450 Regency Park Drive, Warren, Michigan 48089 the amount of \$5,847 with funds from Account # 274- 666.849. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-4. Consider Award of Installation of ADA Automatic Door Operators for the Canton Senior Center. (CLS)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to award the installation of the ADA Automatic Door Operators to ASSA ABLOY Entrance Systems US Inc, 38291 Schoolcraft Rd. Suite 103, Livonia, MI 48150 in the amount of \$6,591 with funds from Account # 274-666.849. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Consider Amendment No. 10 to the Cherry Hill PUD and**

Approval of the Preliminary Site Plan for Morton Taylor Estates Condominiums. (MSD) Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneiderman to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Amendment No. 10 to the Cherry Hill PUD and Preliminary Site Plan for Morton Taylor Estates** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor has requested approval for a PUD amendment and preliminary site plan for Morton Taylor Estates Condominiums located on the east side of Morton Taylor Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer Roads on tax parcel nos. 091-99-0001-712 and 091-99-0001-713; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission voted in favor to recommend approval based on the findings that the proposed development plan is in keeping with the intent of Amendment No. 9 of the Cherry Hill PUD and consistent with the Future Land Use Plan and development objectives for this area. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve Amendment No. 10 to the Cherry Hill PUD and the Preliminary Site Plan for Morton Taylor Estates Condominiums, subject to the terms set out in the proposed agreement and development plan. **Item G-2.Consider Special Land Use Approval for Rosewood Place Cluster Development. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Land Use for Rosewood Place Cluster Development** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor has requested special land use approval for the Rosewood Place Cluster Development for a maximum of 274 units to be located in the R-2 and R-3 Residential Zoning Districts on tax parcel nos. 069-99-0009-000 and 069-99-0010-700; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval based on the findings that the proposed development plan is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan, subject to the recommendations and provisions listed in the Planning Commission recommendation; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the special land use request and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and Planning Commission recommendations as follows: 1. The unpaved road study will need to be evaluated for assumption on loading and travel directions to make a determination on the need to pave Napier Road. This will be evaluated at the site plan stage and will be a condition of the special land use approval. An outside consultant will be used to evaluate the study. 2. Phase 1 will be required to have a second point of access to be independent. The project sponsor needs to show a second point of access. 3. The location of the cross connection to the north and any appropriate easement and maintenance agreement needs to be coordinated with the developer of Parkside Estates (Pulte). Extension of the street north to Ford Road may be needed to get your required second point of access to support development of Phase 1. 4. Consider relocating units 101and102 since they constrict the continuity of the open space. Consider relocating lots 166-168 since they pose a compatibility issue with the large frontage lot and residence on Napier Road. 5. Lot 139 and 140 should be reoriented to the E-W road to maintain the continuity of the line of house along that street. and may have less impact to the tree cover. 6. Maximum block length permitted is 1,320 feet. Please assure that all blocks meet that requirement. A variance to the condominium ordinance would be required to be submitted and considered in conjunction with review of the site plan and public hearing by the Planning Commission. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the requested Special Land Use for the Rosewood Place Cluster Development for a maximum of 274 units subject to compliance with the conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Representatives from Toll Brothers as well as the consulting engineer were in attendance. Trustee Yack asked what the Dirt Road Study covered. Director Faas explained the study determined the traffic generation from the site as well as determine the impact on Napier Road. It also to determine the second point of access for the development. Treasurer McLaughlin mention that there is some concern regarding the amount of traffic on Ridge as well as Napier. Trustee Yack asked if the study also evaluated the effect on the intersection of Ridge and Ford Roads. He is concerned about the amount of increased traffic volume at this location. Director Faas replied the traffic engineering study will be part of the project. Treasurer McLaughlin stated that the larger concentration of residences at the south end of the development should result in more traffic going out the Napier access driving more traffic through Cherry Hill Village. Director Faas referenced the external traffic engineering that would be evaluated by a third party. Mike Knowles, Toll Brother Land Development Vice President, explained he spoke to Traffic Engineer - Mike Labadie, who will be doing the study. He will be doing the study to assess unpaved-Napier Road, but as part of that he will look at the Napier and Ford intersection and the Ridge and Ford as well. Trustee Sneiderman asked about impact on Ford Road itself, not just the intersection. Director Faas stated he was only aware of the study covering the intersections. Trustee Sneiderman expressed concern over the impact on Ford resulting in more traffic congestion. Director Faas explained that the property only has accesses on Ridge and Napier, not Ford. Trustee Sneiderman asked exactly required a “Special Land” use on this property. Director Faas explained this is a requirement of the Zoning Ordinance. Trustee McLaughlin commented that the distribution of the homes has altered the lot sizes in order to create more open spaces within the development. The net result is less square feet per lot. **Item G-3. Consider Approval of a Five Year Extension of the AT&T Metro-Act Permit. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneiderman to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the letter approving a five (5) year extension of the AT&T Metro-Act Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit to be effective July 31, 2014 contingent upon receipt of a Performance Bond valid through July 31, 2019 and receipt of updated as-built infrastructure plans prior to July 31, 2014. Motion carried by all members present. Trustee Sneiderman stated although he works for AT&T he has no personal interest or would realize any personal gain from this permit. **Item G-4. Consider Approval of a Policy & Procedure for Special Events and Sidewalk Sales. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneiderman to approve policy # B1S:06 as prepared by the Municipal Services Department to establish guidelines for special events and sidewalk sales as required by the Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried by all members present. Director Faas explained this formal policy will also serve to provide clarification for the staff with regard to policies and procedures. The Building Department will be trying this policy out for 12 months. If this procedure is successful, MSD will come to the board with a formal ordinance. **Item G-5. Consider Award of Bid for Purchase of Equipment for the Village Theater Lighting Project and Budget Amendment. (CLS)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneiderman to award bid for equipment for the Village Theater lighting project to Advanced Lighting and Sound in the amount of \$120,848 to be taken from Account # 230-250.970_0010 (\$68,848) and Account # 101-760-50-930_0030 (\$60,000), and to approve the following budget amendments: **Increase Revenues:** 101-760-50.539 VT State Grant \$60,000 **Increase Expenses:**101-760-50-930_0030 VT Capital \$60,000. Motion carried by all members present. Trustee Yack asked if the new system will be more energy efficient. Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz answered yes. **Item G-7. Consider Approval of Purchase of Portable Audio System. (CLS)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneiderman to authorize the purchase of a portable audio system from Provideo, 26471 South Point Rd, Perrysburg, OH 43551 in the amount of \$9,198 to be taken from Account #230-250.970_060. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-6. Consider Authorization of Contract for Roofing Consultant Services. (CLS)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to approve the Clerk to sign the contract for roofing consultant services to Roofing Technologies Associates, 38031 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Michigan 48150. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-8. Consider Approval of a Fiber Optic Line to Replace T1 Network Connection. (PSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to approve the purchase and installation of a fiber optic network connection from Oakland County CLEMIS in the amount of \$16,741.20, utilizing drug forfeiture funds and to approve a budget amendment to increase the 2014 Police Fund Balance Appropriation account #207-000-695 by \$16,741.20, and to increase the 2014 Police Program Expense–Drug Forfeiture account #207-301-50.743.0003 by \$16,741.20. Motion carried by all members present. Director Mutchler explained the T-1 Carrier was recommended by our IT Department for optimum performance. **Item G-9.Consider Approval of a Resolution for Caution Handicapped in Area Signs. (PSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON To Approve Installation of Handicapped in Area Signs** WHEREAS, A resident, has requested caution “Handicapped in Area” signs to be installed on both sides of the street near the residence located on Drexel, in the Sunflower Village Subdivision and, WHEREAS, the Canton Public Safety Department has reviewed this application and recommends approval of the request; and, WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Canton accepts full responsibility for the purchasing, installing, and maintaining of the requested signs; and WHEREAS, the funds for the purchase of the signs will be expensed from the 2014 Police - Miscellaneous Account #207-301-50.956; and, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request to install caution “Handicapped in Area” signs near the residence. The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan further authorizes the Township Clerk to sign the Wayne County permit application. The Police Department is in receipt of a homeowner's request for caution “Handicapped in Area” signs to be installed on both sides of Drexel. **Item G-10. Consider Approval of Annual Service Agreement for LIFEPAK 12 Defibrillator/Monitors. (PSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneiderman to approve the annual service agreement for (6) LIFEPAK 12 defibrillator/monitors in the amount of \$7,020, with Physio-Control, Inc., utilizing funds budgeted in the Fire Department's 2014 Professional and Contracted Services account #206-336-50.801.0050. Motion carried by all members present. Trustee Williams asked if this model would not be available in the future. Director Mutchler replied this was accurate, however, the Fire Chief is already planning for the future. **Item G-11. Consider Approval of a Software Upgrade to NICE Recording System. (PSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneiderman to approve the purchase of the NICE Inform Version 6 software upgrade from Van Belkum, 4345 44th Street SE, Suite C, Grand Rapids, Michigan, in the amount of \$5,498.20; utilizing \$2,000 budgeted in the 2014 E-911 Professional & Contracted Services account #261-346-50.801.0050, and \$3,498.20 budgeted in the 2014 Police Professional & Contracted Services account #207-301-50.801.0050. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-12. Consider Approval of a Metro-Act Permit for Fibertech. (MSD)** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Sneiderman to authorize the Township Clerk to execute contract approving a fifteen (15) year permit for Fibertech Metro-Act Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer McLaughlin requested MSD verify our as-built are updated with this project as location and ownership of cable is essential to the township. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz informed the board of several events within the township: The Farmers Market is starting on Sunday May 18 and continuing through September 1, 2014. The market take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Preservation Park. May 17 & 18 the Relay For Life will take place in Heritage Park. River Day will take place in Flodin Park on Saturday May 17. Sunday May 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bark In The Park will take place at the Canton Dog Park. The Summit on the Park is hosting a Senior Art Show in their lobby featuring art by local senior adults. The Canton Liberty Fest will take place this year on June 12,13, & 14. Canton Leisure Services has opportunities for Part-Time employment. Details may be found on the Canton Website: www.canton-mi.org. Supervisor LaJoy stated the Canton Cup Soccer Tournament will take place again this year on Memorial Day weekend. Trustee Sneiderman stated the Canton Community Foundation Golf Outing will be on June 5 and details are available on their Website www.cantonfoundation.org. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Sneiderman, supported by Williams to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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Candidate for superintendent chosen by board

After interviews with five candidates, members of the Wayne Westland Community Schools Board of Education have selected Michele Harmala as the final candidate for the position of superintendent of schools in the district.

Harmala, currently the associate superintendent for instructional services and organizational leadership in Farmington Public Schools, will replace Dr. Greg Baracy, who announced his retirement last January. Baracy said he will leave the district after 19 years in July.

Harmala was the unanimous choice of the board members.

She is also a candidate for the job of superintendent of the Southfield School District where she has made a site visit and

attended a second interview with the board members.

She is scheduled for the same type of visit in the Wayne -Westland and another interview with the board.

Hamala joined the Farmington Public Schools in 2004 and has also worked at Oakland Schools Intermediate School District and Huron Valley Schools. She has experience teaching in special education and has taught at both middle school and college levels. She earned her doctoral degree in educational leadership and policy studies at Wayne State University.

In addition to Harmala, board members interviewed a former Superintendent of Mt. Clemens Schools and founder of the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy Charles Muncatchy, Superintendent of the Xenia Community School in Xenia, Ohio Deborah Piotroski, James Larson-Shidler, Wayne-Westland Community Schools deputy superintendent for administrative and business services and the Superintendent of the Beecher Community School District Joshua Talison.

Former court officer found guilty of computer crime

Former Inkster City Councilman Michael Greene was found guilty of unauthorized access to a computer during a bench trial in Wayne County Circuit Court earlier this month.

Circuit Judge Michael Hathaway found Greene, 53, not guilty of charges of misconduct in office, obstruction of justice and use of a computer to commit a crime. The charges stemmed from Greene's tenure as a court officer in the 22nd District Court in 2010 during a lawsuit filed by a police officer against the city.

Prosecutors claimed that during the trial Greene accessed the Inkster city attorney's e-mail account and printed a defense strategy memorandum which was subsequently shared with the plaintiff in the lawsuit by his fellow court officer Ronald Wade.

All charges against Greene were dismissed in circuit court in 2011 but prosecutors appealed that decision. Based on testimony during the appeals hearings from former 22nd District Court Judge Sylvia James, the charges were reinstated against Greene. James testified that Greene told her he used the city attorney's computer and printed the memo which he then sup-

plied to Wade who gave it to the plaintiff, Lt. Kevin Smith.

Smith's attorney said at the time that he refused to even read the document and that it was never a factor in his pleadings before the court in the case.

A forensic examination of Greene's computer showed the person using the machine logged on using his name and accessed the city attorney's email account and printed several documents.

Greene claimed that he was not in the courtroom when the action took place but had left to attend a veteran's group meeting in Garden City.

Greene's case had been listed on the court docket for several months as a scheduled jury trial but the bench trial, in which the judge is the sole decider of fact. Wade was also charged with Greene as a co-defendant. Wade entered a no-contest plea to willful neglect of duty of a public office and was sentenced to one-day, time served in 2013. Both men were fired from their posts as court officers by James when the original charges were filed in 2010.

Greene served as an Inkster City Councilman from 2007-2009 when he resigned to help care for his wife who suffers from multiple sclerosis.

He will be sentenced on the single charge of unlawful access to a computer on July 11. The maximum sentence under the law is 5 years in prison.

New trash system gets OK

Westland City Council members have approved the purchase of seven garbage hauling trucks and 28,000 trash and recycling cans for the new automated collection system.

The automated system which uses only one driver on the truck is currently being used for the recycling program in the city by Midwest Sanitation. With the move to the automated trucks, the current rubbish contractor, Republic Recycling, will no longer be used.

Officials explained that currently the city sanitation millage revenue is \$800,000 a year short of the actual refuse hauling costs. The subsidy has been coming from the general fund, something that Mayor William Wild said needed correcting.

The city will spend \$1.7 million for the trucks from the \$8.9 million from the refinancing of Taylor Towers. The sanitation fund will repay the loan during the next seven years at 2 percent interest, officials said.

The city will also purchase gray 64 and 96-gallon carts and the fuel for the trucks. Midwest Sanitation will provide labor, insurance and vehicle maintenance, according to the new agreement.

The city will now provide each residence with one cart and charge a fee for a second or third receptacle. Wild said the new system would benefit from the government discount the city enjoys on purchasing trucks and fuel. He estimated those savings at nearly \$500,000.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks 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:

Gwyn Belcher, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2014 for the following:

TRAIL SYSTEM SIGN FABRICATION & INSTALLATION

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 13/14-22 TWO (2) ONE TON DUMP TRUCKS
ITB 13/14-21 TWELVE MONTH PRICING FOR BIO DIESEL (B-20) & STANDARD DIESEL (1D 2D)
ITB 13/14-23 FENCE EXTENSION - ROMULUS MEMORIAL CEMETERY
ITB 13/14-24 ELECTED OFFICIALS PORTRAITS
Opening: June 2, 2014

(1)The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above item/items and/or services.
(2)Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid *must use the forms provided by the City*. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system @ <http://www.mitn.info/>.
(3)Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the *City Clerk's Office* no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, **June 2, 2014**. At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.
RESPONSE ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE ITB NUMBER AND NAME AND BE ADDRESSED:

ITB # _____
CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
1111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan 48174

(4)The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.
(5)For additional information contact Lynn A. Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us.
Please Publish: Thursday, May 22, 2014, The Eagle or The Associated Newspapers of Michigan

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 5, 2014
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 Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
1. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to accept the agenda as amended. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - Makowski. **Motion Carried.**
14-164 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 28, 2014. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** -Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-165 2B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 28, 2014 - 5:30 p.m. closed session, pending labor matters. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-166 2C. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 28, 2014 - 6:00 p.m. study session, 2014-15 City Budget. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-167 3A. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Wadsworth to approve PC 2014-005; D & G Building, 11651 Hannan Rd, conditional rezoning of 6.24 acres from M-1, Light Industrial District, to M-2 General Industrial District. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-168 3B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to approve PC-2014-006/007; H & R Properties (Middlebelt/Hildebrandt Roads), special land use request for a gas station and fast-food drive-thru restaurant. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-169 4A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to grant a no-fee permit to the Romulus Historical Society for their annual flea market at the Historical Park on Saturday, June 14, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-170 4B. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Abdo to schedule a study session for Monday, May 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a proposed City Fee Schedule. The meeting to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
4. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Abdo to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
5. **Mayor's Report:** Mayor LeRoy Burcroff extended appreciation to those who helped with the City's Clean Sweep. He announced that May 7th is the 44th anniversary of Romulus becoming a city.
14-171 5A. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to authorize the Department of Public Works to dispose of fourteen (14) vehicles in accordance with the City's Property Disposal Policy through Martin's Towing with a disposal fee of \$50.00 per vehicle or \$100.00 should the vehicle need to be towed. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-172 5B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to introduce Budget Amendment 13/14-16 to reallocate funds for the changes in health care coverage during the budget year.
FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO. ACCOUNT NAME CURRENT BUDGET AMENDMENT AMENDED BUDGET
GENERAL FUND
Expense
101-1210-712.72-40 Mayor Health Insurance 31,640 2,300 33,940
101-2310-723.72-40 Finance Health Insurance 83,900 8,000 91,900
101-4130-741.72-40 Bldg & Grnds Health Ins. 7,100 10,100 17,200
Expense
101-2920-729.89-01 General Fund Contingencies 649,657 (20,400) 629,257
To re-allocate funds for the changes in health care coverage during the budget year.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-173 5C. Moved by Choate, seconded by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 13/14-17 to use funds earmarked for the opening of Elmer Johnson Park.
FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO. ACCOUNT NAME CURRENT BUDGET AMENDMENT AMENDED BUDGET
GENERAL FUND
Revenue
101-5110-511.69-60 Rec-Park Renovation/Restore 0 266,024 266,024
Expense
101-5110-751.74-77 Rec-Park Maintenance 0 133,000 133,000
Assigned Fund Balance
101-0000-304.10-02 Assigned for Park/Recreation 0 133,024 133,024
To use funds earmarked for the opening of Elmer Johnson Park.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-174 5D. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a professional services agreement for one-time restoration services at Elmer Johnson's Park by Brickman Landscaping in an amount not to exceed \$66,672.55.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-175 5E. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to adopt a resolution authorizing the mayor and clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County for the 2014 Justice Assistant Grant funding program award to the City of Romulus in the amount of \$9,526.00. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-176 6A1. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 13/14-15, Major Roads - introduced at the Council meeting of April 28, 2014. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-177 6A2. Moved by Choate seconded by Wadsworth to introduce Amended Ordinance Chapter 36, Division 4, entitled Controlled Substances, Sections 36-269. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - Makowski. **Motion Carried.**
6B. **Treasurer's Report**
7. **Public Comment** Jan Lemmon, Chairperson - Cemetery Board of Trustees, commented that nine people came to the cemetery for Clean Sweep. Also, Friday, May 9th Sacred Spaces Restoration group will be at the cemetery to restore headstones.
8. **Unfinished Business**
9. **New Business**
10. **Communication**
11. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes from the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 5, 2014.
Publish: May 22, 2014

NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Security upgrades OK'd for Northville Town Square

More than \$35,000 in improvements to the sound system and security cameras will take place at Northville Town Square this summer.

Members of the Northville City Council approved a contract for \$7,087 with AFP Sound Systems to

install a new sound system at the downtown square. The physical infrastructure of the square is the responsibility of the Downtown Development Authority. Director Lori Ward told council members that the new sound system would support program offerings through-

out the year, including the ongoing concert series. She said the sound system would also reduce the cost of providing additional live entertainment for off-season events.

The \$28,000 contract for security cameras in the square was awarded to Holman Surveillance

Systems. The security camera system is an effort to reduce further vandalism at several downtown locations particularly around the town square and nearby walkways.

Half the cost for the security system will be covered by a Risk Avoidance Program Grant from the

Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, according to officials. The system will have cameras in and around city hall, Town Square and the Comerica Community Connection, according to city officials.

Water bills to increase with new sewer charges

Members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved an increase in the sewage disposal fee for water customers.

The 25 cent increase per thousand gallons of water will take the

fee from \$5.50 per thousand gallons of water used to \$5.75 per thousand gallons used, The rate will become effective in July.

Trustees did not increase fees for water which will remain at \$3.55 per thousand gallons making

the total fee for water and sewer service in the township \$9.30 for every thousand gallons. The rate is applicable to both residential and business customers.

The new fee will mean an average increase of about \$5.25 every

three months for the average customer in Plymouth Township with bills averaging about \$195.30 each quarter. That figure is based on the average use of about 21,000 gallons of water every three months and includes the minimum \$1.80 meter

fee assessed each quarter.

Costs for water and sewerage treatment for the township from Wayne County and the Western Townships Utilities Authority are expected to increase by about 4 percent, officials said.

Land

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environmental contamination is prevalent at the site.

Township officials launched an advertising campaign for the 323 acre prison farm property west of Ridge Road to prospective developers seeking offers of an acquisition proposal for infrastructure development of land they now refer to as the Five Mile Technology and Recreation Corridor. The site is zoned IND-Industrial and contains 100-year flood plain areas and wetlands.

In their advertisement, township officials said there would be “legal challenges,” stating, “Plymouth Township purchased the property on September 22, 2011 as part of a Wayne County foreclosure process.” They mentioned the City of Detroit's claim and referenced and their Affidavit Affecting Real Property for 190 of the total 323 acres.

“...190.57 acres still belonged to the City of Detroit...”

Their advertisement, titled Request for Qualifications-RFQ, offers prospective developers the option of submitting plans for just the eastern part of the property, 133 acres, eliminating the 190 acre parcel in contest with Detroit, or the entire 323 acres.

“Responders may provide a development plan or submittal for the just the western 190 acre portion, just the eastern 133 acre portion of the entire 323 acre parcel.”

“The Michigan Land Bank Authority are the experts at turning around old, contaminated sites like DeHoCo,” Heise said. “They know how to leverage grants, tax incentives, and market these sites for development and jobs. While the property will not be turned around as quickly as Robert Scott Prison, it's critical that we get started, and get the right people on board now.”

Heise said he is working with both the House and the Senate on his project.

“I'm trying to impress upon the state we have an obligation, as a good neighbor, to take the buildings down, clear the site and make it presentable...”

Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth will be on the market with a price tag right around \$4 million.

Appraiser David Burgoyne presented his findings to the members of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education members last week, concluding the value of the building at property is at the \$4 million amount, although the price could go higher. The school building at adjacent property, located on Main Street and Church Street, will be closed by the school district in September of 2015 and students transferred to a new middle school under construction at Canton Center and Cherry Hill roads in Canton Township. An intensive survey and study by district officials determined that the majority of middle school children in the district either already do live or will live in the Canton area.

Burgoyne told the school board trustees that the appraisal as presented is based on the “highest and



best use” of the property. Currently, the city has zoned the 21.6 acre property single-family residential, requiring lots of no less that 60 feet in width and with a minimum lot size of 7,200 square feet.

The Plymouth Cultural Center currently occupies 4.25 acres of the area and the Miracle League of Plymouth special-needs baseball field uses 1.15 acres. There are 9.79

acres of athletic fields and tennis courts at the site and the building occupies 6.41 acres, according to the appraisal figures.

Burgoyne noted that the cultural center and the Miracle League field would probably not be a part of the sale of the land. That leaves about 17 acres in the appraised price, along with the school building.

Calendar of events

Blood Drive is tomorrow

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive at Plymouth City Hall on Friday, May 23. There is a great need for blood resources and every pint helps meet the critical demand in our area, according to officials.

Walk-ins are welcome but appointments, available at www.redcrossblood.org [http://www.redcrossblood.org/ are recommended. Use Sponsor Code PCH when registering online or call (313)549-7052

Donors will be registered to win a VIP experience at the June NASCAR race at Michigan International Speedway.

Plymouth City Hall is located at 201 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

Library collects for veterans

The Canton Public Library is currently collecting donations for patients at the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Items needed include packages of new men's t-shirts and underwear in all sizes, but especially sizes XXL and larger. Meijer, Walmart and gas station gift cards are also suggested as ideal donations.

Donations will be accepted at the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, during regular hours through May 31.

The library is open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from noon until 6 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information, call (734) 397-0999.

Saturday ban on vehicles begins

A 6-mile stretch of Hines Drive will be closed to vehicular traffic from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. every Saturday through Sept. 27 to encourage cyclists, skaters, runners and walkers to use the park. Hines Drive will be closed during those times on Saturdays only from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive.

Parking is available at the Hines Park-Warrendale Area (Warren Avenue, east of Telegraph) and Hines Park-Nankin Mills Picnic Area (Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail).

For additional information on the Saturday in the Park program or any other Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com.

Veterans' services offered

The Downriver Community Conference (DCC)will have a service officer from the American Legion at the DCC building from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Thursdays, through the end of June. The officer will be in room 162 of the building, located at 15100 Northline Road, Southgate. No appointments are scheduled, and service will be on a first-come first-served basis. Questions may be directed to the American Legion office at (313) 964-6640.

This Veterans Service Office will be a "One Stop Shop" for veterans' service needs including pension, disability, compensation claims, seniors, and current military assistance.

DCC programs also assist veterans with employment needs, home weatherization, and business related services.

City wide garage sale set

Romulus will host a city-wide garage and yard sale this weekend, May 22, 23, 24 and 25.

Residents who wish to participate and have a sale must register with the city clerk's office. The clerk's office will have a list of participants.

Rain dates are June12-15.

For more information, call City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg at (734) 942-7540.


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May 3, 2014

Deborah Gardner, Vernard Lampkin and Fred Lawson, who helped him in times of need along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Mr. Horton was predeceased by his parents; his wife, Birther; his brothers, Bennie, Joe, Lucus and Earl, and his sisters, Grace, Lizzie and Leora.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster road in Inkster where the Rev. Arthur Willis officiated at funeral services for Mr. Horton.

Interment was at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.

William Horton died May 3, 2014. Among those survivors left to cherish his memory are

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Northville Flower Sale blooms

The 27th Annual Northville Flower Sale will take place throughout the downtown from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. tomorrow, May 23 and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, May 24.

The streets will be closed to traffic and paved with flowers, shrubs and garden accessories. More than 20 top-rated greenhouses and garden shops will participate in the event, organizers said.

Gardenviews plans Block Party

Gardenviews in downtown Northville will mark their 19th year in business with a Block Party from 7-11 p.m. May 24 in downtown Northville.

When the vendors from the annual flower show leave the streets on Saturday, Gardenviews will transform the area of Main Street between Center and Hutton into a block party area. Tables and chairs will line the street and food will be available from local restaurant vendors.

There will be live music by Billy Mack and the Juke Joint Johnnies from 7-11 p.m.

Chorus marks anniversary

The Inkster Community Choraliers will mark the 20th anniversary of the group with a special celebration at 4 p.m. May 25 at New Hope Church, 33640 Michigan Ave. in Wayne.

For more information or guest confirmation, call (313) 982-2979.

Memorial Day Parade lined up

The 2014 Memorial Day Parade organized by the VFW Post 4012 will step off at 10 a.m. May 26 from Griswold and Main streets in downtown Northville.

The parade will continue north of Griswold to west on Main to south on Wing to west on Cady, stopping at Oakwood Cemetery. Marchers will then continue to First Street, march south to Fairbrook, west to Rural Hill Cemetery to the Veterans' Memorial.

For more information, contact the VFW at (248) 348-1490.

Friends to sell used books

The Friends of the Northville District Library has organized a sale of gently used book, DVDs and music CDs from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. May 30 and 31 and from 1-3 p.m. June 1. The Library is located at 212 W. Cady St. in Northville.

For more information, call (248) 349-3020.

Department plans open house

Romulus residents have been invited to a special Open House at the Fire Department headquarters from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. May 31.

Firefighters will be distributing fire safety materials and participating in various demonstrations throughout the day and youngsters will appreciate special guest appearance by Fire Pup.

The station is located at 28777 Eureka Road and the event is open to the public. Firefighters will be serving hot dogs and chips during the day.

For more information, contact the fire department at (734) 941-8585

Commencement ceremony set

Commencement exercises for the Northville High School Class of 2014 will take

place on beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 1 beginning at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m.

There are no tickets required and seating is on a first-come first-serve basis.

Compuware Arena is located on Beck Road, near M-14.

More detailed information is available on the high school website at <http://nhs.northvilleschools.org/node/2352>

Baccalaureate ceremony planned

Members of the Romulus High School Class of 2014 - and their families - will be honored at a special baccalaureate ceremony at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 1, in the high school auditorium.

A baccalaureate service is a worship celebration honoring graduating high school seniors. The Romulus Christian Ministerial Alliance will host the event. Alliance members hope the baccalaureate becomes a tradition once again at the high school, which is located at 9650 Wayne Road.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

Organizers have requested that those planning to attend RSVP by May 28 by calling (734) 941-0736.

City sets visioning session

Community members are invited to "help shape the future of Romulus" during a Community Summit scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road.

The planning process will allow residents, business owners, school officials, clergy members, civic leaders and others to work side by side with city officials to create a vision that will lead to making sound decisions on planning, land use and policy making in the city.

The meeting is open to the public.

Demmer golf outing tees off

The Canton Community Foundation will host the 23rd Annual Jack Demmer Ford Golf Outing beginning at 9 a.m. June 5 at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton Township.

The outing will feature 18 holes of golf, a breakfast and lunch along with a dinner banquet, a participation gift and a \$5,000 putting contest. There will also be a hole-in-one contest with a chance to win a 2-year lease on a new Ford Escape, courtesy of Jack Demmer Ford.

All proceeds from the event will support the Canton Community Foundation grant-making program which supports nonprofit organizations in the community. The cost is \$195 per person or \$750 per foursome.

Pheasant Run Golf Club is located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

For more information, contact Beth Meade at (734) 495-1200.

Laughter Yoga classes begin

The City of Plymouth - Recreation Department is sponsoring laughter Yoga

classes from 6-7 p.m. Thursdays from June 5 through July 10.

Laughter Yoga combines yogic breathing and laughter, providing great health benefits including lower blood pressure, increased endorphins, and an oxygen-rich environment. No experience necessary, no yoga mats needed. Laughing for 10 minutes is equivalent to 30 minutes on a rowing machine to your heart, according to a prepared release.

The cost is \$65 for City of Plymouth residents and \$80 for all others. All ages are welcome.

Classes will take place at the Community Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

Church hosts blood drive

The First Presbyterian Church of Northville will host a blood drive from 1-6:45 p.m. June 6. For more information, or to set an appointment to donate, call Diane Risko at (313) 549-7052.

The church is located at 200 East Main St. in Northville.

Rouge Rescue at Mill Race

Rouge River Rescue Day is planned at Mill Race Village in Northville from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. June 7.

The Rouge River Day project will focus on planting the Middle Rouge bank at the Ford Field entrance with native species. Northville Historical Society members will also continue work on the Mill Race channel and garlic mustard control.

Volunteers are asked to bring trowels, hand pruners, shovels and rakes.

Those interested in lending a hand to improve the river please contact (248) 348-1845.

Women's prisons is topic

Historian and archivist Joseph Oldenburg will present information about the women's Detroit House of Correction and the Scott prison in Northville Township beginning at 7 p.m. June 10 at the Northville District Library.

Pre-registration is requested at (248) 349-3020.

The library is located at 212 West Cady St. in Northville.

Senior Brigade visits Inkster

The Senior Brigade, a Michigan Seniors Initiative, will visit the Leanna Hicks public Library of Inkster for a presentation regarding Home Repair and Equity Scams beginning at 6 p.m. June 14.

The discussion will explain how to recognize and avoid home repair and home loan scams, how to work with a contractor and tips on reverse mortgages

The seminar is free and open to the public.

The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster, but is designed to help.

Orphan Trains discussed

The Orphan Trains of Michigan will be the topic during the Third Thursday Lecture Series at the Belleville Are Museum.

The lecture will take place from 6-8 p.m. June 19 at the museum, 405 Main St., Belleville.

Lecture admission is free to museum members and costs \$3 per person for non-members.

For more information, call the museum at (734) 697-1944.

Arts & Acts Festival planned

The annual Northville Arts & Acts Festival is planned for June 20-21 this year. This will be the 26th juried art fair which will also include well as film, theatre and literature exhibits, music, children's activities, food and other events.

Online safety advice offered

Representatives from the Senior Brigade will discuss online safety at a meeting set to begin at 6 p.m. July 21 at the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library.

Advisors will discuss email safety tips, how to recognize and avoid online scams, basic computer security measures, helpful online resources and general online safety tips. The meeting is open to the public and there is no admittance fee.

The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster.

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